

## SEAL DESIGN

Every Fall Auditor Kovack sponsors a contest which challenges county high school level students to design the seals that are used for gas pumps, scanners, scales and any other commercial measuring device. The winners' seals become the authorized seals for the Auditor's Office for the following year. Each winning seal has the student's name on it. Next time you spot one of them, see who designed it. Perhaps it will be someone you know!

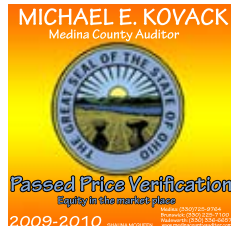


Auditor Kovack with 2009 Seal design winner, Isaiah Britton

### ADDITIONAL 2009 DESIGN WINNERS



Ashley Albright



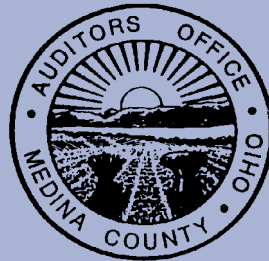
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## ARE YOU PROTECTED?

- When making a purchase the consumer is concerned with two elements: **Quality** and **Quantity**.

**QUALITY** is the personal expectation a consumer has for a product. The government controls quality by setting minimum standards for health and safety.

**QUANTITY** is the specific amount of product. The government's Weights and Measures Inspectors ensure that consumers receive the proper quantity by inspecting the measuring devices.

- The government regulates quality and quantity by providing minimum standards.
- The Department of Weights and Measures** ensures, with a high degree of accuracy, that what is purchased is the proper quantity. Therefore, consumers can be confident that they receive what they pay for.

### **REMEMBER:**

*Do not be afraid to ask questions. The problem usually is the result of an error that the merchants can easily rectify if brought to their attention!*

## THE RELIABLE MERCHANT

*Wants to know that his customers are receiving full measure for the dollars they spend. They are aware that their weighing and measuring devices become inaccurate through regular use and will check for those inaccuracies.*

### **Suggestions to Consumers**

- Be aware of possible inaccuracies of weights and measures.
- Learn to read the scale indicators and observe the weighing of your purchases.
- Demand accurate weight and measure in your purchase just as you would demand accurate change from the cashier.

## WHY IS ACCURACY IMPORTANT?

Merchants should check all devices for accuracy at least once a day for mechanical failure.

Because...

If you purchased a pound of salami for \$3.25/lb. at the grocery store every day for a year using a scale that was an ounce too heavy, you would be paying \$0.20 more per day. Over a year's time, you would incur an approximate loss of \$73.00.

...And this is only salami!

**Incorrect scales cost you money!**

**Small inaccuracies can become large profit losses not only to the merchant, but to the consumer as well.**

## COMMON SPOT CHECKING PLACES

### **AT THE GAS PUMP**

- Be sure all settings are at "zero" before pumping.
- Pump one gallon of gas. Check to see if the price is equal to the advertised price per gallon.

### **AT THE PHARMACY**

- Count the prescription's pills.
- Compare it to the amount indicated on the label. The amount of medication should be the same number as listed on the label.

### **AT THE GROCERY STORE**

- Check for the current year approval sticker on the scale.
- When purchasing produce and deli items, make sure the cashier factors in the weight of the container (tare).



### **SPOT CHECK:**

Check to make sure you received the correct amount you paid for!

*Would you be willing to pay full price for this pizza?*