



Legal Department

May 16, 2012

Honorable Greta See  
Attorney Examiner  
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 East Broad Street  
Columbus, OH 43215-3793

**Re: 11-346-EL-SSO et al - Proof of Publication Compliance**

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Dear Examiner See,

Columbus Southern Power Company and Ohio Power Company (collectively AEP Ohio) has published notice of the hearing in this case in accordance with O.A.C. Rule 4901:1-39-04 (E) and the April 13, 2012 Entry in this case. A copy of those notices and proof of publication is attached.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

//s// Matthew J. Satterwhite  
Matthew J. Satterwhite, Senior Counsel

Attachments

## Shovelful

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"This is truly Holmes County," he said, pointing out iconic ridges, a stream, sycamore trees, the historic barn and other features. Imagine this property in a year from now, he asked, noting that onlookers were actually sitting or standing at the site of the future large animal barn. "We are not planning a palatial facility, but a practical and functional one to reflect the character of Holmes County."

In fact, the design of the William T. Baker & Family Building, of whose future site the first shovelful unearthed, will reflect the structure of the barn.

This 9,600 square foot building will serve as an open warehouse for the supplies and gifts gathered and distributed by Share-a-Christmas, a local program that provides food and gifts to families in Holmes County each Christmas. Baker, a local businessman and com-

munity member, donated \$200,000 for the purpose of building an adequate center for the Share-a-Christmas program on the site of the new fairgrounds.

For Baker, what started as helping a few families each Christmas has grown into an area-wide operation that helps more than 350 families in need, as well as helping families affected by fire, aiding senior citizens and supplying funds for a back to school program for needy children across the area.

"Through the flood, we've been in sheds, we've been in garages, we've stored stuff in cars, we finally have a home and now our home is going to be right here and I hope it's here for generations to come," said Baker.

If all goes according to plan, the building will be completed by August in time for the 2012 Share-a-Christmas season. Future construction will add several multi-purpose buildings,

such as a large animal barn, equestrian center, show arena, recreational vehicle parking, a 60,000 square foot exposition center and the property's existing barn, which will be used as an entertainment stage and gathering center. In addition, the wide-open midway, a grandstands area and ample parking space will be utilized during the county's week-long fair.

Such a multi-purpose, year round facility will only strengthen the county's agricultural, hometown heritage, said Taylor.

"I know it sounds cliché, but we truly live in a special place," said Taylor. "If there is any community in this entire country that can make this project happen, it's certainly right here in Holmes County. We have considerable funds to raise, a lot of work to be done to ready this property, but with continued faith and generosity of the people of Holmes County giving their time



Fair board president Kerry Taylor addresses the crowd at the groundbreaking ceremony for the Holmes County Agricultural Exposition Center. The new facility will replace the current fairgrounds which have been plagued by constant flooding and subsequent damage.

and financial support, we will complete this project and be extremely proud to have been a part of it. Participants in the groundbreaking were Taylor, Kellogg,

Mast, Weaver, Baker, Ohio State University Extension Educator Kate Shumaker, Jr. Fair Queen and FFA Member Casey Schlauch and long-time Fair Board Secretary Lula

Lang, as well as well as Holmes County commissioner Rob Ault and Hilland fourth grader Nathaniel Yoder, a member of the Berlin Busy Bees 4-H Club.

## Scandal

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Sullivan has dispatched more investigators to Columbia to interview the women, said Rep. Peter King, N.Y. chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee.

"Some are admitting (the women) were prostitutes, others are saying they're not, they're just women they met at the hotel bar," King said in a telephone interview. Sullivan said none of the women, who had to surrender their IDs at the hotel, were minors. "But prostitutes or not, to be bringing a foreign national back into a secure zone is a problem."

King said it appeared the agency actually had "really lucked out." If the men were working for a terrorist organization or other anti-American

group, King said, they could have had access to information about the president's whereabouts or security protocols while in the agents' rooms.

"This could have been disastrous," King said.

The burgeoning scandal has been a growing election-year embarrassment for Obama, who has said he would be angry if the allegations proved to be true.

At the White House, Obama was asked at the end of a Rose Garden event whether he believed Sullivan should resign. The president ignored the shouted inquiries; his spokesman later Obama had confidence in the Secret Service chief.

"Director Sullivan acted quickly in response to this incident and is overseeing an investigation as we speak into

the matter," White House press secretary Jay Carney said.

On Thursday, eleven Secret Service agents were recalled to the U.S. from Colombia and placed on administrative leave after a night of partying that allegedly ended with at least some bringing prostitutes back to their hotel. On Monday, the agency announced that it also had revoked the agents' security clearances.

At least 10 U.S. military personnel staying at the same hotel were also being investigated for their role in the alleged misconduct.

Two U.S. military officials said they include five Army Green Berets. Both officials spoke on condition of anonymity about an investigation that is still under way.

## Voters

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said he sees passage of a levy as "a really good opportunity in the district. If we can add the increased revenue, we can have good long-term health rather than make cuts annually."

It's good to be forward-looking," he said, noting yet required is another meeting, at which time the board will consider a second motion and finer details.

"I think this is an important time for our district," said board President Paul Shutt. "We've made a lot of cuts, hard cuts, and we didn't enjoy any of them. This is a step to make our district healthy, and we could use (a levy) to move our district forward, and we are all willing to answer any and all questions so we can generate support for it."

He said the district already has garnered the support of business and community members willing to raise the funds to cover the cost associated with the special election, and notes by going to voters in advance of the November general election the board affords itself, if the levy passes, the latitude to reconsider fees and transportation reductions to alleviate the financial burden on families.

The board will meet April 26 at 7 a.m. to finalize the process of placing the issue on the ballot.

Also at the meeting, the board approved a freeze in the salaries for classified personnel for the 2012-13 school year, at the 2010-11 salary rate. The same measure was implemented last year.

Teachers, through their union, and administrators in the spring of 2011 agreed to a

similar pay freeze. The union agreed to a two-year contract, with no raises for the first year and an opportunity for 1 percent raises for the following year should additional revenues become available. They have not.

While not members of a collective bargaining unit, classified staff have traditionally enjoyed the same benefits as those negotiated by certified employees (teachers).

Classified staff — custodians, cooks, bus drivers, secretaries, librarians and teacher aides — are paid hourly wages rather than salaries.

The next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for May 21 at 7 p.m. at the East Holmes Central Office.

Reporter Christine L. Pratt can be reached at 330-674-5076 or cpratt@the-daily-record.com.

## Hook

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Drusahl said EnviroClean's management has offered to sit down with the city to resolve the matter and satisfy the city's concerns. "But the city has refused to even discuss a settlement," Drusahl said. "Given the city's insistence on costly litigation, EnviroClean has no choice but to vigorously defend itself in court."

Benson said the city's "resolve remains unchanged" as it continues toward the desired outcome of an injunction for the business to cease emitting the

odor first reported in 2003.

The law director said Spiller noted they may be able to stay within the same general calendar for the case set during the original case, when a trial date was set for December.

"We remain disappointed that the city is unwilling to consider a fair resolution of the matter and that it continues to spend tens of thousands of tax dollars on this matter in a time of tight city budgets," Drusahl said.

As paperwork for the new case is distributed, Benson said the city will continue testing the air in the area around

EnviroClean, 515 Industrial Blvd., and staff is undergoing added training on equipment. The complaint line set up remains in place as well, 330-263-5288.

"Residents should still call ... they won't hear back from our staff, but they are out there," Benson said. "We have every intention of doing all within our power to bring about a favorable resolution to this case."

Reporter Steve Huszai can be reached at 330-287-1645 or shuszai@the-daily-record.com. He is @GeneralSmithlie on Twitter.

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- Cocktail Shrimp

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## Obituaries



A. DEAN DECKER

A. Dean Decker, 85, formerly of Beach City, passed away April 12, 2012, at a nursing home, following a period of declining health. He was born in Monroe County, the son of the late Shelia David and Bessie Pearl (Brown) Decker and had been an area resident 60+ years.

He had been a service station owner in the Navarre/Cenosa area and also a realtor and was a WWII Navy veteran.

A member of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church at Canton, Brewster American Legion, Buckeye Country Music Association at Canton, and had been affiliated with many country music groups.

Surviving are a daughter, Patricia (Howard) Lewis of Strasburg; two sons, Larry (Rebecca) Decker, James (Peggy) Decker, both of Brewster; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren and former wife Carolyn Joan Crumb Seal Decker.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Geany Norris Decker, May 4, 1997; and five brothers.

Friends were received April 15, from 3 - 6 p.m. at Lantzer Funeral Home, Beach City where a service celebrating his life was held April 16 at 11 a.m., with grandson, Andrew Decker, officiating. Burial followed in South Lawn Cemetery, Beach City.

Online condolences may be made at: [www.lantzerfuneralhome.com](http://www.lantzerfuneralhome.com)

## EUGENE "SHINEY" "MUTT" MILHOAN

Eugene "Shiney" "Mutt" Milhoan, 69, Beallsville, lost his battle with cancer April 15, 2012. He was born April 13, 1943 near Beallsville, a son of the late Harold "Mutt" and Mildred Seeger Milhoan.

He was a retired employee of Ormet Corporation, Hannibal, a member of the First Christian Church, Beallsville, and he served on the Wilson Village Council. He was a member of the Moose Lodge 2247 and VFW Post 5303, both of Woodfield, American Legion Post 768 Beallsville and American Legion Post 168 Barnesville.

Surviving are his loving wife of 25 years, Beth Cook Milhoan, four children, Gena (Randy) Saffell of Powhatan Point, Tony (Kim) Milhoan of Woodfield, Robert (Jamie) Randall of Powhatan Point, Clarissa (Ryan) Yost of New Martinsville; a sister, Judy (Eugene) Frank of Lewisville; his father and mother-in-law, Jim and Evelyn Cook of Barnesville; a sister-in-law, Rose (Larry) Grear of Barnesville; six grandchildren, Kylie, Zoey, Jeremy, Ritchie, Josselyn, Kaylee; also several nieces and nephews.

Friends were received April

## ~ In Memoriams ~

In loving memory of Don Dimmerling who passed away nine years ago April 21, 2003

Your memory is our keepsake, with which we'll never part. God has you in his keeping. We have you in our hearts. Loved and missed by wife, Deanne, sons, Darren & Kathy and Drew & Patty; Grandchildren, Brett, Brittany, Tyne and Katelyn

In loving memory of Brock Michael Dean April 22, 2008

It has been four years since you passed through this world.

You never had to suffer the pains and sorrows of this world. And we know where you are you have complete love, joy and happiness.

This is our comfort to know this. When you passed through here you left us with the greatest love and joy that grows stronger and deeper every year.

We are now enjoying your little sister but the love for you will be in our hearts forever.

You are so sadly missed by Mommy, Daddy and Grandparents

In loving memory of Virgil L. Davis April 14, 1971 Larry M. Davis April 16, 1996

I'm Free Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free

I'm following the path God laid for me.

I took his hand when I heard him call

I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day to laugh, to love, to work or play.

Tasks undone must stay that way.

I found that peace at close of day.

If my parting has left a void then fill it with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, ah, yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow

I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I've savored much, good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief.

Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your hearts and share with me God wanted me now: He set me free.

Sadly missed and deeply loved

In loving memory of my love, my Ron (Cajka) April 14, 2006

A candy-colored clown they call the sandman

Tip-toes to my room every night

And just to sprinkle stardust and to whisper

Go to sleep, everything is all right

I close my eyes, then I drift away

Into the magic night, I softly say

A silent prayer like dreamland do

Then I fall asleep to dream My dreams to you

In dreams I walk with you In dreams I talk to you

In dreams you're mine all of the time

We're together in dreams In dreams

But just before the dawn I awake and find you gone

I can't help it, I can't help it, if I try

I remember that you said goodbye

It's too bad that all these things Can only happen in my dreams

Only in dreams In beautiful dreams



ROLLAND W. RUBLE

17 at Harper Funeral Home, Beallsville, where funeral services were held April 18, with Wayne Clark officiating. Burial followed in Beallsville Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to 3 C's Cancer Support Group, 236 Morgantown Ave., Barnesville, OH 43713 or to the Beallsville Rally for Life, c/o Beallsville High School, P.O. Box 262, Beallsville, OH 43716.

Online condolences may be offered at [www.harperfh.net](http://www.harperfh.net)



Rolland W. "Barney" Ruble, 76, Woodfield, passed away April 15, 2012 at his home. He was born Feb. 21, 1936 in West Union, Monroe County, a son of the late Russell and Alice Winland Ruble.

He was a retired truck driver of 53 years and a member of the Goudy Church of Christ. He also was a Merchant Marine.

Surviving are a son, Ronnie (Christina) Ruble of Woodfield; two daughters, Ronda (Bill) Piant of Woodfield, Lisa (Mike) Longwell of Woodfield; a brother, Delbert Ruble; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife, Donna (Norris) Ruble; a brother, Harold Ruble and a sister, Pearl (Ruble) Hodgekiss.

Friends were received April 17, from 2 - 9 p.m. at Baur-Turner Funeral Home, Woodfield, where funeral services were held April 18, at 1 p.m., with Paul Eddy officiating. Burial followed in Goudy Cemetery near Woodfield.

Online condolences may be expressed at: [www.baurturner.com](http://www.baurturner.com)

## Autism This Month

David George, author and motivational speaker of Wheeling, will be presenting a program about autism this month at the three campuses of West Virginia Northern Community College.

As part of Autism Awareness Month, George will detail "personal discoveries and experiences" in discussing the autism spectrum. Beginning at 11 a.m. on April 24 he will be in the auditorium of the B&O Building, Wheeling Campus, and beginning at 4:30 p.m. on April 24 at the New Martinsville campus.

George is the author of "Be Unique Be You and Live!" He explains his self-help book encourages unconditional acceptance while urging all persons "to be the best they can be." He will be discussing how critical it is for all persons to understand the importance of interaction with one another.

## ~ Card of Thanks ~

We want to thank everyone for their cards, support and prayers during my illness.

All of these things helped bring me through and helped with my recovery, for this we are eternally grateful.

Brenda Lallathin and family

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## Help Us Continue the Music!

April 21 & May 5

Midway Community Center

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5 p.m. - 10 p.m. (Doors Open at 4 p.m.)

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## County commissioners hold meetings

**April 10**  
Adams County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 10, at the Sprigg Township Building at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present: Brian Baldridge, Justin Cooper, and Roger Rhonemus. Clerk Diane Ward was also present. Others present for portions of the meeting were as follows: Sprigg Township Fiscal Officer Roger Rayborn, Sprigg Township Trustees Reggie Carrington, Alan Ward, Sally Hayslip, Russell Ely, and Scott Holman, Jr. The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Roger A. Rhonemus.

It was moved by Brian Baldridge and seconded by Roger Rhonemus to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. **Vote: All yeas.**

Facility Director Sally Hayslip and Palmer Consulting/Palmer Energy representatives Russell Ely and Scott Holman, Jr. met with the board to review the HVAC RFP/QP energy program. Palmer Energy was contracted by the County Commissioners Association of Ohio to assist counties with facility energy efficiency improvements consultation.

Sprigg Township Trustees Reggie Carrington discussed the replacement of the T12 light bulbs with the T8 bulb. Mr. Carrington was informed that the T12 bulbs are no longer in production and that the T8 bulbs are the logical replacement. A retrofit LED bulb is also available that consumes less than the T8 bulb, which will show a payback even though the price is much higher. Carrington also informed those present that JFS just changed the ballasts over to T8 bulbs and installed ceiling fans to help circulate heat in the winter and cool air in the summer.

Sally Hayslip reported that a lift is needed to replace the windows in the jail. Estimated cost for lift rental is \$200.

Alan Ward addressed the board pertaining to Horizon Technologies marking his property for pole installation for the service line for fiber optic cable. Mr. Ward was concerned that Horizon Technologies were not utilizing the poles that were just recently placed along his property.

It was moved by Brian Baldridge and seconded by Justin Cooper to approve the bills. **Vote: All yeas.**

It was moved by Justin Cooper and seconded by Brian Baldridge to establish Fund 249 County Sign Upgrade and correcting revenue and appropriation codes upon the request of Engineer David Hook. **Vote: All yeas.**

It was moved by Roger Rhonemus and seconded by Justin Cooper to approve the transfers, addi-

tional appropriations, and advances. **Vote: All yeas.**

It was moved by Brian Baldridge and seconded by Justin Cooper to approve the JFS payroll of \$48,019.09 for pay period March 25 through April 7 upon the recommendation of JFS Director Sue Fulton. **Vote: All yeas.**

The board reviewed the storm siren testing report as submitted by 9-1-1 Director Donnie Swayne. Chairman Justin Cooper signed the status report for the Appalachia Regional Commission grant 5-A-09-1A-A-1.

It was moved by Roger Rhonemus and seconded by Justin Cooper to approve the Barnes Sewer Phase II O.W.D.A. payment request #11 to District Construction in the amount of \$203,856.96 upon the request of E.C.D. Director Holly Johnson. **Vote: All yeas.**

It was moved by Brian Baldridge and seconded by Roger Rhonemus to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. **Vote: All yeas.**

**April 2**  
The Board of Adams County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, April 2, with the following members present: Brian Baldridge, Justin Cooper, and Roger Rhonemus. Clerk Diane Ward and Assistant Clerk Linda Mendenhall were also present.

It was moved by Brian Baldridge and seconded by Justin Cooper to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. **Vote: All yeas.**

It was moved by Roger Rhonemus and seconded by Justin Cooper to approve the bills. **Vote: All yeas.**

The McClanahan Animal Claim hearing was conducted at 10 a.m. Dog Warden Paul Hughes and Sally Hayslip were present. Claim submitted was for one Holstein calf weighing 550 pounds.

It was moved by Roger Rhonemus and seconded by Brian Baldridge to approve the Jim McClanahan Animal Indemnity claim for one Holstein calf.

weighing 550 pounds at \$1 per pound totaling \$550 upon the recommendation of Dog Warden Paul Hughes. **Vote: All yeas.**

Judge Alan Foster met with the board to discuss the Carter Hollow Land Fill.

CORSA representative Ginny Shrimplin and Bryon Kirker of Richmond Insurance met with the board to discuss the property, liability, and vehicle insurance renewal for the county.

The Johnson's Run Bridge Bid opening was held at 11 a.m. Those present were as follows: Engineer David Hook and Deputy Engineer Lee Perutet. Bids received were as follows: Scioto Valley Precast - \$31,855.

It was moved by Roger Rhonemus and seconded by Justin Cooper to award the Johnson's Run Bridge Bid to Scioto Valley Precast in the amount of \$31,855 upon the recommendation of Engineer David Hook. **Vote: All yeas.**

It was moved by Justin Cooper and seconded by Brian Baldridge to establish the following FEMA Project funds and the correlating revenue and appropriation accounts upon the request of Engineer David Hook: Fund 341 - FEMA Large PW1045 BTH, Fund 542 - FEMA Large PW1096 BCR, Fund 543 - FEMA Large PW1111 LAW. **Vote: All yeas.**

It was moved by Brian Baldridge and seconded by Justin Cooper to approve the transfers and additional appropriations. **Vote: All yeas.**

Judge Brett Spencer, Sheriff Kimmy Rogers, Deputy Larry Heller, Bailiff Randy Riggs, and Facility Director Sally Hayslip met with the board to discuss replacement of the jail windows, replacement of security cameras, and overall courthouse security.

ECD Director Holly Johnson met with the board to discuss the following: CDBG 2012 application packets, Fair Housing Proclamation, Barnes Sewer

## BOWLING SCORES

March 31-April 6

High Game  
Scratch-Male  
Kevin McFarland 287  
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## Secret Service prostitution scandal roils nation's capital

WASHINGTON (AP) — A prostitution scandal involving the Secret Service has grown in scope, with the disclosure that U.S. agents and military personnel had been with at least 20 women in hotel rooms before President Barack Obama arrived in Colombia for a summit with Latin American leaders.

Secret Service Director Mark Sullivan, facing questions on Capitol Hill about whether the escapades could have jeopardized the president's security, said he had referred the matter to an independent government investigator.

Sullivan said the 11 Secret Service agents and 10 military personnel under investigation were telling different stories about who the women were. Sullivan has dispatched more investigators to Colombia to interview the women, said Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y., chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee.

"Some are admitting (the women) were prostitutes, others are saying they're not, they're just women they met at the hotel bar," King said in a telephone interview. Sullivan said none of the women, who had to surrender their IDs at the hotel, were minors. "But prostitutes or not, to be

bringing a foreign national back into a secure zone is a problem."

Sen. Susan Collins of Maine, the ranking Republican on the Homeland Security Committee, said Tuesday that "20 or 21 women foreign nationals" were brought to the hotel. Eleven of the Americans involved were Secret Service, she said, and "allegedly Marines were involved with the rest."

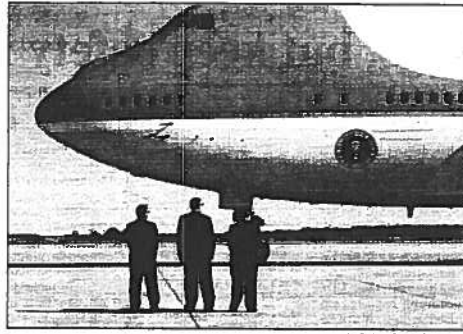
King said it appeared the agency actually had "really lucked out." If the women were working for a terrorist organization or some other anti-American group, King said, they could have had access to information about the president's whereabouts or security protocols while in the agents' rooms.

"This could have been disastrous," King said.

The growing scandal has become an election-year embarrassment for Obama, who has said he would be angry if the allegations proved to be true. The White House said Obama had confidence in the Secret Service chief.

"Director Sullivan acted quickly in response to this incident and is overseeing an investigation as we speak into the matter," White House press secretary Jay Carney said.

Last Thursday, 11 Secret Service agents were recalled to the U.S. from



Secret Service agents wait for Air Force One to depart at Orlando International Airport after President Obama spoke at Walt Disney World, in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., on Jan. 19.

Colombia and placed on administrative leave after a night of partying that allegedly ended with at least some bringing prostitutes back to their hotel. On Monday, the agency announced that it also had revoked the agents' security clearance.

At least 10 U.S. military personnel staying at the same hotel were also being investigated for their role in the alleged misconduct.

Two U.S. military officials said they include five Army Green Berets. Both officials spoke on condition of anonymity about an investigation that is still under way.

One of the officials said the group also includes two Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal technicians, two Marine dog handlers and an Air Force airman.

The Special Forces Green Berets were working with Colombia's counterterrorism teams, the official said.

The agents and servicemen were in Colombia setting up security ahead of Obama's three-day trip to the port city of Cartagena for a summit attended by about 30 other world leaders.

People briefed on the incident said the agents brought women back to Cartagena's Hotel Caribe, where other members of the U.S. delegation and the White House corps also were staying. Anyone visiting the hotel overnight was required to leave identification at the front desk and leave the hotel by 7 a.m.

When a woman failed to do so, by this account, it raised questions among hotel staff and police, who investigated. They found the woman with the agent in a hotel room and a dispute arose over whether the agent should have paid her.

While the identities of those being investigated have not been revealed, Maryland Republican

Senate candidate Daniel Bongino told The Associated Press on Tuesday that his brother, an agent who was on duty in Colombia, "is cooperating" with the investigation. Bongino, a former agent himself, insisted his brother was not a target of the investigation.

The Secret Service has insisted Obama's security was not undermined by the incident, which happened before he arrived in Colombia.

In at least one of his briefings with lawmakers, Sullivan said he was calling on an inspector general to hold an independent review.

Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, welcomed that news, saying an independent review "should help the agency regain some respect from the American taxpayers and from people around the world."

The Secret Service did not immediately respond to a request for comment about Grassley's account.

## U.S., NATO plan for combat end

BRUSSELS (AP) — The United States and its NATO allies are readying plans to pull away from the front lines in Afghanistan next year as President Barack Obama and fellow leaders try to show that the unpopular war is ending.

NATO allies insisted they are not pulling the plug early on the Afghanistan war as top military and diplomatic officials from the U.S. and NATO allies met Wednesday.

The allies are finalizing a plan to shift primary responsibility for combat to Afghan forces and firming up a strategy for world support to the weak Afghan government and fledgling military after 2014.

That year is the deadline to the NATO-led war to end, although it is clear that many nations will have long since stopped any active front-line combat and some will have pulled out completely.

At the same time, the nations that have prosecuted a 10-year war against a Taliban-led insurgency are reassuring nervous Afghans they will not be left to fend for themselves.

"There is no change whatsoever in the timeline," NATO chief Anders Fogh Rasmussen insisted Wednesday.

The messages aimed at different audiences are both challenged by current events in Afghanistan, where insurgents staged an impressive, coordinated attack last weekend that struck at the heart of the U.S.-backed government and international enclave in Kabul.

Meanwhile, Taliban leaders are boycotting peace talks the U.S. sees as the key to a safe exit.

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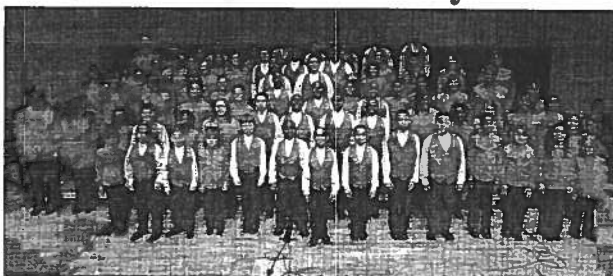
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## Get to know the Voices of Unity Choir

A few days ago, I had the pleasure of visiting with a very intriguing and charismatic gentleman in Fort Wayne, Ind. I made the trip to Fort Wayne to visit Mr. Marshall White, director and founder of the Unity Performing Arts Foundation. What we both thought would be a thirty-minute visit turned into two hours!

I knew of Mr. White because we have the Voices of Unity Youth Choir coming to the Niswonger PAC in two weeks to perform with Livingston Taylor. It is a concert uniquely prepared for you, our NPAC audience. Livingston Taylor was here in 2008 and I enjoyed him so much I thought it would be nice to bring him back someday. At the same time, Chuck Koch, my board chairman mentioned he had heard the Voices of Unity Choir and felt we should bring them in for a performance some time.



The Voices of Unity Choir (Photo submitted)

My mind started racing. From the limited knowledge I had of the Voices of Unity Choir, I knew they sang Gospel style music quite well. A couple of my most favorite songs on Livingston Taylor's CD, "There you are Again" are songs in that style. Well, you can see where I was going with this. I thought about how cool it would be to combine these two musical forces for one fantastic evening at

the NPAC. And now on Saturday, April 28 at 7:30 p.m. you will have the chance to hear this amazing one-time collaboration only at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center in Van Wert.

As we started drawing closer to the concert date, I knew I needed to learn more about the Voices of Unity Choir. I heard two different interviews Marshall White did with WOWO and WBCL



MUSIC BY VAN WERT

By Paul Hoverman

radio just a couple weeks ago. I think that's when I decided I needed to meet face to face with Mr. White and find out more about what's behind this organization.

What I found is quite an amazing story. This man is the son of the Rev. Jesse White, who during the 1960's and 70's led the Black Community of Fort Wayne during the racial tensions. He told me stories you wouldn't believe while growing up on the South side of Fort Wayne. When his father passed away several years ago, Rev. Jesse Jackson preached his father's funeral service in Fort Wayne.

MUSIC/A14

## Bits and pieces

The cast has been chosen, the sets and props are being built and decorated, lights are on nearly every evening at the theatre — there must be a new production in the offing at Van Wert Civic Theatre!

The Red Velvet Cake War, co-directed by Linda Stanley and Cathy Salazar, will open Thursday, May 10 and run for eight performances, closing on Sunday, May 20. As I've mentioned before in this space, The Red Velvet Cake War is a hilarious romp through contemporary Southern

culture in Sweetgum, Texas, as three cousins attempt to hold a family reunion despite some rather quirky problems they are facing.

Let's see, now Gaynelle's husband has left her for a younger woman, and she was arrested after "accidentally" driving her minivan through the bedroom wall of her ex's girlfriend's doublewide. Jimmie Wyntne, manager of Whaley's Western Wear, is contending for the affections of Sweetgum's latest widower along with Blissy, the local



ON STAGE

Van Wert Civic Theatre

By Don Fisher

"Donna Reed" character. Peaches, a traveling mortuary cosmetologist (she fixes makeup and hair at funeral homes), is trying to decide whether or not to have her absentee trucker husband declared dead.

ON STAGE/A14

## Annual High School Invitational

We are getting things around for this weekend's Annual High School Invitational and we are very excited at the quality of work that is coming in! The public opening reception is scheduled for Saturday from 6-8 p.m. and my favorite part, cash awards being presented at 7 p.m.

We'll serve green monster punch, mini pizza, nachos and all kinds of good snacks. We hope to see you there. This exhibit will be on display until May 5. Our exhibit hours are Tuesday - Sunday 1-5 p.m. Admission is always free, this exhibit is graciously sponsored by Cooper Farms.

Don't forget our newest line up of classes and our work-day lunch program starting in June. The Lunch & Learn program is an alternative lunch program for your work day where



Gas Mask by Caleb Logan, Van Wert. (Photo submitted)

we feed you and offer presentations on art, local artists or even complete a quick art project.

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## Camera Club announces winners



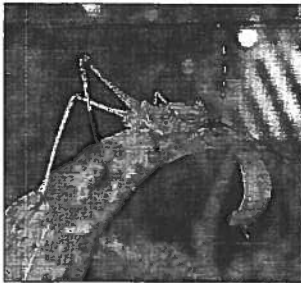
By Rex Doty

As expected, the macro theme produced a wide variety of blossoms, flowers and critters for competition in prints and slides when the Wassenberg Camera Club met on Thursday, April 12, at the Wassenberg Art Center.

Voting on prints produced a two-way tie for first, but Will Hawkins wasn't worried, they were both his. On the re-vote, his picture of a katydid on a tiger lily was picked for first place and the picture of a snowflake was second.

Virginia Thatcher's photo of blossoms in her back yard was a clear winner in the slide category.

President Heckler reported that the suggested list of photography competition categories has been presented to the Van Wert County Fair Board.



Katydid on tiger lily by Will Hawkins. (Photo submitted)

He also said that the Wassenberg Art Center plans to offer a one-day Beginning Photography Workshop on May 15 and that each student must have a laptop to use during the session. He also announced that when the club acquires a new laptop and files are transferred to it from the present one, the old laptop will be sold to reduce the cost of the new one.

In response to a member's

request to see how various pieces of equipment donated to the club for an exhibit might be handled, the club voted to allow pieces to be checked out as long as the member reports: who will borrow it, a description of the piece being borrowed, and the dates out and back, to the vice president and the Wassenberg Art Center office.

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## Looking out for friend

**Dear Annie:**  
My friend "Steve" has been married for 10 years. Six months ago, he had an affair. The other woman became pregnant, so Steve left his wife. But within a few months, he realized he had made a terrible mistake. He ended things and returned to his wife.



**ANNIE'S MAILBOX**  
is written by Kathy MacCall  
and Marcy Sugar

Now the Other Woman is refusing visitation with the new baby. I know Steve has tried very hard to put his life back together and wants to do the right thing. But I was disheartened to see the new mother badmouth him on Facebook, calling him a deadbeat dad. Steve pays child support +

Steve thinks he has to accept the public bashing because he cheated. Is there any way to get his side of the story out there? — A Friend

Dear A Friend: Feel free to refute the lies when the opportunities present themselves. But we caution you not to say unkind things about the Other Woman.

and has already added the baby to his insurance. Meanwhile, throughout her pregnancy, this woman drank and smoked. I am appalled that she has dragged Steve's name through the mud. I worry about this woman raising a child.

## Study: Positive outlook good for heart

WASHINGTON (AP) — Be happy — it seems to be good for your heart.

Scientists have long known that Type A and people who are chronically angry, anxious or depressed have a higher risk of heart attacks.

Now a Harvard review of the flip side of that psychology says being upbeat and optimistic just may help protect against heart disease.

Rather than focusing only on how to lessen heart risks, "it might also be

Boehm reviewed studies examining a positive outlook — as determined by various psychological measurements — on heart health. Optimism seems key, as many studies found optimistic people had half the risk of a first heart attack when compared to the least optimistic, Boehm said.

Boehm found people with a better sense of well-being tend to have healthier blood pressure, cholesterol and weight, and are more likely to exercise, eat healthier, get enough sleep and avoid smoking. But she cautioned that it will take more research to tease apart if a positive outlook makes people feel more like taking heart-healthy steps — or whether living healthier helps you feel more positive.

## Is a stent the answer for prostate issues?

Dear Dr. Donohue: I am 90 years old. Aside from my legs, I still have my marbles and working parts. I had cancer of the prostate three times. I have asked several urologists, but don't get a sensible answer. I hope you can offer one. Why can't they put a stent in the prostate so it doesn't block the flow of urine when it enlarges? —D.S.

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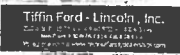
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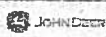



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## Romney's foreign policy may mean hardball is back

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mitt Romney wants the United States to get much tougher with Iran and to end what a top adviser calls President Barack Obama's "Mother, may I?" consensus-seeking foreign policy.

With the presidential nomination all but locked up, an examination of Romney's foreign policy pronouncements and the team advising him on those issues indicates Americans and the world might expect a Republican campaign that reprises the hawkish and often unilateral foreign policy prescriptions that guided Ronald Reagan and George W. Bush.

"The world is better off when the United States takes the lead. We should not be playing 'Mother, may I?' about sanctions on Iran and relations with China and Russia," said Richard Williamson, a top Romney foreign policy adviser. He has advised presidents beginning with Reagan, held many diplomatic posts in past Republican administrations and was Bush's special envoy to Sudan.

The hot partisan fight over the economy so far has overshadowed Romney's grievances with the Obama foreign policy. And polls show the longer the former Massachusetts governor can stay away from a

stalled debate on international affairs, the better it may be for his candidacy.

The most recent Washington Post-ABC News survey found that Americans trust Obama over Romney on international affairs, 53 percent to 36 percent. For Americans still gun-shy after the difficult war in Iraq and eager to be done with the prolonged and messy fight in Afghanistan — both conflicts started under Bush — Romney's hawkish-sounding policies could prove damaging in the November election.

Even so, Romney will campaign, Williamson said, as the man who can return the United States to a country that ensures "peace through strength" rather than just managing the gradual decline of our military strength. Romney is particularly harsh on Obama's handling of Iran and concerns it may be building a nuclear weapon. The president is clearly trying to head off a threatened Israeli attack on Iranian nuclear installations.

While Obama has not ruled out a U.S. attack, he has not been as direct in threatening as Romney, who positions himself much closer to Israel and hardline Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

## Fire

property because he had trouble obtaining additional financing. We also believe someone was dumping trash into the house through the back windows. There was a lot of trash in that location," said Ivkovich.

"There were several small explosions back there during the fire. That may have come from aerosol cans thrown in with the trash or from something in the house," added Ivkovich.

"It is also suspicious because there was an accident just a few months ago where one car parked in front of the house was burned and a second car had graffiti spray painted all over the body," Ivkovich reported.

Ivkovich said the electric and gas utilities had been turned off at the house before the Tuesday fire.

"Fortunately, no one was living in the house and there were no injuries. But it can be a dangerous situation with houses in this neighborhood so close together," noted Ivkovich.

The fire was initially spotted at approximately

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9:13 a.m. by a motorist driving on Lawson Avenue who then drove to the Pleasant Heights fire station to report smoke and flames.

The first two firefighters from that station were immediately joined by off duty Capt. David Sullivan, who saw black smoke in the sky.

"I saw the Pleasant Heights truck pull onto State Street and I decided to assist in setting up the water line until the other firefighters arrived from the downtown and West End stations. I also tried to serve as an extra set of eyes while the guys were getting everything set up. That's kind of what we do. We see the need and we do what we can," declared Sullivan.

According to Ivkovich, the Pleasant Heights firefighters were on the scene, "in less than two minutes after they received the report and the other two stations were right behind them."

Ivkovich said the house is a total loss.

(Gossett can be contacted at dgossett@heraldstaronline.com.)

## Romney

Mine and Powhatan No. 6 Mine in southern Belmont County, as well as the Red Bird West mine near Brilliant.

Robert Edward Murray serves as vice president of business development and external affairs for the corporation. He stressed that his father, not the corporation, is sponsoring Romney's visit.

A longtime outspoken proponent of coal usage, Robert Murray seems determined to defeat Obama because he believes the sitting president wants to eliminate coal from the American economy. In an essay he terms "The Obama War on Coal," Murray outlines how federal officials are working to stop his industry.

"All regulations imposed on the production of fossil fuels or

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the utilization of them by the Obama administration must be immediately stopped and not enforced, until they are evaluated for any benefits and job and economic losses to America," Murray wrote.

Murray said Obama wants to see states like California, New York, Massachusetts and other heavily Democratic states prosper at the expense of more politically balanced states like Ohio, West Virginia and Pennsylvania. He highlighted statistics from the U.S. Energy Information Administration that show the heavily Democratic coastal states pay much more per kilowatt hour for electricity than states in the middle of the country.

(Joselyn King contributed to this report.)

now investigating to determine if it is a single family residence or if a business is being operated out of the house. That neighborhood is not zoned for business, and we need to see if the parking stems from an illegal business at that location," Davison explained.

Lalich said after the CDP office completes the research into the property, the city may want to

## CIC

funding," he said.

The CIC currently relies on funding from local government entities, as well as business membership to generate revenue for its business development arm, Progress Alliance.

But board members said convincing business owners to join sometimes can be a hard sell because they aren't charging prospects for the work the Progress Alliance staff is doing to bring new business to Jefferson County. Charging for some of those business-building services might encourage more to join, they said.

Oil and gas-related businesses are flocking

to the Upper Ohio Valley, and in recent months the Progress Alliance staff has been busy compiling lists of commercial and industrial properties available for sale or lease and showing them to companies interested in locating in the Ohio Valley. So far, 22 buildings have been sold or leased and seven others are pending as a result of their efforts.

But while they'd like to generate revenue from those efforts, board members acknowledge they "need to be careful" in charging prospects for those services.

"I don't know how you do it, there's a fine line," said Jefferson County

Commissioner Dave Maple.

Representatives of JobsOhio, meanwhile, were on hand to talk with the Progress Alliance Partners in Progress about efforts to bring jobs and revenue to the region.

Matt Cybulski, a Steubenville native and project manager for JobsOhio, said the oil and gas industry is sparking supply chain opportunities in other parts of the state.

"Hopefully we can get some of that here in Jefferson County," he said.

"(Companies) are making billions of dollars in investments because they know what's (here)

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tion on South Third Street.

And Metcalf introduced an emergency ordinance authorizing the hiring of the W.E. Stillson Consulting Co. to serve as the consultant for the University Boulevard and Brady Avenue repaving project, which is slated for 2013.

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— they've done their homework," he said. "If it wasn't a long-term resource, they wouldn't be making the investments they are."

Cybulski said the area's proximity to Pittsburgh International Airport, as well as its other assets — the Ohio river, rail access and an interstate highway system — are attracting outside attention.

The amount of searches we're getting, companies looking in this area specifically, is tremendous," said JobsOhio's Sheena Metzger.

(Harris can be contacted at hharris@heraldstaronline.com.)

## Inmate

For his special meal Tuesday night, Wiles requested a large pizza with pepperoni and extra cheese, hot sauce, a garden salad with ranch dressing, a large bag of Cheetos, a whole cheesecake, fresh strawberries, vanilla wafers and Sprite, Smith said.

He was visited by two sisters, a brother-in-law, and his attorney, Smith said.

Wiles told members of the Ohio Parole Board during a March 2 interview he wasn't sure he deserved mercy but was asking for clemency because he had to.

The execution would mark the first time in six months Ohio has put someone to death, following a delay while the state and a federal judge wrangled over Ohio's lethal injection procedure.

Wiles' defense team had argued he should be spared because he confessed to the crime, has shown extreme remorse and regret and has a good prison record.

"Mark does want to live out his natural life in prison," his attorneys said in their application for clemency. They added, "his remorse and regret are so overwhelming that he could not articulate reasons his life should be spared."

Wiles could easily have escaped the farmhouse after Mark Klima surprised him, Portage County Prosecutor Victor Viglucci told the parole board. "Instead Wiles chose to repeatedly plunge the eight-inch kitchen knife into Mark Klima again and again," Viglucci said.

A report to the parole board said Wiles had suffered a head injury in a bar 12 days before the slaying in Rootstown in northeast Ohio, and a doctor testified that tests indicate he may have an injury to part of the brain that regulates impulse control. Another doctor agreed that Wiles has a brain injury and said he also has a substance abuse problem and personality disorder.

The parole board earlier this month ruled unanimously that Wiles' execution should be postponed because he exploited the family's kindness and because his remorse doesn't outweigh the brutality of the crime.

Gov. John Kasich, without additional comment, agreed with the board last week. Wiles went prison in 1983 for stealing tools, jewelry, a wallet, a checkbook, a pistol and

other items from a Tallmadge home in November 1982.

Carol Klima agreed to fill out a form that March ahead of a parole hearing for Wiles.

The farmhand was "polite, very helpful and did a nice job," she wrote on March 21, 1983.

"Yes," she answered to the question: "If possible, would you re-hire him?"

Ohio's most recent execution delays stem from inmates' lawsuits over how well executioners perform their duties.

U.S. District Court Judge Gregory Frost sided with inmates last summer and postponed executions while the state updated its procedures.

In November, Frost allowed Ohio to put

Reginald Brooks to death for killing his three sons as they slept in 1982 shortly after his

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wife said she wanted a divorce. In the process, executioners deviated slightly from their written execution plan.

The changes were minor — failing to properly check a box on a medical form, for example — but they angered Frost, who had made his impatience with even slight changes clear. He once again put executions on hold.

Two weeks ago, after a week-long trial over the latest procedures, Frost said the state had narrowly demonstrated it was serious about following its rules. He warned prison officials to get it right the next time.

Smith said Wednesday the state has a review process in place that allows prisons director Gary Mohr to review the details and procedures of the execution policy.

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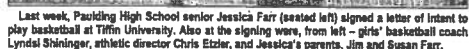
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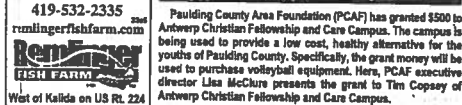
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## Commissioners Love, Schroeder side with economic development, saddle Road 5 residents with costs by approving appropriation resolution

Editor's note: This is part one of a series.

By Jared Denman  
Staff Writer

**PUTNAM COUNTY** — County commissioners remained dead to Road 5 residents' concerns at an April 5 special meeting to approve a resolution, which passed by a 2-to-1 margin with Commissioner Travis Jowers the only dissenting vote, to appropriate additional right-of-way, via eminent domain, needed for the Road 5 widening project from property owners who rejected the county's proposal.

A second vote on the resolution was required due to a complaint filed by an eminent domain lawyer, Linde Webb, who is representing property owners along Road 5, that maintains the commissioners violated Ohio Sunshine Laws by not alerting the media or the property owners when they met

Feb. 24 to pass the same appropriation resolution.

Ohio Revised Code 121.11 (B) provides that "a resolution, rule, or formal action of any kind is invalid unless adopted in an open meeting of the public body. A resolution, rule, or formal action adopted in an open meeting that results from deliberations in a meeting not open to the public is invalid unless the deliberations were for a purpose specifically authorized and conducted at an executive session held in compliance with this section."

Subsequently, a motion for a temporary restraining order was filed (March 23) by Webb to postpone another vote on the appropriation resolution until it could be determined whether the commissioners, in fact, committed a breach of Ohio Sunshine Law. The motion was denied by Judge Randall Basinger, who also

granted an open-ended continuance (postponement) on the original hearing scheduled Monday, April 9.

At the heart of the issue are the conflicting interests of individual property owners and economic development. Road 5 residents have been questioning the process, one that began late in 1999, and the rationale by which the decision was made to select Road 5, while the county commissioners and engineers have maintained that safety is the primary reason for the project.

The project is planned to proceed in two phases: Phase I is the portion of Road 5 between SR 224 and the Jobs Ready Site in Leipsic at SR 613 and Phase II is between US 24 to SR 12 at an estimated cost of \$7.9 million with approximately \$6 million coming from state grants and \$600,000 from county

offers. Construction on the north phase is slated to begin as early as this summer and will widen Road 5 an additional 10 feet from the center lines in addition to resurfacing.

Residents along Road 5 first became aware the county would be seeking to acquire the additional right-of-way, necessary for utility pole setback and easement, when an agent for Mannik & Smith, the negotiating firm contracted by the county, reportedly began to intimidate residents to accept the county's offer.

Subsequently, an informational meeting was organized last November in Pandora by the Nienberg family who were concerned when they discovered that Mannik & Smith agent Greg Vetterle reportedly pressured their father, Albert Nienberg, to accept the county's offer without first notifying them that they were listed as fee owners of the property. This was followed by a contentious January 2012 Q&A meeting called by the commissioners and engineers office with officials from Mannik & Smith, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) to further explain the process.

Muddying the dialogue is the perception among residents that there has been and continues to be a lack of transparency which is, at best, manifested by a negligent lack of communication or, at worse, a purposeful withholding of information for the sake of avoiding public dissent. The commissioners and the engineer's office maintain every reasonable opportunity was given for public participation.

These issues were again broached prior to the approval of the appropriation resolution last week. "How could there never have been a public meeting with notice to the people on (Road 5) if it was planned for 12 years?" Road 5 resident Marilyn Horstman, daughter of Albert Nienberg, questioned the panel comprised of the three commissioners, County Engineer and Construction and Planning Manager of the project, Troy Recker and County Prosecutor Gary Lammer.

"There was. That was the meeting in 2000 in Pandora," Recker replied.

"That was 12 years ago."

"We don't have annual meeting updates. We didn't know how we would find this until 2004."

"We have the documents from your office that tell about that meeting in 2004. We know to whom you mailed (notices). The only people who received mailings were those who were known as 'stakeholders.' Seventeen addresses are listed on here. The only addresses along Road 5 were businesses. Along with the name of the CEO. So please, the ordinary homeowner along Road 5 or Road 6 were not mailed a notice to that meeting," Andy Borgelt, another opponent of the project supplemented.

"Nor were the people who drive on that road every day because they are stakeholders as well. So it was published in the paper where everyone could receive it," Recker responded.

"We the homeowners are the ones who are suffering loss here. The other people in the county who drive on the road are not included in that. We're not suggesting that everybody in the county who drives on Road 5 should get a notice. What we're saying is, in 2000 when you called a public meeting and you sent some notices out, you sent them to the people who stand to lose," Borgelt replied.

"Initially, I was going to send out a notice in 2008 or 2009 to every landowner but we opted to do an article in the paper and we had no response," Recker answered. "Wouldn't that seem funny to you?" Horstman interjected.

"We're not required by law to do individual notice. We put it in the paper," Recker responded.

"Was there a public meeting following the selection of Road 5?" Horstman continued.

"No. There was a press release following the decision of the executive committee choosing Road 5. I think it was Oct. 18 when the executive committee met and selected Road 5," Recker stated.

In a document promulgated by Recker responding to comments after the January

2012 Q&A meeting in Pandora called by the commissioners and engineers office stated, "Information about the CR 5 project was published in the Putnam County Sentinel on Nov. 10, 2010 and again on Jan. 8, 2011 and within a legal notice on Dec. 1, 2010. A piece was written in the Findlay Courier on Jan. 5, 2011. A lengthy article was also published in the Putnam County Voice on June 15, 2011. In addition to those most recent articles, more than seven articles have been published in local newspapers since 1999."

A review of Sentinel archives found no articles on Road 5 in 2010 but did find seven since Nov. 3, 1999 ("New highway route studied"), that reported on the extension of SR 696 via CR 6 to SR 613 in the context of a Pandora village council meeting, with six articles reporting on conducting a feasibility study for choosing a state route.

Road 5, as an option, is first mentioned the following week in a Nov. 10, 1999 article ("Feasibility study begins for highway") that reports on the formation of the local and stakeholder committees that were meeting with ODOT officials to begin the process of selecting a state route to, according to the article, "answer the need for a more direct and economical route for truck traffic now traveling to and from the industrial developments in Leipsic, Pandora and Ottawa to I-75, and to address safety issues for the traveling public."

While Recker's assertion that the engineer's office is not required to give personal notice is correct and that county agencies can give notice via a paper of record according to Ohio Revised Code, Borgelt's comment that "stakeholders" received personal mailings while property owners along Road 5 did not, is based on a document acquired from official records of the project.

Also according to the article, "A local committee has been formed including Jim Russell, Leipsic administrator; Terry Recker, county engineer; Dick Richter, county commissioner; and Martin Kuhlman, Putnam County economic director."

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## Recently immobilized man asking for more to be done at intersections

By FRANK LEWIS  
PDT Staff Writer

Jim Oliver has learned something he wishes he had never learned: Much of the world is not accessible for handicapped people. Until three months ago, Oliver had no concerns about accessibility. Because of symptoms from diabetes, however, he

has since become limited to a power chair for much of his mobility.

"They need to fix some of the crosswalks," Oliver said. "I'm finding out now, since I have been handicapped, before I didn't pay any attention to it when I was driving a car. But now that I'm out in this (power chair), I see there are crosswalks that

need to be fixed, and crosswalks that need to be crosswalks. They're still regular sidewalks, and that is the problem I'm having."

Oliver says it has been an eye-opening experience. "Even to cross the street at intersections, when I have the right-of-way, those that turn right on red don't watch me," Oliver said. "It's like

when I do cross it doesn't make a difference. They still turn on me. So I won't cross at the intersection. I go down the street a little bit then cross the street."

Just half a block up from where he lives is the intersection of 15th and Chillicothe streets, a crossing that covers four lanes, two in either direction, leading to restaurants such as Dairy Queen and Buffalo Wild Wings. When he approaches the handicap accessibility ramp, he begins to panic, worrying about all the traffic, and the way southbound drivers drive into the intersection to wait the opportunity to turn, which means he does not have a straight shot to cross into that lot. So he makes the decision — he won't cross there.

Another place that worries him is the intersection next to Sonic Restaurant, headed south on Findlay Street. There is no ramp.

"It doesn't have a handicap crossing," Oliver said. "It's a regular sidewalk. So I have to



Frank Lewis | Daily Times

Jim Oliver sits in his power chair recently at the intersection of 15th and Chillicothe streets, where four lanes of traffic and people turning right on red from 15th Street make him feel unsafe. Oliver does not cross this intersection, although it is only half a block from his residence.

go halfway down the street, wait for the traffic to go by. Then when there is no traffic, I cross the street. I can't cross at the red light."

This crossing is from an alley, with no marked crossing lines, which means he is, in essence, breaking the law by not crossing at a marked crossing area. But in reality, he says he has no choice.

Another place he finds difficult to maneuver is a crosswalk by Tracy Park on the

10th Street side.

"It has the walk you can cross, but there is a dip there, that if I go into it, I would get stuck," Oliver said. "I was crossing one day and a man told me not to cross there. He already knew about the dip, but I didn't know. He sure saved me."

Oliver said all he has wanted is for someone at the city to listen to his concerns. "I called the mayor a couple of months ago and left a message. At the time they were gone. I guess it was closing time, and I left a message and told him about it and left my phone number so I could explain it to him," Oliver said. "But nobody has ever called me."

"We definitely need to look into those," Portsmouth Mayor David Malone said. "I don't remember receiving a complaint about those."

Portsmouth Service Director Bill Beaumont said he would look into those intersections. Oliver complained about are not the only ones with issues.

"In our city there is a whole bunch of intersections that don't have the curb cut to handicap accessibility," Malone said. "Through the years we'll try to deal with that through Community Development Block Grants (CDBG). It will be something we'll do through a process over the years, but we won't be able to do every intersection at one time."

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## Making this simple dish a 'piece of cake' for Euton.

By SCOTT SEITZ

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Cooking offers a nice escape for Steve Euton. Euton, a member of Norwalk city council for the past 18 years and current council president, also is the general manager for Frontier, covering the North Central Ohio area. He has spent 30 years in the telecom industry. "I like to cook," the 53-year-old said. "Cooking is a stress-reducer for me."

Euton decided to share a special recipe for asparagus. "I learned this recipe years ago at a Promise Keepers event where men had to make dinner for their wives," he said.

"Mark Widman was the one who taught me the recipe," he added. "He was a former city councilman for Norwalk. The event was on a Saturday where we had to make a dinner that was sort of nice and fancy. This was one of the dishes Mark made."

And Euton's been making it ever since.

"It's a piece of cake to make," he said.

"You just lightly coat the asparagus in olive oil and then roll it in Parmesan cheese," he said. "Lay it on a cookie sheet and bake it until the cheese turns brown at about 250 or 375 degrees



Norwalk City Council President Steve Euton.

"It just has a different taste, a different texture with cheese on it."

— STEVE EUTON

for 20 minutes."

Euton said this recipe is a good way to have children or adults, who might not normally eat asparagus, to try it.

"It just has a different

taste, a different texture with the cheese on it," he said. "And with the olive oil, it's healthy. It's a simple dish people seem to like."

Euton also enjoys grilling out.

"I like to cook chicken, fish and steak," he said, adding you can't beat a Sunday afternoon on the grill when friends and family stop by.

Euton said his wife Ruth is an excellent cook.

"We divvy up the cooking," he said.

"She made venison one day and not everyone can make that, but that venison steak was the best I've ever had," he said. "She also makes a very good chili."

### FEATURED RECIPE

#### Asparagus

"This is a piece of cake to make."

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Norwalk

#### Asparagus

- 1 to 2 bundles fresh asparagus
- Olive oil
- Parmesan cheese

Tightly coat asparagus with olive oil and then roll it in Parmesan cheese.

Lay it on cookie sheet and then bake it at 250 or 375 degrees until cheese turns brown, about 20 minutes.

### BULLETIN BOARD

#### ■ Firelands festival Thursday

Firelands House Band and Choir Festival will be held at New London High School beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday. A total of 160 area high school students from Crestview, Mapleton, Monroeville, New London, Plymouth, South Central, St. Paul and Western Reserve will participate. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$3 for senior citizens.

This year's 71-piece band will be conducted by James Swearingen, from Capital University Brian Nabors, from Shelby High School, will be conducting the 89-piece choir.

#### ■ Sports physicals

MONROEVILLE — Monroeville High School will be offering free sports physicals beginning at 3 p.m. May 2 at the school. Interested students should sign up in the athletic office. Physical forms should be completed and signed by a parent prior to reporting for physicals.

Call the athletic office at (419) 465-2531, ext. 306, with any questions.

#### ■ Reach Our Youth pancake breakfast

The Reach Our Youth (ROY) board of directors is

sponsoring an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast on from 8 a.m. to noon April 28 at First Baptist Church, 67 E. Main St.

All proceeds from this fundraiser will go toward scholarships to be awarded this spring to ROY participants who are graduating from high school and furthering their education at either a college or trade school.

The breakfast includes unlimited buttermilk pancakes, sausage, coffee and juice. The cost of tickets is adults: \$5, under age 10: \$3 and family: \$14. Advance tickets are available by calling (419) 663-2525 ext. 238.

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# Court

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

A New Straitsville man reported \$1,500 vandalism in his Dodge truck.  
 A Thornville man reported a theft of scrap metal and steel beams, no less amount listed.  
 A domestic fight was investi-

gated at Lucky Bucks Killed Games in Crooksville.  
 A Shawnee man reported a \$120 theft of prescription drugs.  
 A Rushville resident reported a breaking and entering and a \$2,103 theft of hardware items.

A New Lexington area woman reported a \$750 theft of a 4-wheeler and a bulldozer battery.  
 A Crooksville man reported a theft of a 4-wheeler valued at \$6,407.

## NEW LEXINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police found a syringe inside the Aethusa Springs Park shelter house.  
 The New Lexington Water Plant reported vandalism: a trash can was thrown in the reservoir and another placed atop some power lines.

Police responded to a burglary in progress along Orchard Street; an earlier report of vandalism had come from the same street.  
 A burglary at a West Broadway Street residence was investigated; vandalism had

been reported earlier near the same area, and later there was another burglary attempt along the same street—something had been broken off in a door keyhole.  
 A North Pleasant Street resident reported a stolen car.

## PROBATE COURT

**Judge Luann Cooperider**  
*Estates*  
 Kevin C. Miller, New Lexington.  
 Geraldine Lincoln, New Straitsville, attorney: Linda L. Smith Esq.  
 Ola Jane Bennett, New Lexington, attorney: Cindy M. O'Neill Esq.  
*Marriages*  
 Jared Paul Carpenter, Thornville, to Karissa Laura-

Cooper, Thornville.  
 Jordan Jeffrey Untermaier, Thornville, to Kacey Lei Fazio, Thornville.  
 Kyle Thomas Cordray, Corning, to Andrea Michele Sturgill, Corning.  
 James R. Friesner, Junction City, to Megan Danielle Saum, Junction City.  
*Court News*  
 During the month of March the following cases were filed

in Probate Court under the direction of Judge Luann Cooperider: Twenty estates, three guardianships and three name changes. There were 17 licenses issued with Judge Cooperider performing two wedding ceremonies. The genealogy department has been busy assisting individuals who are tracking oil and gas rights of their heirs.

## REAL ESTATE

Kevin Imer to South Gratiot Farms LLC, Madison, exempt.  
 Charles E. Spears to Kay Rutter, Bearfield, 4.08 acres, exempt.  
 Richard Householder et al to Jeffrey L. Griggs, New Lexington, .150 acre, \$25,000.  
 Justin and Jackie Johnson to Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Somerset, lot 3, exempt.  
 Jean E. Schromme trust to Roger and Derrie Davis,

Jackson, \$205,075.  
 Bruner Land Company to Jeffrey and Linda Haynes trust, Monroe, 21.096 acres, \$73,900.  
 Bruner Land Company to Eric Barrowman and Chastity Muir, Pike, 37.026 acres, \$62,900.  
 Michael and Lisa Phillips to US Bank Trust National Association, Crooksville, lot 106, exempt.  
 Matthew Shaffer to Donald and Ruth Havens, Madison, 5.27 acres,

\$45,000.  
 Daniel and Mary Herschberger to Antoinette Grindley, Hopewell, 3.49 acres, \$86,900.  
 Mary Lou and Melvin Iman to James and Ronald Iman, Monday Creek, 80 acres, exempt.  
 Rita Noll to William and Susan Noll, Reading, .815 acre, \$88,300.  
 George Conrad to Thomas and Susan McGreevy, New Lexington, \$700.

## JUVENILE COURT

**Judge Luann Cooperider**  
 A 17-year old girl charged with a probation violation received 10 days detention. The girl was ordered to pay court costs, and her driver's license suspended until the turn 18.  
 A 14-year old New Lexington girl charged with disorderly conduct was fined court costs. The court ordered counseling, three days detention and intensive probation.  
 A 17-year old Somerset boy charged with marijuana possession was fined \$150 and court costs. The court ordered suspension of the youth's driver's license until age 18, intensive probation, completion of the Choices program and the PATH drug court program.  
 A 16-year old Shawnee girl charged with a probation violation received 7 days detention. The girl was ordered to pay court costs, and was placed in foster care.  
 A 17-year old Rossview boy charged with truancy was

ordered to pay court costs, his drivers license was suspended, and the court ordered counseling. The boy was placed at the ALPHA School program.  
 A 14-year old Mount Perry girl charged with theft was fined \$50 and court costs. The court ordered payment of restitution in the amount of \$20 payable to Walmart, a letter of apology and completion of the Theft program.  
 A 13-year old Crooksville boy charged with being unruly was ordered to pay court costs, attend counseling and was placed at the ALPHA School program.  
 A 15-year old Junction City boy charged with a tobacco violation was fined \$50 and court costs. The court ordered the youth attend the two-day tobacco education group taught at ALPHA.  
 A 15-year old New Lexington boy charged with a probation violation received five days detention. The court ordered counseling and placement at the

ALPHA School program.  
 A 17-year old New Lexington girl charged with assault was fined court costs. The court ordered the girl's drivers license suspended until the turn 18, in addition to counseling 10 days in detention and a letter of apology.  
*Court News*  
 The Restitution Recovery Program worked this week at the Twice Turned Bookstore and delivered bread to local food pantries.  
 During the month of March under the direction of Judge Luann Cooperider, there were a total of 78 new cases filed with the Perry County Juvenile Court. There were 17 delinquency cases, 11 juvenile traffic cases, 10 unruly cases and no permanent custody cases or unruly cases filed. There were four cases of abuse, neglect, dependency and no cases of adult controlling cases filed in the Paternity-Custody Division, there were 36 cases that were new or reactivated.

## SOMERSET

### Community plans event to help annual celebration

This year will mark the 28th annual Somerset Community Celebration (Fourth of July).  
 The celebration is funded by generous donations from the members and associates of the local community. Without these donations there would be no celebration.  
 The members of the committee remain focused and determined to continue to provide the free activities throughout the day of the event including the shows and children's rides and activities.

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May 19 from 4-8 p.m. on the square in Somerset.  
 Donations are being sought for the auction. Anyone interested in making a donation to the auction may drop off items Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Kessler's Auto Care, 310 South Columbus St., Somerset.  
 Any questions, please contact Denay Kessler 740-405-3503. Please label your items with any special price information and a name and contact number.

Committee holds fundraisers such as breakfasts throughout the year.  
 This year, the Committee, in conjunction with the Perry County Art Walk, will be holding a hog roast and Charity Auction on Saturday,

## COMMON PLEAS

**Judge Tina M. Boyer**  
*Magistrate Jamie Kerkovich*  
*Termination Judgment*  
 For the offense of Aggravated Vehicular Homicide, the defendant, William T. Kokenberger, was

sentenced to a term of two years in a state penal institution, his drivers license suspended for a period of three years and he is ordered to make restitution in the amount of \$16,745.54.  
 For the offense of Felonious Assault, the defendant, Michael

D. Thompson, was sentenced to a term of two years in a state penal institution. For the offense of theft the defendant Thompson was sentenced to a term of six months in a state penal institution. Both sentences will run concurrent.

## Prison Team to meet

The Prison Team of Freedom Riders 381 of the Christian Motorcyclist Association will visit Ohio Correctional Institution Monday, April 23 at 6 p.m.



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## SMALL CLAIMS

**Judge Dean L. Wilson**  
 Plaintiff Great Seneca Financial Co., Rockville, Md., vs. defendant Johnny Toppins, Mount Perry. Judgment for plaintiff.  
 Plaintiff CACH Inc., Denver Co., vs. defendant Heather Cable, New Lexington. Judgment for plaintiff.  
 Plaintiff CACV of Colorado LLC, Denver Co., vs. defendant Rebecca Mumford, New Lexington. Judgment for plaintiff.  
 Plaintiff CACV of Colorado LLC, Denver Co., vs. defendant Kevin Jones, Corning. Joint decision.  
 Plaintiff RAB Performance Recoveries, LLC, Columbus, vs. defendant Ryan Kepler, Crooksville. Default judgment for plaintiff.

Plaintiff Perry County Dental Group, New Lexington, vs. defendant Lisa Van Horn, Malta. Dismissed.  
 Plaintiff Perry County Dental Group, New Lexington, vs. defendant Greg Dexter, Logan. Default judgment for plaintiff.  
 Plaintiff Perry County Dental Group, New Lexington, vs. defendant Margaret Scott, Zanesville. Joint decision.  
 Plaintiff Perry County Dental Group, New Lexington, vs. defendant Jacqueline Call, Lancaster. Joint decision.  
 Plaintiff Perry County Dental Group, New Lexington, vs. defendant Darcey Pierce, Chesterhill. Joint decision.

Plaintiff Perry County Dental Group, New Lexington, vs. defendant Andrew Colvin, Baltimore. Default judgment for plaintiff.  
 Plaintiff Ohio Neighborhood Finance Inc., Cincinnati, vs. defendant Michael Whisen. Dismissed.  
 Plaintiff Fairfield Medical Center, Lancaster, vs. defendant Charles Abram, Junction City. Default judgment for plaintiff.  
 Plaintiff Capital One Bank, Richmond, Va., vs. defendant Ashley Erwin, New Lexington. Dismissed.  
 Plaintiff Perry County Dental Group, New Lexington, vs. defendant Terry Savage, Crooksville. Default judgment for plaintiff.

## COUNTY COURT

**Judge Dean L. Wilson**  
 Frank B. Megawey, 50, Rushville, speeding, \$50 fine.  
 Shane P. Grannon, 34, Crooksville, physical control, \$250 fine, 30 days jail, 27 suspended.  
 Dustin J. Huffman, 33, Newark, driving without consent, \$150 fine, 60 days jail, 47 suspended.  
 Memori L. Moyer, 27, Somerset, theft, 180 days jail, 150 suspended.  
 Keith A. Redfern, 26, Somerset, hit skip, \$250 fine, 90 days jail, suspended OVI, \$750 fine, 180 days jail, 150 suspended.  
 Rick A. Ruffe, 52, Mount Perry, fictitious pleas, \$50 fine, suspended. Seat belt, \$30 fine, suspended.  
 Edward E. Souder, 40,

Somerset, disorderly conduct, \$100 fine.  
 Brian J. Agresti, 34, New Lexington, DOC, \$150 fine, 30 days jail, suspended.  
 Edward E. Lacey, 49, New Lexington, physical control, \$550 fine, 30 days jail, suspended.  
 Jessica L. Anderson, 25, Somerset, OVI, \$850 fine, 210 days jail, 150 suspended.  
 Joshua D. Bergeron, 35, New Lexington, cultivation, \$250 fine, 180 days jail, 90 suspended.  
 Dustin L. Harris, 29, New Lexington, possession of marijuana, \$100 fine.  
 Amber D. Hook, 30, Corning, left of center, \$100 fine.  
 Melvin L. Humire III, 40,

New Lexington, disorderly conduct, \$100 fine.  
 Roger L. Kane, 36, Rossview, failure to confine, \$250 fine, 180 days jail, suspended.  
 Jeremy A. Lipps, 28, Crooksville, assault, \$150 fine, 90 days jail, 75 suspended.  
 Amy S. Moore, 42, Crooksville, dog at large, \$25 fine. Failure to display, \$25 fine.  
 Billy E. Savage, 30, New Lexington, no operator license, \$100 fine, suspended.  
 Robert A. Walter III, child endangering, 180 days jail, 150 suspended.  
 Darrin J. Zinn, 44, Duncan Falls, aggravated trespassing, \$150 fine, 60 days jail, 56 suspended. Criminal damages, \$150 fine, 60 days jail, 54 suspended.

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**PRECIPITATION** — Yesterday — .02  
 Month to date — 1.14  
 Normal — 1.52  
 Year to date — 11.77  
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**TEMPERATURES** — Yesterday — 42  
 Month to date — 39  
 Normal — 45  
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**RECORDS** — FOR APRIL 17  
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**YESTERDAY'S HIGH** — 56, South Valley, Calif.  
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## Newlin

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Carter's death inspired the song, "Think of Laura," by singer-songwriter Christopher Cross. Newlin was not arrested until August 1985. He was sentenced to 27 years to life in prison for aggravated murder and other charges in March 1987, according to court records. On Tuesday, the full Ohio Parole Board met to review

Newlin's case. Despite opposition from the Franklin County Prosecutor's Office, the board elected to release Newlin by June 18 to parole supervision, according to the decision. Newlin's age, time served, response to programming while incarcerated and a good candidate for early release, according to the decision. Jesse Halmet can be reached at (740) 328-8548 or jhalmet@newarkadvocate.com.

## Heart

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What if you're by nature a pessimist? "That's a hard question. There's no magic happy pill," Jackson said. Some research has found that asking people to

smile helps put them in a better mood, Bohan noted, although long-term effects aren't clear. "Sometimes it's hard, particularly in tough economic times, but taking a moment to just relax and enjoy a sunny day might be good heart health," Jackson said.

# GOP wants to cut food stamps in deficit-trimming attempts

By Andrew Taylor  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans controlling the House are eyeing big cuts to food stamps as they piece together legislation to trim \$261 billion from the federal budget during the next decade, hoping to forestall major Pentagon cutbacks.

The cuts to food stamps would reduce the monthly benefit for a family of four by almost \$60, repealing increases that were enacted three years ago as part of President Barack Obama's economic stimulus. The changes also would force up to 3 million people out of the program by tightening eligibility rules, the administration estimates.

The food stamp cuts would total \$8 billion during the coming year and \$34 billion during a decade. The program has been expanded

greatly throughout the past few years — enrollment tops 46 million nationwide, up from about 33 million in 2009 — and now costs about \$80 billion per year.

The average monthly benefit for a family of four is about \$500, according to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, a liberal research and advocacy group.

Food stamps are just one of the cuts Republicans want to muscle through the House as a follow-up to the tight-fisted GOP budget plan approved in March. That measure is nonbinding but instructed six House committees to come up with spending reductions as an alternative to across-the-board cuts scheduled to slam the Pentagon and domestic agencies in January. Those required cuts are a consequence of the failure of a budget "supercommittee" to agree on a deficit-reduction

plan in 2011. House panels are producing legislation this week as the first step to implementing the GOP's budget plan, starting with Judiciary panel action Tuesday on a proposal that would sharply limit damage awards in medical malpractice lawsuits.

On Wednesday, the Ways and Means panel will weigh in with provisions that make it more difficult for illegal immigrants to claim refundable child tax credits by requiring them to have Social Security numbers to prove they are citizens or legal workers. The panel also would eliminate a grant program to states for social services such as day care and would increase the amount of health insurance subsidies under the new health care law that people must pay back if their incomes go up.

The Republicans' deficit-trimming package, while

controversial, is tiny when compared to the \$5.2 trillion in reductions called for by the broader GOP budget during 10 years from Obama's February budget plan.

The smaller legislation taking shape on Capitol Hill would jettison bitterly partisan proposals that would dramatically transform Medicare and sharply cut the Medicaid health care plan for people who are poor or disabled.

"Education, jobs and health care would be slashed," Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi of California said Tuesday of the broader budget. "We know that cuts have to be made. And important spending decisions must be made. But you just can't say, 'Let seniors pay more for Medicare, let's not invest in education and the rest while we give tax breaks to the wealthiest people in our country.'"

## Chorus

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36 N. Park Place, Newark.

The event's theme is The Magic of Music. It will feature barbershop singing and slapstick comedy.

Jim Dumbauld is the president of the group and has been a member for 10 years. Although he had sung in church, he never sang barbershop music until he joined. The group often sings at community events and churches during the summer months.

"I enjoy the camaraderie of the guys," Dumbauld said. "We've got a really good sound, I think."

He credits that sound to their director, Paula Rink. Rink and Dumbauld's fathers sang together in the chorus in the 1950s and '60s. "Paula really knows barbershop music and how to get it across," Dumbauld said. "She makes it fun."

Added Rink: "I just love these guys. I like making music. It's creative. I like making them better."

Each year, the chorus features a different local school singing group, with the Johnstown High School Chorus visiting for this year's edition.

Also featured will be the Cor-Men, a barbershop quartet led by Newark resident Man Hopper. The quartet recently won the Barbershop Harmony Society's Johnny Appleseed District Collegian



The Land of Legend Barbershop Chorus rehearses one of its more animated songs Monday at Trinity Episcopal Church. The group will perform Saturday at the Midland Theatre. JASON LENNARTHE/ADVOCATE

Division against groups from Ohio, Virginia, West Virginia and Pennsylvania.

They went on to compete in the international competition and took seventh place. Hopper is a graduate of Newark High School and Capital University.

Hopper's father, Mike, also was a member of the Land of Legend Barbershop Chorus before his recent death.

The chorus will sing two of the elder Hopper's favorite songs Saturday — "Shenandoah" and "San Francisco Bay Blues."

Each year, the chorus

also selects someone from the group who goes above and beyond to help the organization. This year, that person is Patrick Scarfitti.

"It's fun. Singing is a great hobby," Scarfitti said. "It's a great activity and a natural antidepressant. It's a way to do something positive and have a good time doing it."

The chorus sings the same songs a barbershop quartet might sing, just with more men.

The chorus meets and practices at 7:30 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Episcopal Church.

They always are looking for new members and will hold a guest night at 7:30 p.m. April 23 at the church.

Proceeds from the event pay the chorus' bills, and the group donates to the Salvation Army, the Licking County Coalition of Care and the Licking County Community Health Clinic. The group also sponsors five scholarships for high school students to attend a camp at Ohio State University.

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# It's not easy being green (but it can be)

By MIKE WHITTAKER,  
Knox County Health  
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Educator

I have been passionate about recycling since I was little and growing up in Centerville in the 1970s. I remember going with my dad to the golf courses in town and collecting all the aluminum cans thrown away by avid (but not green) golfers. We would crush the cans with Dad's van to conserve space for all the other paper, plastic and glass to take to the recycling center in Mount Vernon.

My dad taught me the importance of recycling and picking up litter. We would walk along Johnstown Road picking up everything imaginable thrown by careless drivers. Who remembers the crying Native American/pollution commercial from the 1980s? I was making a difference to stop him from crying. I "gave a hoot" and didn't pol-

lute.

When the first Earth Day was observed in 1970, most people didn't care much for going green. Nowadays it seems a common practice in our everyday lives. We recycle without hesitation, especially when recycling containers are available. During the Knox County Fair the opportunity to recycle is evident, minus some lemon shakeups and Styrofoam containers in the mix.

A lot of education still needs to be done about what items can be recycled. The list of items to recycle varies with each recycling company, especially with plastic items. Some companies will recycle No. 1 and No. 2 plastics only; the county's recycling center recycles all numbered (No. 1-7)



Mike Whittaker

bottles, but not bowls and lids. Did you know if you live in the city limits of Mount Vernon you pay for curbside recycling in your trash bill? Every household should have a curbside recycling bin. Just call your local trash hauler and request a bin. Have them provide a list of what goes in the bin.

So what else can you do to go green? It's not hard to reduce your carbon footprint — the lower the better. You can:

Reduce your shopping items that cannot be reused or recycled — avoid extra packaging.

Use a cloth bag for grocery items instead of paper or plastic. Skip the produce bags and twisty ties as well.

Buy organic and local foods, which are often grown in an eco-friendly manner.

Stop buying plastic bottled water and Styrofoam coffee cups and use long-lasting BPA-free containers.

Unplug items in your home when not in use (i.e. call phone, computer, stereo, television).

Start going green on a small scale and build your way up to be a tree hugger. I know the things I do for the environment are being adopted by my children. These green changes remind me of a superhero book series I shared with my kids called, "Michael Recycle." In the books, Michael Recycle swoops in to save the day and convinces everyone to become better stewards of the earth.

To learn more about recycling, come meet your local "Michael Recycle" at the Earth Day Festival April 22 at the Kenyon Athletic Center. Recycling is good for you and good for the community. This is public health.



## Earth Day Festival at Kenyon celebrates healthy people, healthy world

**GAMBIER** — The sixth annual Earth Day Festival at Kenyon College celebrates a healthy planet with more than 60 exhibitors, including local artisans, health experts, environmental advocates, and farm marketers Sunday, April 22.

The free event takes place in Kenyon Athletic Center, 221 Duff St., from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend the Earth Day Festival and take advantage of free parking near the athletic center. The theme is "Healthy People, Healthy

World," and the festival is unique in featuring both environmental and health-related exhibitors.

Entertainment includes a performance by the band Seafire Sun, a children's activity zone, door prizes and farm animals.

Products made from recycled materials will be on display, said Heather Doherty, program manager at the Kenyon Brown Family Environmental Center. Visitors can buy items such as hand bags, jewelry, toys, rugs and home décor made from recy-

clad material at the event. "This helps all of us shop with a cleaner conscience," Doherty said. "We want to invite people to celebrate and connect with resources that make being good to yourself and the planet easy."

Visitors will also learn about various products and services including garden plants, geothermal home energy systems, and where to take the family to enjoy the outdoors in Knox County. Free health screenings will also be available.

About 2,000 people are

expected to attend the festival that includes about 600 runners competing in the Earth Day Challenge Marathon, which is held in conjunction with the festival.

Event organizers include the BFEC, Knox County Health Department, Knox Community Hospital and the Knox County Park District. The Community Foundation of Mount Vernon and Knox County provides financial support. To learn more, contact Doherty at [ddoherty@kenyon.edu](mailto:ddoherty@kenyon.edu) and 740-427-5052.

## CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

### Livestock Wranglers 4-H

The Livestock Wranglers 4-H Club held a regular meeting March 25 at the Hathaway home in Fredericktown. Business discussed included tagging for market lambs and goats, market hog weighing and taggins, skilathlon, a sponsor and T-shirts.

The next meeting will be April 15 at the Hoffel home in Fredericktown.

### Red Hat Teatotalers

Members of the Red Hat Teatotalers met April 5 for lunch at Watta's Restaurant in Utica.

Jane Yarnan greeted everyone. In honor of members' birthdays, Sunny Doup, Sandra McQueen, Dixie Rockwell and Shiril Waring received gifts from their Secret Sisters.

Maxine Fitzpatrick announced that at the May meeting, there will be an auction for items donated from members.

The next meeting will be May 3 at Allison's Finer Diner at noon.

### Monroe-Dan Emmett Grange

Monroe-Dan Emmett Grange 847 met April 2 for its monthly meeting at Grace Brethren Church. The Grange was called to order by Master Lonnie Totten. The minutes of the last meeting and the treasurer's report were read and approved. Knox County Junior Deputy Mary Jewell was present for the annual inspection of the grange. She gave a good report. The opening song was "April Showers."

Thank-you notes were read from hospice and Dan Emmett Elementary third-graders for recent donations. It was announced the Knox County Granges Annual Farm-City Dinner will be held Monday, April 23, at 6:30 p.m. in the Mount Vernon High School cafeteria. President Ambolt and Totten will take the hot meat dishes from Monroe-Dan Emmett Grange. Everyone else will bring a covered dish.

In new business, Ambolt was elected the new lecturer of the grange and Edna Hedrick was elected the new Pomona. Motions were made and approved to give a donation for prizes for the Farm-City Dinner, and to send Ambolt to the Spring Fling Conference at the grange camp.

The closing song was "Blest Be The Tie That Binds."

The next meeting will be May 7 at 7 p.m. The winner of the Scholarship in Agriculture will be present to accept the award. A pizza party will close the evening.

### Backwoods Bunch 4-H

The Backwoods Bunch 4-H Club held a regular meeting April 16 at the Bladenburg fire house.

Business discussed includ-

ed T-shirt designs. Project books were received.

The next meeting will be April 30 at 6 p.m. in the Bladenburg Cemetery, where a community service project is planned.

### Contenders 4-H

The Contenders 4-H Club held a regular meeting April 12, at the 4-H Center in Mount Vernon.

Project books were distributed. Upcoming quality assurance dates were announced. Frozen food orders are due May 1.

Quincey Boone shared a demonstration on the proper way to groom a horse. Miranda Baker discussed her rabbit project, a New Zealand rabbit named Maggie. Whitney Blubaugh gave a safety pres-

entation, discussing the importance of keeping your animal's water buckets clean.

The club decided to go to the Ohio Eastern Star Home on May 10 at 3:30 p.m. to visit with the residents. Members will be bringing some of their pets. This is part of the club's community service project.

The next meeting will be May 10 at 7 p.m. at the Knox County Fairgrounds. Those with horse projects will begin practice at 6 p.m. Some other animal projects will be tagged and/or checked-in that evening as well.

### My Favorite Recipe

#### SWEET POTATO PIE

By Sally Magberry

2 cups sweet potatoes (cooked and mashed)  
1 1/2 stick butter  
3 eggs

1 cup sugar  
1/2 cup salted butter  
2 teaspoons vanilla  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg

Put sweet potatoes, butter, and eggs in mixing bowl; mix well. Add remaining ingredients. Mix well and place in deep dish 9-inch pie shell. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour.

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## REUNIONS

### MYERS AND ST. VINCENT CLASSES OF 1952

The Mount Vernon High School and St. Vincent de Paul Catholic High School Classes of 1952 will hold their 60th class reunion the weekend of Aug. 3 through 5. The class committee is attempting to locate Alice (Hagaman) Hamilton and Carole (George) Jordan. Anyone having contact information for her is asked to contact Richard Lorey at 740-694-8526.

### MOUNT VERNON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1957

The Mount Vernon High School Class of 1957 will hold its 55th class reunion Sept. 22, 2012.

Addresses are needed for the following classmates: Pat Cary, Judy Reed Carpenter, Rod Conkie, Jolee Hunt Culbertson, Gene Lockhart, Tina Angelas Revolos, David Starmer, Janet Klein Stetson and William Thomas. Anyone able to provide information is asked to contact Ernie Rehling at 740-397-5017.

### GAMBIER HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI BANQUET

The annual Gambier High School Alumni Banquet will be held Friday, June 22, at the Mount Vernon Nazarene University. Anyone who attended the Gambier School are welcome to attend the banquet.

Reservations are required. For more information, call Harold Kunkel at 892-9217 or Mary Beer at 427-2096.

### MYERS CLASS OF 1972

The Mount Vernon High School Class of 1972 will be holding its 40th class reunion on Saturday, Aug. 18.

Addresses are needed for the following classmates: Claudia (Banbury) Clemon, Jeff Bird, David Buck, Ella (Bunn) Triche, Colleen (Callahan) Goldwater, Bruce Clark, Patty (Davies) Dismore, Ed Davis, Bonita Dement, Robert Doyle, Peter Dryden, Dale Eddy, Lynn Goodhand, Karen (Gower) Ditty, Julie (Guy) Veach, Joe Hall, Mark Hamilton, Phil Hunter, Darlene (Hysong) Allen, Ruth (Lashmit) Slusher.

Sarah Longaker, Pam Martin, Sally McMahon, Jeff McMillan, Bob Miller, Tina (Moore) Brown, Janice Mossholder, David New, Barbara (Newton) Farson, Patty Shackle, Jenny Skillman, Earl "Sonny" Smith, Bill Smith, Kim Stroud, Edna Stull, Harry Turner, Ginny Vannaso, Marsha Vinson, Penny Wilguse, Kevin Wilmering, Diane (York) Linerman and Susan (Yauger) Meckling.

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## Auction

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"It's a milestone we've been shooting for, and it's grown every year," said Boley, explaining the event has grown to draw between 200 and 300 people annually.

Bidding for the Chinese auction will be held 1-3 p.m. at St. Peter's Catholic Church Community Center, with the drawing to be held 3-4 p.m. An admission fee of \$5 earns participants a sheet of 25 bid tickets plus a door prize stub. Additional sheets of 25 tickets may be purchased for \$1 each, with no limit on the number of sheets that may be purchased. These tickets may be used to bid on general items valued at around \$25.

High end items, valued at \$50 or more, may be bid on using special tickets that can be purchased for \$1 each or six for \$5. They include a Disney children's table and chair set, a 148-piece tool set, a limited edition print and a glass centerpiece table decoration.

A limited number of items valued at more than \$100 will be placed in a silent auction, for which written bids will

be accepted throughout the event.

The silent auction table will sparkle with a collectible commemorative Fenton bell featuring a portrait of John Fenton, which was donated by a Fenton relative. Other silent auction items will include a quilted wall hanging and a Briar Hill stone bench.

Members of the society will offer a bake sale with culinary delights for purchase throughout the day. West Fork Community and Senior Center will provide snacks, sandwiches and beverages for purchase.

Special raffle tickets will be sold for a chance to win a 32-inch high definition television. "It's a good place to mix and mingle and have fun with society members and non-members, and the atmosphere of the whole thing," Boley said. "We always have people waiting at the door, waiting to see what we'll have. It's a great reason to come out, and it helps us out, too."

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## Open

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its vocational rehabilitation programs for job search activities, advanced online training programs, writing resumes and cover letters and to research vocational and health related topics.

"One of the things Goodwill tied into is helping people find jobs," said Police, noting, the majority of companies are having people apply online for jobs, in addition, "almost any job you get anymore you have to interact with a computer at some level."

"It definitely is a good fit with our existing programming. Computer skills are becoming more and more important in job industry," said Carolyn Stefank, director of marketing and public relations for Goodwill of Wayne and Holmes Counties. "The program is going to make sure no one is left behind."

The course work is free and includes six hours of training on computer basics, an introduction to the Internet and an overview of the benefits of using the Internet.

Those who participate can qualify for a program that allows them to obtain a refurbished computer at a reasonable price, said Police. Classes begin in May and take place at the Goodwill Education and Training center, located at 1034 Nold Ave., Wooster. The class series will be offered once a month on Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m.-noon. Adults can register for the training by calling 330-264-1300.

The training is open to any Ohio adult and is being offered at more than 250 locations throughout the state. A full list of training locations can be found at <http://connectohio.org/training-facilities> or by calling 1-855-NOW-I-CAN (669-4226).

## Others

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"I thought it would be fun and would be helpful to the kids in

need. I just thought, I don't know what I want, so I thought I'd do that," she said.

And, since gathering a variety of baby articles — onesies, diapers, toys, cups, bibs, blankets, hair care and grooming items — Kaylee said, "It feels really great. It feels like, wow, this is a really big deal of kids my age wouldn't do."

Since her March 18 party, Kaylee's gotten much praise, and was even presented with a hula hoop, a tribute to her recently demonstrated skills at the Ohio Dance Masters performing arts competition in Cleveland, and a certificate for a private lesson at PDA.

Particularly impressed with Kaylee was Wigg, who noted the items are sure to find a good home. "We're not a charity, but we do see some families who have extra needs."

She praised Kaylee for her efforts. "I think she's amazing. I'm amazed a girl her age is willing to do this," she said.

Likewise, Holmes County Health Commissioner Dr. DJ

McFadden, unable to meet Kaylee in person when she stopped to make her donation and tour the health department offices, said, "I think it's really cool."

"You hear enough stories about what youth aren't doing," he said. "To see this level of maturity and selflessness speaks highly for her and her family."

Kaylee is a fourth-grader at Berlin Elementary School, and although East Holmes Superintendent Joe Edinger said he doesn't yet know her, she's now on his list.

"I'm proud of her. When we really don't need any gifts, and most people don't, how fun to be able to enjoy time with your friends and to get a gift for someone who needs it," said Edinger. "I'm touched by her kindness and inspired that she's making a really adult decision that she doesn't need gift. We can all learn from that. How neat."

"I don't really know her yet, but I'm inspired now to go by and meet her. It makes me wonder what she's like. It's a delight to have her (in the district) as inspi-

ration to other kids," he said.

Despite all the others, there's probably no one more impressed than Chupp.

"It's one of those proud parent moments," she said. "She's the experience was impressive not only for Kaylee, but her friends and their parents, all of whom expressed surprise such a young girl was willing to forego herself to help others."

"It's a good way for kids to see you don't need all of the presents," she said, adding that she and her husband, Jim Chupp, live a life of giving and donating, and it's "nice to be able to pass it down."

As for Kaylee, she says she's likely to do it again and appreciates the praise, but it's not why she did it. "I didn't really do it to have people say 'good job.' I did it to make kids happy and their parents happy."

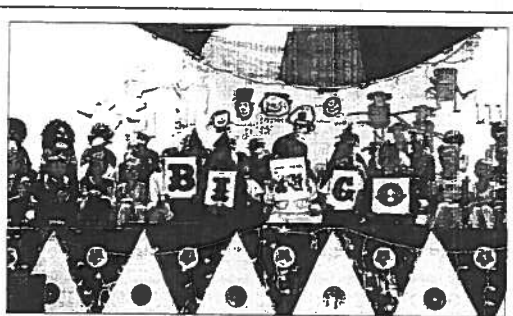
Help Me Grow is a coordinated, community based service that relies upon a team of specialists working together, helping Ohio's children birth to age 3 to become healthy, happy and ready to succeed. The program provides free development screenings, status checks and assessment for qualifying and income-eligible children every six months to help identify any development and health concerns. For more information about Holmes County's Help Me Grow program, call 330-674-0177.

## Park

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A capital campaign is planned, along with several fundraisers to be held in the park.

Berlin residents are invited to review the master plan today (Thursday, April 19), 7-9 p.m. at the Berlin Community Building overlooking the park. Coffee, tea and cookies will be served and Lions will be on hand to answer questions. Visit [www.berlincommunitypark.com](http://www.berlincommunitypark.com) for updates.



KILLBUCK CIRCUS — The circus "dogs" performed a rendition of B-I-N-G-O for a crowd of students, parents and teachers at the Killbuck Kindergarten Circus on Tuesday, April 10.

Kelley Mohr photo/www.bucdphotos.com

## Earth Day will be part of grand opening

By CHRISTINE L. PRATT

Staff Writer

Over the years, Nature's Food Market in Berlin has been celebrating Earth Day with activities and special promotions throughout the store, and this year will be no different.

In fact, it will be even more special since the celebration will be held in conjunction with the Friday and Saturday grand opening of the store's new location.

There will be something for everyone, including a 15 percent

off storewide sale on all products not already on sale; samplings of local and organic products, as well as organic produce, classes and demonstrations throughout both days; and, at 9 a.m. both mornings owner, Zednick Clark will be giving store tours.

Early birds will be in for a special surprise. The first 50 customers to walk through the door each day will receive a free gift, and raffle drawings will be held every hour, with a grand prize drawing at the end of the two days.

To be part of the celebrations, stop by at 4727 U.S. Route 62, on Friday, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., and Saturday 8 a.m.-6 p.m., to check out the savings and join in the fun.

For more information or to contact Nature's Food Market, contact them via email at [naturesinberlin@gmail.com](mailto:naturesinberlin@gmail.com), by phone at 330-893-2006, or like the store on Facebook.

## Abuse

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There were 554 referrals of alleged child abuse/neglect received by the agency in 2010. Of the types of reports investigated, 40 percent were alleged physical abuse, 32 percent were alleged neglect, 19 percent were alleged sexual abuse and 9 percent were families in need of service or courtesy investigations, Jackson said.

In 2011, about 17 children were placed in the custody of a relative until they could be safely reunified with their parents, said Jackson. "This is not only the best placement option for children unable to remain with their parents it also equals an annual savings for the county of \$155,325."

The community breakfast, sponsored by the Ohio Children's Trust Fund, brings together a wide range of people in the county, all of whom share a common interest in serving families and abused children. It is open to anyone in the county. Anyone can register to attend by calling 330-674-1111.

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## Heavens To Betsy

By BETSY KUNSTEL

Glory be, alleluia, spring is here. If we didn't know it by the intermittently warm weather, some days seemed in gleefully belated sunshine, others draped by clouds and sprinkling April showers, we know it by other little signs. I perused stand after stand at the Athens Farmers Market this Saturday, as I typically do, and saw a beautiful sight. Green and red, painted with the colors of blossoms and baby leaves, stalked up haphazardly in a dirt dusted basket, bunches of one of my favorite things in life: rhubarb.

It has been some time since I last wrote about food, which after all is a subject I am deeply passionate about. Mid-April is the perfect time to sing the praises and proclaim the coming of the first harvests, the spring harvests, the most tender of edibles.

I love to romanticize food and the culture that surrounds it. For me, food isn't complete without a plethora of accompaniments to touch each of our other senses, complements to our taste buds. I'll feast up: Right now, as I'm writing, I'm listening to The Carter Family on Pandora Radio. Mother Maybelle and her kinfolk are the perfect soundtrack for rhubarb. Why? Because most people my age, and probably a great number of people in general, would turn their noses up to rhubarb. It is the quintessential antique of a vegetable. It's right up there with miconemot pie, turnips, and prune cake on the list of foods that were saved off the family tree at some point in the last century.

To me, rhubarb is a picnic. Rhubarb embodies the slow pace of country life in late spring, a red and white checkered blanket under an oak tree on a river bank, a picnic basket packed with fried chicken, potato salad, biscuits and a golden crust rhubarb pie. Using rhubarb is an expression of country spirit, or maybe our grandparents' and great-grandparents' spirits, the souls of those who lived in the shadows cast by excess, never seeing its light during their whole lives. Rhubarb is a plant that grows absolutely everywhere, like a weed. Its leaves are poisonous. It's a chalky, fibrous stalk like celery's big bad step-brother. No one should look at a rhubarb plant and think about eating it. Maybe not, but I'm so glad they did.

If reading this is making you reconsider your relationship with rhubarb, I'm glad for that, too. While you probably have to be a devout follower of rhubarb to eat it like I do, baked with honey over a spoonful of creamy Greek yogurt, I think pie is its most flattering application. It is best when simple: One and a half pounds of rhubarb, ends trimmed and cut into pieces, 2 cups of sugar, and a third of a cup of flour. Toss it together and put it in your favorite pie crust. Bake until the pie is bubbly, oozing through the vent holes in the top crust: 400 degrees for one hour should do it. When June rolls around and the strawberries grace us with their most welcomed presence, swap out half the rhubarb for strawberries and reduce the sugar. It'll be like

Sour Punch candy, only like a thousand times better.

Speaking of strawberries, they'll be here before you know it. For the late summer, fall and winter months in my house, we live off of jar after jar of my home-canned strawberry jam and bags of frozen whole strawberries from last summer's harvest. For Father's Day each year, my Dad is treated to a fresh strawberry pie. A flaky bottom pie crust with high fluted edges, full of layered sliced fresh strawberries and home-stewed, thick strawberry sauce made of mashed berries, sugar and cornstarch is used. It's topped with homemade honey sweetened Snowflake Creamy whipped cream, and best eaten on the hottest day of June. If you're looking to stock up on strawberries this year, or your family simply eats them by the bowl full on a daily basis like mine, check out the Chesterhill Produce Auction. They traditionally have a special strawberry auction when the season begins. The regular auction begins on May 19 from 3-4 p.m. with a potluck prior to the first auction of the year beginning at 4.

The Chesterhill Produce Auction is a Morgan County gem that leaves even the greenest of Athenians embroiled with envy. Tom Redfern and Bob Pedyski, along with the auction organizers, volunteers and overseers, are hopelessly, admirably devoted to the auction house that sits at the crest of an understated, yet magnificent hill on Wagoner Road in Chesterhill. Like the arrival of rhubarb and fresh strawberries, I've been waiting all winter for the return of the twice weekly auctions. If you want to experience the romanticizing of food, look no further than the Chesterhill Produce Auction.

Under the agricultural sanctuary of the auction house's blanketing roof, worlds collide in a malleable display of bridging our differences for the benefit of sharing our strengths. The Amish community runs gracefully into a farming community that relies on John Deere and International Harvester, four-door diesel extended cabs, and electric water pumps. The consumers run a spectrum that stretches from high and tight flat toppers to dread locked lovers of organic and natural. Under the cast rays of a heavily setting sun, twice a week these people, as vast and diverse as the selection itself, spread across the concrete slabs, come together because food is a love story to each of them.

This will not be the last time I write about the Auction. I am inspired each and every time I visit, and I shop like a gambling addict, leaving with oodles of things I have no use for, simply because someone was bidding against me and those minutes ago I was going to be mine. Visit the Chesterhill Produce Auction, fall in love with rhubarb - again or for the first time - get ready for strawberry season, and most importantly, enjoy every moment of every spring day. They won't last long.

## Please come join the fight against MS Friday evening

To the Editor:

Winter is over - Spring is here, flowers are blooming and people we know still have MS.

We invite you to come to our Morgan County MS Walk Friday evening at 6 p.m. at the ODNH boat ramp across from the Morgan County Fairgrounds.

Bring your family, your lawn chair and "dine" with us by the river. Help us show Gary Fluharty we can still circle the track once again for the "Circle of Hope." Ginny Bond 100 School Ave. McConnelsville, OH 43756

## Importance of organ donation stressed in April

To the Editor:

You may know that April is Donate Life Month, a nationwide observance to reflect on the importance of organ and tissue donation. But the donation community is not alone in calling April our own. April is also Grilled Cheese Month, home to National Library Week, and includes fun holidays like International Pillow Fight Day and Scrabble Day.

It would seem that every day is cause to celebrate, and I couldn't agree more.

I'm in the business of celebrating life. In the organ and tissue donation community, we regularly see lives cut too short. But we have the opportunity to help families celebrate the lives and legacies of their loved ones by sharing the Gift of Life. We are so thankful for second chances organ and tissue donors afford to transplant recipients everywhere; and we celebrate their lives every day. We are inspired by the renewed spirit for life we see in transplant recipients, and they teach us to live every day to the fullest.

You can join me in celebrating life this April by making the choice to register organ and tissue donor. Just one donor has the potential to save eight lives through organ donation and enhance 50 more through tissue donation. You can register or learn more by visiting [www.life-lineohio.org](http://www.life-lineohio.org).

Whether you commemorate Donate Life Month this April or decide to observe World Penguin Day by visiting your local zoo, I hope you'll take time to celebrate life this month.

Kent Halsey, CEO, LifeLine of Ohio  
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## Appalachian Student Union formed at Ohio University

The Appalachian Student

Union (APSU) is a new group at Ohio University, and I want to make sure every teenager in Morgan County thinking about attending Ohio University knows about it. Sometimes transitioning to OU can be difficult, but we with the APSU would like to offer our support, friendship and knowledge of campus resources.

Our programming includes a speaker series, movie nights, a mentorship program, and advocating for an Appalachian Studies Program at OU. Each meeting, after we discuss these things, we put on the Azeit Brothers or Metallica and tell stories. About getting cars stuck on back roads. About exploding methlabs. About coming to college from the middle of nowhere. About our grandparents. About molten and grassmen

and the way people look at us when we say "y'all" together we can make a Sometimes we do activities brighter tomorrow for our that we feel are culturally region.

Interested in getting humorous, such as making involved? Stop by any lanterns. Always, we leave meeting, or email APSU@ohio.edu today!

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The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio has scheduled local hearings in Case Nos. 11-349-EL-SSO and 11-348-EL-SSO, in the Matter of the Application of Columbus Southern Power Company and Ohio Power Company for Authority to Establish a Standard Service Offer Pursuant to Section 4928.143, Revised Code, in the Form of an Electric Security Plan, and Case Nos. 11-349-EL-AAM and 11-350-EL-AAM, in the Matter of the Application of Columbus Southern Power Company and Ohio Power Company for Approval of Certain Accounting Authority. In the application, the Ohio Power Company seeks Commission approval of an electric security plan filed pursuant to Am. Sub. Senate Bill 221, which was signed into law on May 1, 2008. The bill requires electric utilities to establish a standard service offer and, as part of that process, to file an application for approval of an electric security plan. As proposed in the application, the electric security plan would commence June 1, 2012, and continue through May 31, 2015. According to the application, for all customer classes, customers in the Columbus Southern Power rate zone will experience, on average, an increase of two percent annually and customers in the Ohio Power rate zone will experience, on average, an increase of four percent annually. The application proposes the recovery of other costs through riders during the term of the electric security plan although the costs and subsequent rate impacts are unknown at this time. In addition, the application contains provisions addressing distribution service, economic development, alternative energy resource requirements, and energy efficiency requirements.

The local hearings are scheduled for the purpose of providing an opportunity for interested members of the public to testify in this proceeding. The local hearings will be held as follows:

- (a) Thursday, April 26, 2012, at 6:00 p.m., Oakwood Middle School, 2300 Schneider Road, N.E., Canton, Ohio 44721.
- (b) Monday, April 30, 2012, at 6:00 p.m., at Wolfe Park Shelter House, 105 Park Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43209.
- (c) Tuesday, May 1, 2012, at 6:00 p.m., at Ohio University-Chillicothe, Bennett Hall Auditorium, 101 University Drive, Chillicothe, Ohio 43601.
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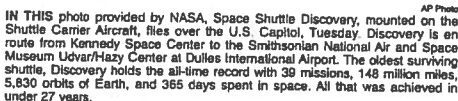
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**Marion Ohio TEA (Teased Enough Already?) Party:** Speaker will be Sheriff Bailey on the topic of Concealed Carry. The public is invited. Marion Area Chamber of Commerce, 205 W. Center St., Marion. 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. 740-802-2813. marionohiocham.org.

## FRIDAY

**Band to perform:** Long Shot will perform Classic Rock. Moen Lodge 682, 374 N. Main St., Marion. 9 p.m.

**Edgar Lee Masters' Spoken Word Anthology:** Being presented by Delaware's Arena Fair Theatre. Via musical interludes, attendees are introduced to a cemetery to the ghosts of those who were inhabitants of this town, and whose souls have gone with them to the grave. Both the sold and humorous sides of life are portrayed, with ballads and the free verse form of Masters. Methodist Theological School in Ohio, 3081 Columbus Pike, Delaware. 7:30 p.m.

## SATURDAY

**AAW Youth Group Breakfast:** Includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee, orange juice, and milk. Pop will cost extra. Tyler Street Mission Church, 578 Tyler St., Marion. 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. for adults and 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. for youth. 740-802-2813.

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## Bishop to reopen 12 parishes

By Thomas J. Sheeran  
Associated Press



Cleveland Bishop Richard Lennon announces Tuesday that 12 closed Roman Catholic churches spared by the Vatican in the Cleveland Diocese will be reopened.

CLEVELAND — Twelve Roman Catholic parishes that were closed by local church officials but then surprisingly spared by the Vatican will be reopened, the Cleveland bishop announced Tuesday.

Cleveland Bishop Richard Lennon said he didn't want to drag out the dispute over the churches' fate, create more uncertainty or divide the area's Catholic community. His announcement was a response to last month's extraordinary Vatican decision to overturn his closing of the

12 parishes, a rare instance in which Rome reversed a U.S. bishop on the shutdown of churches.

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"It's a miracle," said Olga Sabinowska, a Polish-born member of St. Casimir's, where parishioners held weekly prayer services outside the church.

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Across the street, outside his family-owned funeral home, Dan Chambers said the revival of St. Patrick was welcome news.

## LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF

## Drug discussion, medical screenings offered at Kingston

MARION — Kroger Co. pharmacist Butch Smith will discuss prescription medications, and complementary diabetes and blood pressure screening will be offered from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesday at Kingston Residence of Marion, 464 James Way.

Light refreshments will be served. For information, call Bob Goyer, community relations director, at 740-225-9102.

## Proposal to certify plumbers set for public hearing

MARION — The Marion Public Health board will have a public hearing to discuss a proposed change to the plumbing program

registration process at 3:30 p.m. Thursday.

The hearing will precede the board's regular meeting at 5 p.m. in the public health wing conference room of Marion General Hospital.

The proposed changes to the plumbing program registration process would require residential plumbers to be state-certified, according to a news release.

## Jackson promoted at Marion Star's sister newspaper

McLEAN, Va. — Gannett Co. Inc. has announced Louisville native Wesley Jackson has been named publisher of The Courier-Journal in Louisville, Ky., effective Tuesday.

Jackson previously served as vice president of

sales and marketing at The Courier-Journal. He succeeds Arnold Garson, who resigned March 2.

Gannett Co. Inc., the parent company of The Marion Star, is an international media and marketing solutions company that informs and engages more than 100 million people every month through its network of broadcast, digital, mobile and publishing properties.

## Scioto Conservancy board's monthly meeting is April 30

MARION — The Scioto Conservancy District Board will have its monthly meeting at 4:30 p.m. April 30 in the Ag Credit Conference Room, 1100 E. Center St.

## Elgin students play music for Green Camp Seniors

Marion Star staff report

GREEN CAMP — The Elgin Junior High School Concert Band presented the program for the April meeting of the Green Camp Senior Citizens in the township complex.

Thunderstorms thwarted plans for the students to walk from the school to the complex. Twenty students, under the direction of Lance Schwartz, arrived by bus and performed instrumental

numbers and marches. Several students played their selections for the solo and ensemble contest, which was Tuesday at Pleasant High School.

Gerry Lowry has an April birthday, and anniversaries were noted for Donna Plach and Bev Hill. Karen Snyder was a guest.

Travel chairwoman Barb Thompson described a July 20 trip to Put-in-Bay that will leave the Pleasant Center at 6 a.m. on a motor

coach. Participants will take a ferry across Lake Erie and a tram around the island. Cost is \$97.

Kitty Marsh and Holt were selected to arrange table decorations for the anniversary dinner in June.

The next regular meeting is May 1 at the township complex. The Berwick will provide the noon meal of pork chops and dressing. Dr. Roger Winger will discuss opportunities for seniors with hearing problems.

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## Electronics recycling and paper shredding offered at campus

Marion Star staff report

MARION — An electronics collection and paper shredding event is set for 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at The Ohio State University at Marion.

The event, held in conjunction with Earth Week 2012 on the campus, features scrap electronics and TV recycling by Accurate IT, including computers, monitors, copiers and various other devices. Television recycling costs \$15.

There is free pick-up for senior citizens. Call 740-223-4210 to make arrangements.

MARCA Paper Shredding is offering document destruction. They will shred

and recycle up to 100 pounds of paper in exchange for a nonperishable food item.

The event also features education by Marion County Recycling and Litter Prevention and informative recycling displays from Sims Brothers, General Recycling and Nucor Steel.

There will be children's environmental education activities and OSUM Prairie Nature Center Tours. Meet Lucky the Ladybug, Ohio's first lady of litter prevention. Trash bags and work gloves will be provided for volunteers. Patrick Upp's Stix & Stones Mobile Wood Fired Pizza will provide free pizza for cleanup volunteers.



## Makowski, Hartshorn join Delaware County bank

Marion Star staff report

DELAWARE — Kelly Makowski, of Waldo, and Thomas Hartshorn, of Marion, have accepted new positions with Delaware County Bank & Trust Co.'s Delaware Center office, 199 S. Sandusky St.

Makowski is the new banking center manager. She previously was a personal banker at Fifth Third Bank and has worked in the financial industry for more than 16 years. She has extensive experience in customer service, a news release states.

She also has worked for several banks in the Marion area, including JP Morgan Chase, The Marion Bank and State Savings Bank.

She graduated from Pat Marion's School of Business where she obtained her Series 6 Brokerage License and her Ohio Life, Health and Annuity License. She

works with Bridges out of Poverty/Marion Matters, where she serves as an ally to class graduates.

Hartshorn is a new mortgage loan officer in the residential and consumer lending department. He previously was a loan officer at PNC Mortgage and has worked in the financial industry for nearly 15 years and has extensive mortgage loan experience.

He attended Ohio University and Oakland University where he studied business, accounting and economics.

He is a Marion Area Board of Realtors affiliate member, a member of the Marion Area Chamber of Commerce and has been involved in Habitat for Humanity and United Way.

Delaware County Bank & Trust Co. is a \$250 million financial institution that operates 12 full-service locations in Delaware, Union and Franklin counties.

## I CAN offers ACT tutoring

Marion Star staff report

MARION — The I CAN Center of Excellence, a regional college access program, is offering new ACT-targeted tutoring.

The 12-hour workshop provides high school students with personalized guidance to help improve their ACT test scores.

The program will take place on four consecutive Saturdays in three-hour in-

terventions. Sessions will be April 28, May 5, May 12 and May 19, with the option of either 9 a.m. to noon classes or 1 to 4 p.m. classes.

The cost is \$350. Each session will be limited to 10 students.

Classes are taught by Michael Short.

For information, call I CAN Center director Dan Burkhardt at 740-725-6174 or email [burkhardt.ican@yahoo.com](mailto:burkhardt.ican@yahoo.com).

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KEVIN PIERSON/The Marietta Times  
Fred, one of the 51 dogs seized at a Belton residence last week, is shown in his surroundings at the Washington County Fairgrounds Tuesday. Fred was scheduled to be adopted later Tuesday.

## Dogs

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cent of the time, according to officials with Colonial Animal Hospital in Belton.

The disease spreads through contact with an infected dog's saliva or feces, so Schubert and humane society volunteers have isolated and are treating the dog exhibiting symptoms of parvovirus. All dogs at the fairgrounds are being quarantined while being treated for the virus, even if they have not exhibited symptoms.

The virus cannot be spread to humans.

The other dogs seized appear to be healthy and are residing in foster homes, which reduces the cost to the humane society.

One dog, Fred, who is blind in one eye, has already found his new family, as he was expected to be adopted Tuesday.

After the seizure of the dogs, they were moved to

the fairgrounds so it could be determined whether there are additional health risks before moving the animals to the shelter.

"Even though we vaccinate and worm, just because you do that there's always the possibility that that disease can spread. We took every precaution we could," Herron said.

Only three dogs and some puppies seized during the search are residing at the humane society.

Nearly all of the dogs have exhibited some form of parasite infection as a result of the living conditions, but are not in poor overall health. They were well fed and had water, but were drinking from mud puddles where they ingested the parasites.

"A lot of their health problems were internal, that you can't see just by looking at them, like books and whip worms," Schubert said.

Donations of supplies such as food, Clorox bleach and other cleaning materials are welcomed.

## City

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dedicated to streets projects for the last two years.

"It's a gamble, if we don't get the grant the money will have to come from the CDBG," said Councilman Mike McCauley, D-2nd Ward.

Councilman Denver Albright, D-at large, countered, "That \$61,000 could be used to repair alleys and other city projects that need to be done."

Committee chairman Harley Noland, D-at large, agreed with McCauley.

"I'm willing to take the risk," he said.

Noland said he would schedule a meeting next week to make a final decision.

In addition to the energy efficiency grant, Coleman noted that two other grants for the Army Square project want to review the status of their grants.

That includes a Transportation Equity Grant for

\$321,860, and an Ohio River Seaside Byways Grant for \$252,397.

"All of the grantors want to review the timeline, scope and budget for the project," Coleman said. "But only the energy efficiency grant will be re-scored."

In other business Tuesday, Ieri Knowlton, executive director of the Marietta-Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau, filed a quarterly report with council's finance committee.

She said the CVB's annual budget for 2012 included a total projected income of \$401,502, and expenses of \$401,251.

The major portion of the bureau's income would be an estimated \$336,689 from half of the 6 percent hotel/motel lodging tax the city splits with the CVB.

Knowlton said the majority of the projected expenses included \$151,926 for marketing and promotion, and \$141,913 in wages for the bureau's five employees.

## Romney

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ney leading with 42 percentage points, Santorum with 21 percent, and Paul and Gingrich tied with 13 percent each.

Polls were conflicting in the presidential race. The Pew poll indicated Obama currently has a four-point lead over Romney. But the Gallup Tracking poll showed Romney leading Obama by five points.

Local folks had varied thoughts on Romney's apparent nomination—some were supportive, but others, like Zack Pryor, 21, of Marietta, would rather have another candidate.

"I would have preferred Santorum, but Romney has the lead and I suppose he's going to get the nomination," Pryor said on Monday.

He said he voted Repub-

lican in the last presidential election.

"I like (Santorum's) view toward religion more than Romney's," Pryor added. "I feel like Romney has always had all the funding and backing, but he's trying to paint himself as a come from behind candidate. And he's really not."

Meanwhile, Janet Huggins, 75, of Marietta is happy to see her candidate so far ahead of the other GOP contenders.

"I'm Republican and I'm for Mitt Romney—he's really the best guy for the job," she said.

But the views on that are divided within her own family.

Her grand-daughter, 21-year-old Amanda Huggins, a political science student at

from Houston, Texas, favors fellow Texan Ron Paul.

"I'm not particularly a fan of Mitt Romney, and I prefer Ron Paul because I think he's pretty smart," she said. "I hear people say 'Oh, I'd vote for Ron Paul, but he's going to lose.' If all those people would vote for him, he wouldn't lose."

Tim Huggins, 51, also from Houston, agrees with his daughter that Ron Paul would be a good candidate.

"I'd like to see Ron Paul as the nominee if I had the choice," he said. "But if Romney gets the Republican nomination I will vote for him."

Tim Huggins noted that the Texas primary election



T. Huggins



A. Huggins

## Wall

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officer for Morgan County. The traveling wall will be placed on the commons of Ohio 60 on May 23.

At 4:30 p.m. that day, the VFW Post 4713 Motorcycle Riders Club will escort the wall from Zanesville into town. Setup will begin early May 24, and the 370-foot-long by 8-foot-tall wall will be set up by approximately 11 a.m.

The traveling wall is an 80 percent replica of the actual wall in Washington D.C., and having locally will be an emotional experience almost as touching as standing before the real one, said some local veterans.

"I did three tours in Nam," said John Christy, commander of VFW Post 4713 in

McConneville. "It's hard for me to even talk about it, because it's going to be so emotional. I've got a lot of friends on that wall."

Veterans officials in Morgan County have wanted to bring the wall to McConneville for several years, but with a price tag of \$6,000 it hasn't been feasible.

"It's an idea that we had we thought would be a wonderful thing, but we couldn't budget it to do it," Beckert said.

To get the monument to town, the VFW and American Legion posts in McConneville split the cost.

They're also bringing in the Eyes of Freedom: The Lima Company Memorial, from May 25 to 28.

The wall will be open 24 hours. Morgan County will provide security, lighting, restrooms, trash cans, seating and other accommodations. The total cost is expected to

be about \$9,000, with those services included.

Making the trip happen has been a labor of love for the entire community, said Terry Bragg, commander of American Legion Post 24 in McConneville.

"It's just a great thing that way people have come forward to work on this," Bragg said.

Last year the Traveling Wall was in Parkersburg and Athens. Prior to that, the closest it had come was Beaverville in July 2004.

In the mid 1990s a traveling wall appeared in Marietta beside Walmart on Pike Street.

Officials who hosted the wall in Parkersburg estimated that approximately 7,000 people visited the exhibit last year.

The Vietnam War was one of the most controversial actions taken by the United

States. It was met by frequent protests at the time, but veterans of the war have since seen respect.

"I'm proud of what I did for my country, but the country was not proud of us. They are now," Christy said.

Along with the wall, way people have come forward to work on this," Bragg said.

McConneville will have a series of paintings by artist Anita Miller, of Sunbury.

The life-size paintings will be on display in the Morgan County Courthouse.

Eyes of Freedom represents the 23 soldiers of Lima Company 3/25 that were killed in conflict in 2005.

One of those soldiers, Sgt. Bradley Harper, was born and raised in Morgan County and his grandmother still resides there, Bragg said.

"It's just bringing the community together. It's a great time to have it, too — Memorial Day," he said.

## W.Va. joins texting while driving ban

By Pamela Brust  
Special to The Times

PARKERSBURG — Local Highway Safety advocates are pleased with West Virginia's new law that bans the use of handheld cell phones and texting while driving.

With the passage of Senate Bill 211, West Virginia became the 36th state to institute the bans. Under the new legislation, effective July 1, texting while driving will be a primary driving offense and talking on a handheld cell phone will be a secondary offense. Effective July 1, 2013, talking on a handheld cell phone will become a primary offense.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, about 5,500 people were killed and 448,000 injured in 2010 because of "distracted driving," which includes cell phone use and texting while driving. Of the fatalities, 18 percent involved the cell phone as a distraction.

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## Lex council OK's liquor permit for Elks facility

By Mark Caudill  
News Journal

LEXINGTON — The Ohio Department of Commerce will consider a request for a liquor permit from the local Elks lodge.

Before Monday's regular village council meeting, the safety committee recommended approval of the request. Council followed with a unanimous vote. Council president Bob Jarvis and councilman Jeff Price were absent.

Members of the Elks lodge want to rent the banquet hall and use the facility and asked council to approve a liquor permit for the potential renter, the Santa Fe Grill. The Mexican-American restaurant would be open seven days a week for lunch and dinner.

Councilman Kim Little, a member of the safety committee, said the new restaurant would fill a need in the village.

"We don't have any facility that has a tablecloth-serving environment," he said. "That's a nice step in the right direction."

Three people showed up at Monday's council meeting to voice their dissent.

Ben Mutti, a Lexington resident and spokesman for the Richland Community Family Coalition, said society has been stung by alcohol addiction.

"Our hopes are that Lexington would continue to be a family-friendly location and not go down this slippery slope," he said.

Mutti said he is concerned about a possible strain on the police department and the restaurant being 55 feet away from a daycare center.

"We've heard great reviews for this cook," he said. "If he's a good cook, is alcohol really necessary?"

Little said the village has an out if there are problems. "They have wordage in their lease about being disorderly," he said. "The village could cancel the lease."

Little said he didn't have any concerns about the Santa Fe Grill.

"It's more of an upscale facility," he said. "It's not going to be a 2 o'clock beer-drinking type of business."

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## Crestview Prom Court



The Crestview High School Prom Court is pictured Saturday at Ashland University. Front from left: Tanner Graybeal, King Casey Hieserom, Prince Marshall Garber and Brady Glover. Back from left: Ashley Corran, Queen Bethany Ramsey, Princess Kaitlyn Hult and Danielle McQuillen. Submitted photo

## Madison finances still not balanced

By Al Lawrence  
News Journal

MADISON TOWNSHIP — Township trustees will have to hire a private firm to reconcile township financial records.

New Fiscal Officer Sharon Willcox reported at Monday's regular meeting she was unable to bring the township's general fund balance in line with bank records despite help from a private consulting firm.

During trustees' April 2 meeting, officials of the firm outlined their services and offered to review Madison's financial records to see what needs to be done.

Willcox said despite her recent help from a company representative, she was unable to reconcile financial records from December 2011 and the first three months of this year.

"I worked Friday, Saturday and Sunday at home on the (township) laptop to try to reconcile records with the bank account," she said. "I will need some help."

Willcox said she will meet this week with a representative of the Ohio Auditor's office before deciding whether to recommend the state do the reconciliation at \$50 per hour, per person or have a private

company do the work.

Trustees were notified in a Jan. 17 letter from an auditor's representative that the condition of the township financial records was not adequate to proceed with a scheduled audit for 2010 and 2011. They were given 90 days to bring the records into an auditable condition. Trustees have not voted to ask for an extension of the deadline.

In a separate fiscal action, Willcox told trustees the township has received a \$125,000 check for an up-scaled grant that was part of an electric aggregation program voters approved in November.

She also presented her recommendations for allocating the money that included paying off outstanding loans that were taken out to continue township operations and setting aside \$40,000 as a contingency fund for emergency expenses.

Chairman David Spain suggested trustees adopt Willcox's plan as a starting point and "go from there." Although they liked the plan, particularly the contingency fund, trustees Dan Fletcher and Tom Craft said they wanted more time to review it, and no action was taken.

In other business, Madison trustees:

» Agreed to apply for a share of county Community Development Block Grant funds to demolish condemned homes. No dollar amount was suggested.

» Agreed to review a proposal to buy eight radios for township vehicles from Bender Communications for \$4,680 and check prices from other firms.

» Scheduled a special meeting at 6:30 p.m. April 24 on Timber Drive to discuss a possible ditch restoration project with residents. Another special meeting was scheduled for 6:30 p.m. April 30 to discuss fire department finances.

» Voted to give Fire Chief Chris Niswander a verbal reprimand for an April 2 incident. Trustees had "no comment" when asked for details about the incident.

## Cleveland bishop will reopen closed parishes

By Thomas J. Sheeran  
Associated Press

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## NEIGHBORS



### Gordon's 45th anniversary

LOGAN — Tom and Donna (Wade) Gordon of Logan celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on April 16.

Tom retired from Diamond Power Specialty Corp. and Donna is a recep-

tionist at Dr. John Smith's office.

The couple have two children, Jean (Jeff) Vollmer of Logan and Shelley Burns of Logan, three granddaughters, Hannah Vollmer and Candace and Jessica Burns.

### From The Democrat Sentinel formerly serving Logan, Ohio

April 18, 1912 Edition

• The U.B. church held the Southeast Ohio branch of the Women's Missionary Convention the previous Thursday and Friday. About 40 women were in attendance, many being delegates from other churches in places like Columbus, Portsmouth, Circleville, and Canal Winchester. In addition to the regular routine of business, several addresses and other features made the occasion interesting. Dr. Old, medical missionary to China, spoke on the Chinese rebellion. Catharine Wai, a Chinese girl in Oberlin University, sang a song in Chinese. The U.B. board was doing work in China, Japan, Philippine Islands, Africa and Porto Rico, besides several points in the United States.

• In addition to a play, LHS was making preparations for some very excellent musical numbers the coming Friday evening. The play being presented was "The Professor." Some of the musical numbers would be "Gypsy Love Song," "Legend of the Bella" and "Sicilian Chimes."

• In "Hospital Notes," Judge Weitzel of Athens, who at one time was probate judge of Hocking County and for years a well-respected citizen of Logan, was brought to the Cherrington hospital by Dr. Leroy of Athens, for care and treatment. The judge was suffering from a severe type of organic heart trouble and was in critical condition.

• Under the headline Elks take in a class: "On Monday night the Logan lodge of Elks took in a class of five candidates from Straitsville, and

there was a splendid crowd in attendance to witness the wanderings of the unsuspecting tender feet, among the wilderness of thorn trees and cacti. After the recovery from the thorny path to the exalted crown, the roses bloomed and the sun came out bright and beautiful, and an excellent lunch was served in the social rooms. The newly made Elks are Charles Malley, Elmer Marlow, Tom Lynch, Frank Holleran and Charles Essex."

• In Spring Valley, those who visited George Verbeke and family the previous Sunday were Homer Dinison and Mayne Paxton of Lancaster, David Loy, wife and daughter, Hazel and Frank Coffman.

• In Gibsonville, Prof. Frank Poling closed a very successful term of school Thursday, April 4. In spite of the fact that the mumps were prevalent in the community, quite a large crowd was in attendance and an excellent program was rendered by the pupils and teacher.

• An obituary ran for Fannie G. (Bell) Lawrence, who had died in New York, and whose remains were being brought to Logan for interment in Oak Grove Cemetery. She was born in Logan, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bell, at one time prominent citizens of Logan who had been dead for some years. Her sister was Mrs. Eugene Wright, her brothers (deceased at the time) were Alonzo and Frank Bell. Fannie's body was brought to Logan and placed in the recovery vault in Oak Grove cemetery, and interment was pending her sister's arrival.

## Elderly uncle runs up gambling debt

Dear Annie: My 65-year-old uncle, a widower, spends several days a week at casinos. This is no penny-ante stuff. He gambled away everything he ever owned and had to move into subsidized housing.

He is somewhat fatalistic at this point, figuring he won't live much longer and so he wants to have fun. While we recognize his right to spend his money as he pleases, bank statements indicate he is now using credit cards at the casinos. He has run up debt on at least three cards, making only the minimum payments to keep them active. He has no "escape" left to hold responsible for debts after his death and figures everything will be written off. He sees nothing ethically wrong with this.

So, who will get stuck paying for the \$20,000 in credit card debt when he dies? Who pays for the selfishness of his addiction? Why do credit card companies continue to raise credit limits for people his age, and how do they not notice that his charges are almost exclusively coming from gambling institutions? The casinos are no help getting him to stop. They send buses to pick him up. Is there anything I can do?

— Wish He Knew When To Fold 'Em

Dear Annie: If your uncle has no assets at the time of his death, the debt would likely be written off. He could arrange to have himself barred from entering casinos, but he obviously doesn't want to be rescued from his addictions. Credit card companies are in the business of getting people to gamble. They aren't going to be of assistance. You can contact Gam-Anon (gam-anon.org) for support, but understand that that becomes your problem only if your uncle gambles himself into destitution earlier than expected and you end up taking care of him. There's no point to being angry and frustrated. You don't have to admire your uncle, but you can learn to accept him as he is.

Dear Annie: My 2-year-old daughter still sleeps with my husband and me in our bed, and this obviously is putting a damper on our sex life.

We have placed a "big girl bed" in our bedroom, but she won't use it. So we let her fall asleep in our bed and then transfer her to her own. However, most of the time, it's so late that we fall asleep without moving her. Or, she wakes

up in the middle of the night, and my husband puts her back in our bed. Any suggestions?

— Want My Privacy

Dear Annie: Your daughter has learned that she is entitled to sleep with Mommy and Daddy. If you want a different result, you will need to work at it. You cannot simply fall asleep because you're tired, or let her sleep with you because it's easier than training her to sleep in her own bed (preferably in her own room).

This is simple behavior modification. You will need to place her in her bed repeatedly. She's going to cry repeatedly. Be firm and insistent, but not angry. It will take a long time to get her to change her sleep habits, and every time you give in, you'll be starting over from scratch. Talk to your pediatrician about it, and make sure your husband is on board.

Dear Annie: "Frazzled" said her husband had an affair 30 years ago and now has a 17-year-old daughter from that union. Forget the morality of it. The actual aspect is amazing! The fact that his sperm laid dormant for nearly 13 years is what's really important. Find out how he did that, and you will be able to replace cryogenics and make a fortune.

— Curious Dave

Dear Dave: Very funny. For the month obsessed, "Frazzled" said her husband had a "long-term affair" with a 16-year-old girl that began 30 years ago. If the affair lasted 16 years and he broke things off when she became pregnant, the daughter could easily be 17 now.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Mary Sager, longtime editors of the *Ann Landers* column. Please e-mail your questions to [ask@annlanders.net](mailto:ask@annlanders.net), or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 1675 Broadway, Ste. 700, Los Angeles, CA 90046.

## 4-H news

LOGAN — The Hocking Hills 4-H Club held its second meeting at St. John Social Hall in Logan. Twelve members and two advisors attended and roll call was answered with each member's favorite 4-H project.

Following membership enrollment, the club elected the following officers: president Nat Smith, vice president, Meg Smith; secretary, Laine Nakanishi; news reporter, Christie Mader; health and safety officer, Grace Smith; recreation and refreshment leaders, Haley Dixon and Hannah Dixon. Christie Mader gave a safety report on cattle.

## Community Bancshares, Inc. hosts shareholder meeting

LANCASTER — Shareholders attending the annual meeting of Community Banc Inc. held recently learned that their investment yielded a total return of 8.7 percent in 2011. Approximately 150 shareholders were present at the dinner meeting held at the Eagles Events Center in Lancaster.

In his opening remarks, Chairman Thomas D. Will welcomed attendees and thanked them for their support. He reported that the bank continues to perform well in difficult economic times. Will stated, "CBI has a very strong capital position with a capital ratio just over 10 percent."

He then turned the gavel over to CBI Secretary/Treasurer Ben Crow, who informed shareholders that total assets grew 3.7 percent in 2011 to \$727.8 million. Net income rose 13.1 percent to \$5.99 million, and the book value of CBI stocks is \$61.02 per share, an increase of 4.5 percent.

Vinton County National Bank President Ronald Collins presented the state of the bank and outlined goals for the coming year. Assets grew 4 percent to

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Community Bancshares Vice Chairman Steven Hunter shared information and pictures of the new Hocking Hills Banking Center in Logan. He stated that the new building has been well received by the community and business is brisk. Hunter also presented awards to loan officers David Harkins and Trisha Kyr, who met the criteria to become "Fast Track" lenders in 2011.

Community Bancshares, Inc. operates 14 banking offices in Fairfield, Franklin, Hocking, Licking, Pickaway, Ross, and Vinton Counties. The banks operate under the names of Vinton County National Bank, Brannen Banking Center, Ross County Banking Center, Canal Banking Center, Salt Creek Banking Center and Hocking Hills Banking Center.

## Slides of small towns, some gone presented on April 26

LOGAN — The Hocking County Historical Society will present the first program for this year at their April 26 meeting at the museum on Culver Street at 7 p.m.

Mary Ann Reeves will present the presentation consisting of slides of small towns, some long gone and some still in existence, of the area.

Last year she presented a slide show of the former Ladies Comfort Station that once stood on South Mulberry Street. Reeves retired from the Ohio Department of Transportation as a historian and has more than 16 years experience working for the Ohio Preservation office. Guests are welcome.

## New arrivals

LOGAN — Kelsey Skaggs of Logan has announced the birth of her daughter, Remington, who was born April 9 at O'Bleness Memorial Hospital.

## Card shower

LOGAN — A card shower would be appreciated by Dick Mowrey, a patient at Hocking Valley Hospital in Room 310. He will be 89 on Friday, April 20. His address is 601 State Route 664 North, Logan.

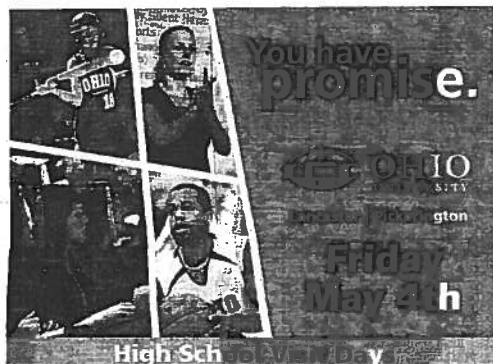
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DEAR BEAUTIFUL IN YOUR OWN WAY: I'll remind them, but it's possible that you're overly sensitive. The person could be referring to a family resemblance, your coloring or a mannerism. A diplomatic response would be, "Thank you. Isn't she a dear?"

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### BIRTHS

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DEAR BEAUTIFUL IN YOUR OWN WAY: I'll remind them, but it's possible that you're overly sensitive. The person could be referring to a family resemblance, your coloring or a mannerism. A diplomatic response would be "Thank you. Isn't she a dear?"

## BIRTHS

## Grey Wellington

WELLSVILLE — Dr. Shane and Lisa Wellington, Wellsville, are announcing the birth of their daughter, Grey McKenzie, April 5 at St. Elizabeth Health Center, Youngstown.

Grey weighed 6 pounds, 2 ounces and was 19.5 inches. She joins a brother, Griffin, 5.

Maternal grandparents are Pete and Joyce Canada, Lisbon; and John and Loretta Jewell, Pineville, La.

Paternal grandparents are Tom Jones, Leetonia; and the late Trina (Long) Jones. Great-grandfather is William Creer, Salem.

## Lydia Jones

LISBON — Kristin Grace and Kevin Jones, Lisbon, are announcing the birth of their daughter, Lydia Marie, April 7 at Salem Community Hospital.

Lydia weighed 6 pounds, 3.4 ounces at birth. She joins a brother, Layne William, 3.

Maternal grandfather is J.D. Creer, Leetonia.

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## Centennial sale

Vendors are being sought for the 25th annual Arts & Crafts in the Park from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. June 23 in Salem's Centennial Park. Spaces are 20 feet by 20 feet and are \$25 or \$35 with an eight foot table and chairs. No electric is available but tents will be allowed. Proceeds from the space rental will benefit the Memorial Building. Call 332-5512.

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## Frozen cows may be blasted

It may take explosives to dislodge a group of cows that wandered into an old ranger cabin high in the Rocky Mountains, then died and froze solid when they couldn't get out.

The carcasses were discovered by two Air Force Academy cadets when they snow-shoed up to the cabin in late March. Rangers believe the animals sought shelter during a snowstorm and got stuck and weren't smart enough to find their way out.

The cabin is located near the Comandrum Hot Springs, a nine-mile hike from the Aspen area in the Maroon Bells-Snowmass Wilderness area.

"Obviously, time is of the essence because we don't want them degrading," U.S. Forest Service spokesman Steve Segin said.

## SAN DIEGO

## Marine returns for missing wife

Cory Killgore, a Marine whose wife is missing under suspicious circumstances, is returning from Afghanistan as attention has shifted to a fellow Camp Pendleton Marine.

Search-and-rescue teams continued their search for 22-year-old Britany Dawn Killgore in a canyon near Fallbrook, Calif. She has been missing since Friday.

Police questioned Louta Ray Perez, 45, a Marine at Camp Pendleton, who was arrested Sunday on suspicion of possessing a stolen weapon, an AR-15 assault rifle.

## OMAHA, Neb.

## Buffett says he has prostate cancer

Warren Buffett told his company's shareholders in an open letter Tuesday that he has been diagnosed with early-stage prostate cancer.

The 81-year-old billionaire investor and CEO of Berkshire Hathaway Inc. said his condition is "not remotely life-threatening" or debilitating. He said he and his doctors have decided on a two-month treatment plan that is to begin in mid-July.

## LANSING, Mich.

## Lottery winner charged with fraud

A 25-year-old woman who continued to collect food stamps after winning the Michigan state lottery's \$1 million "Make Me Rich" game show has been charged with two felonies for welfare fraud, Attorney General Bill Schuette announced Tuesday.

Amanda Clayton, whose use of a food stamp bridge card was uncovered earlier this year, was to be arraigned Tuesday on charges of failing to inform welfare officials of her winnings or the fact that she was employed for five months in 2011.

• From news reports •

## Rubio's immigration push potential lift for GOP

By DONNA CASSATA  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Florida Sen. Marco Rubio's push for a Republican version of immigration legislation looks like the answer to the election-year prayers of the GOP — and Mitt Romney.

Rubio — telegenic son of Cuban exiles and potential vice presidential pick — is pulling together a bill that would allow young illegal immigrants to remain in the United States but denies them citizenship, an initial step in the drawn-out, divisive fight over immigration policy and the fate of the 11 million people here illegally.

The freshman senator calls his evolving legislation a conservative

alternative to the DREAM Act — the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minorities measure. That Democratic-backed bill, which is overwhelmingly popular with Hispanics, would provide a pathway to citizenship to children in the United States illegally if they attend college or join the military. The measure came close to passage in December 2010 but has languished since then.

"We have to come up with an immigration system that honors both our legacy as a nation of laws and

also our legacy as a nation of immigrants," Rubio told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

An immigration plan from Rubio, the GOP's best-known Hispanic, could help Republicans make some headway with the fastest growing minority group and its 21 million eligible voters, many concentrated in the contested presidential battleground states of Florida, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada and Colorado.

Democrats maintain a significant political advantage with Hispanics, numbers that were only strengthened by the harsh rhetoric from Republican presidential candidates in this year's primary. Hispanics overwhelmingly backed Barack Obama over Republican presidential nomi-

nee John McCain, 67-31 percent, in the 2008 presidential race and they favored Democratic congressional candidates 60-38 percent in 2010, according to exit polling. A Pew Research Center survey out Tuesday showed Obama with a solid edge over Romney among Hispanic registered voters, 67-27 percent.

It's a reality the likely Republican presidential nominee recognizes.

"We have to get Hispanic voters to vote for our party," Romney told a private fundraiser in Florida on Sunday in which he insisted the GOP needs an alternative to the DREAM Act. He warned that a significant number of Hispanics backing Obama "spells doom for us," according to NBC News.

## GOP wants to cut food stamps to trim budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — House panels are producing legislation this week as the first step in implementing the GOP's budget plan, starting with Judiciary panel action Tuesday on a proposal that would sharply limit damage awards in medical malpractice lawsuits.

On Wednesday, the Ways and Means panel will weigh in with provisions to make it more difficult for illegal immigrants to claim refundable child tax credits by requiring them to have Social Security numbers to prove they are citizens or legal workers. The panel would also eliminate a grant program to states for social services such as day care and would increase the amount of health insurance subsidies under the health care law that people must pay back if their incomes go up.

The Republicans' deficit-trimming package, while controversial, is tiny when compared to the \$5.2 trillion in reductions called for by the broader GOP budget over 10 years from Obama's February budget plan. The smaller legislation taking shape on Capitol Hill would jettison bitterly partisan proposals that would dramatically transform Medicare and sharply cut the Medicaid health care plan for the poor and disabled.

"Education, jobs and health care would be slashed," Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi of California said Tuesday of the broader budget. "We know that cuts have to be made. And important spending decisions must be made. But you just can't say, 'Let's not pay more for Medicare, let's not invest in education and the rest while we give tax breaks to the wealthiest people in our country.'"

## LEGAL NOTICE

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The evidentiary hearing will commence on Tuesday, May 8, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, Hearing Room 11-A, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

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Associated Press

In this image made Monday from video, kindergarten Salecia Johnson, 6, is shown at her home near Milledgeville, Ga. Police in Georgia handcuffed the kindergarten after the girl threw a tantrum, and the police chief is making no apologies.

## Kindergarten handcuffed for tantrum

By JEFF MARTIN  
The Associated Press

ATLANTA, Ga. — Police in Georgia handcuffed a kindergarten girl with her arms behind her back after the girl threw a tantrum and the police chief defended the action as a safety measure.

The girl's family demanded Tuesday that their central Georgia city change policy so other children aren't treated the same way. They say the child was shaken up by the ordeal.

While it's unusual to see a young child handcuffed in school, it's unheard of. School officials around the nation have wrestled with the issue of when it's appropriate to call police on a student.

Salecia Johnson, 6, was accused of tearing items off the walls and throwing books and toys in an outburst Friday at Creekside Elementary School in Milledgeville, according to a police report.

Police said a small shelf thrown by the child struck the principal in the leg during the fit. The child also jumped on a paper shredder and tried to break a glass frame, the police report states.

The school called police. When an officer tried to calm the child in the principal's office, she resisted, police say. She "was

restrained by placing her hands behind her back and handcuffed," a police report states.

A juvenile complaint was filed, accusing the girl of simple battery and damage to property.

The police department's policy is to handcuff people when they are taken to the police station, regardless of their age, Interim Police Chief Dray Swicord said. He said the child was restrained with steel cuffs, the only kind the department uses.

"The reason we handcuff detainees is for the safety of themselves as well as the officer," he said Tuesday.

The girl's aunt, Candace Ruff, went with the child's mother to pick her up from the police station. She said Salecia had been in a holding cell and complained about the handcuffs.

"She said they were really tight. She said they really hurt her wrists," Ruff said. "She was so shaken up when we went there to pick her up."

The police chief said the girl was taken to the police department's squad room, not a holding cell, and officers there tried to calm her and gave her a Coke.

Officials at Creekside Elementary did not immediately return calls Tuesday.

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# Ohio town plans museum for area's Indian artifacts

By Steve Kanne  
The Cincinnati Enquirer

NEWTOWN — The tall white brick building that was constructed in 1841 as a Baptist church and later became Newtown's firehouse deserves its historic status.

But what's beneath this building is even more historic.

It sits on an American Indian mound dating to about the year 700. The builders of that Baptist church discovered skeletons of prehistoric Indians as well as artifacts when they dug a hole for the basement. The only indication today of a mound is a slight rise in the ground around the building.

Visible signs of the prehistoric Indian societies that flourished in Newtown and its surrounding area for thousands of years exist beneath many of the village's buildings and streets and above ground in fields, woods, parks and cemeteries.

"Just about anywhere you dig in Newtown, you're going to come upon a prehistoric Indian archaeological site," said Ken Tankersley, an assistant professor of anthropology at the University of Cincinnati.

The entire town is basically one very large cluster of archaeological sites that span 13,000 years of pre-history. The old firehouse, which has been vacant since firefighters moved to a new Little Miami Joint Fire and Rescue District facility in December, soon will showcase the rich prehistoric past of this village of 2,672 residents. With a \$300,000 state grant, the village plans to convert part of the old firehouse into a museum devoted to the display of prehistoric Indian artifacts found in Newtown and the surrounding area.

It will be the first exclusively American Indian museum in Greater Cincinnati. The closest museum to Cincinnati displaying American Indian artifacts exclusively is the one at the Fort Ancient State Memorial in Warren County's Oregon. Part of the Cincinnati Museum Center features an American Indian artifact collection.

"We have a rich Indian heritage in Newtown," Mayor Curt Cosby said. "We just think it's appropriate that we have something to recognize that."

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Ken Tankersley, an assistant professor of anthropology at the University of Cincinnati, walks down the American Indian mound at the Oddfellow Cemetery in Newtown. The cemetery is called the Fagg Spring Cemetery and has gravestones dating back to the early 1800s. With a \$300,000 state grant, the village plans to convert part of a firehouse into a museum devoted to the display of prehistoric Indian artifacts found in Newtown and the surrounding area. (COURTESY THE CINCINNATI ENQUIRER/KEVIN)

Newtown officials expect the American Indian museum to open in a year to 18 months. The village is consulting with architects on a preliminary design for the museum. A design must be approved by the Ohio Facilities Cultural Commission.

Once the firehouse is renovated, the village will move its administrative offices into part of the building and set up the museum in another section. The police department, which now occupies part of Village Hall, will spread out to fit that building.

Village Hall is across the street from the old firehouse. Built in 1876, it's also on top of an Indian mound that, like the one under the old firehouse, is discernible only to anthropology and archaeology experts with knowledge of Newtown's prehistory.

The \$300,000 state grant Newtown received four years ago for the Indian museum will cover all renovation costs. For the administrative offices, the village will use money it has been saving for the project. Cosby said no cost has been estimated yet for the relocation.

Newtown plans to augment its own Indian artifact collection with donated or loaned artifacts from local residents and possibly from the Cincinnati Museum Center and Harvard University's Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology. The Peabody Museum has a large number of artifacts that were excavated from this area in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

In many undeveloped

Little Miami River valley, too — especially in what is now Mariemont.

What made Newtown such an attractive place to prehistoric people was its

location on high ground at the confluence of the east and west forks of the Little Miami River. "Water was vital to their life," Tankersley said.

The changes in the course of the Little Miami over thousands of years caused the Indians to move to different parts of the Newtown area, he said.

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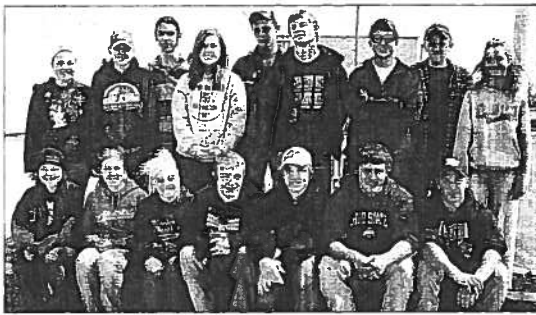
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## Day of Service

Members from the Hardin Northern FFA who provided community service during spring break through the FFA's Day of Service were Hannah Fisher, Savannah Perkins, Erica Jones,

Brock Spearman, Hayden Bradley, Chris Obenour, Trevor Pichard, Bethany Fisher, Shannan Perkins, Vukun Grkovic, Tiffany Breidenbach, Levi Paxton, Dustin Duval, Austin Douglas, Jared Hen, and Courtney Acton.

## HN FFA does community work

On the first day of spring break, 16 Hardin Northern FFA students decided to do something for the community through the FFA's Day of Service.

Students worked with the Dunkirk Community Bridgeport Church, and Blanchard Township to make the community a little better. They helped organize and

clean the Hardin Northern Community Building, swept streets and picked up brush for the Village of Dunkirk, raked sticks at the Common Ground Campground and for individuals throughout the town, organized the Food Pantry, and picked up trash along some of the Blanchard Township roads.

In all, the students worked a total of 64 hours of community service.

The students enjoyed being able to provide a service to organizations and individuals who needed help. In all this year, Hardin Northern FFA members have provided more than 1,000 hours of community service to various organizations and individuals.



## hardin county 4-h news

**HARDIN HOPPERS and BARNYARD FRIENDS**  
Hardin Hoppers and Barnyard Friends met at the fairgrounds. The meeting was opened by President Logan England.

The minutes were read and approved. Erin Busby gave the treasurer's report and it was approved. Pledges were led by Erin and Steven.

The club was given information on the 4-H candle sale. They can do it on their own as we do not do it as a club. They can earn money for camp this way.

A demonstration on make-up was given by Logan England. Braden Bradley gave a report on the importance of hand washing to control germs.

Enrollment forms were turned in. Everyone was reminded of rabbit auction on April 14 in Lima. Angela for Seniors was discussed and some donations were collected.

There were 12 members, four advisors and three guests in attendance. The motion to close was given by Braden and Erin. Members then played Duck, Duck, Goose led by Jake. Refreshments were served.

## 'To Kill A Mockingbird' topic at Fortnightly Literary Club

The Fortnightly Literary Club met at the home of Bev Wilcox on April 13. Refreshments were served by Bev and Rita Radway during the social hour.

President Jane Kraft opened the meeting with a selection of quotes from President John Adams that were in keeping with the themes of this month's book, "To Kill A Mockingbird" by Harper Lee.

Roll call was taken with each member relating something about themselves from the early 1960's the period in which our book was published. Secretary and treasurer reports were given and approved. Marie Sprang from the Literary Committee was congratulated by the group for the book choices this year. She will continue on the Literary Committee with new committee members Kay Doll, Jean Bruner and Bev Wilcox.

Charles Crites from the General Committee confirmed plans for the spring luncheon to be held in Bellefontaine at the Black Tie Restaurant on May 11. Members not present at the meeting should contact Carol for information and reservations.

Diane Smith and Penni Smith discussed the plans for the combined club luncheon in June. Materials designed and created by Penni were presented and enthusiastically received by the members. That function will be held on June 15 at the Inn at Ohio Northern University in Ada. Invitations to Culture Club and Minerva have been posted. We hope many will join us as we begin the celebration of our 100th year.

New business included a request from Leah James for assistance in supporting the YSA effort to open and maintain the Kenton Municipal Pool. Additional memberships are needed to meet their goal. Committee members for next year were selected. With the exception of the Literary Committee, committees and officers will remain the same for the 2012-2013 year. The business meeting was then concluded.

ed by Jane. Michele Oates opened the discussion of "To Kill A Mockingbird" with some general information about the book and author. Not simply a Pulitzer Prize winner, this book is an industry. Thousands of websites can be accessed for author, history, discussion, quotes and scholarly instruction. Translated into 40 languages, the book has sold nearly 50 million copies worldwide. According to author Charles Levens, in an article in "The Smithsonian" in 2010, "In surveys asking what one book every civilized person should read, 'Mockingbird' routinely finishes second to the Bible. And in one, it up and finished first."

Not surprisingly, author Harper Lee, native of Monroeville, Ala., and story-line extraordinary, was silenced by all the acclaim. Imagine trying to top this juggernaut of modern literature. She never published again, to our great loss. It was with courage that this woman of the South portrayed her neighbors and friends. Maycomb, her fictional town, can be seen in the bones of the Monroeville courthouse, remembered dusty streets and harsh descriptions of the endemic prejudice that resided there. A tourist Mecca now for lovers of the book, Monroeville must have drawn in its breath in 1960. Interestingly, Harper Lee still lives there.

The story, narrated in the adult voice of little Scout Finch, reflects on the events of three summers and an autumn in Scout's childhood. Controversial when published, the book deals with racism, alienation, abuse and violence. Some credit this book as a catalyst, even a rallying cry for the civil rights movement at its inception. As the story begins, Scout, her brother Jem and their friend, Dill, share their childhood adventures in the climate of intolerance that pervaded

ed many Southern towns in the 1930s, the era of their young lives. They are guided by Scout and Jem's father, Atticus, an attorney and respected figure in their community whose greatest gifts are his love for his children and his passion for justice. When he defends a black man, Tom Robinson, against a charge of raping a white woman, both he and his children are subjected to the malevolence of the townspeople for whom the verdict is preordained. Innocence cannot protect Tom, nor can Atticus. For the children, especially Jem, who is nearing adolescence, the verdict is an indictment of their whole town.

Subsequent events are even more harrowing, but the book and its young protagonist have a gentleness that permits the reader to get through and still walk with Scout as she rattles her stick along the old fence that front the neighboring houses. As unforgettable as Scout and her family, Boo Bradley, their neighbor and savior, is one of those characters in literature that we carry with us always. The subject matter may be dark, but this book is full of small kindnesses, loving relationships, humor and humanity.

Every member present had read the book at least once. Most had seen the film of the same name. Nearly everyone had a favorite moment or quote that they wanted to share. The conversation had the flavor of people describing a meeting with old friends. Harper Lee said she wanted to be the Jane Austen of the South. While not so prolific, she and Ms. Austen shared the ability to reflect the mores and culture of their times in the mirror of literature. We recommend you take a look.

The next meeting of the Fortnightly Literary Club will be the spring luncheon on May 11. Jane brought the meeting to a close with a poem by Mary Lou Johnson in celebration of the club's 50th anniversary in 1963.

## Benjamin Logan FFA competes at state

The Benjamin Logan FFA competed at state on March 31 in several career development events.

The equine team is currently in third place and will compete on May 1 for overall placing. Hayley Powers placed third. Other members that contributed to the team were Lane Bowman, Taylor Miller, Tabitha Schuster, Cassandra Coll, and Kelsey Savage.

The general livestock team

placed 16th overall and the highest individual was Tyler Myers who placed 18th. Other members that contributed to the team were Cody Logan, David Watson, Jacob Willis, Delanie Barnes, Wes Shepherd, and Tyler Mullins.

The nature interpretations team placed 18th overall and the highest individual was Cory Letter placing 48th. Cody Weber also contributed to the team. The wildlife team placed

32nd overall and the highest individual was Cayleb Harpest placing 57th. Other members that contributed to the team were Alec Felty, Hunter Cowell, and Josh Vinson.

The dairy judging team placed 42nd overall and the highest individual was Hayden Ackley who placed 178th. Other members that contributed to the team were Chance Coll, Katelyne Ackley, and Kyle Ackley.

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## social calendar

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

Kenton Lions Club - 6:30 p.m. at Jolene's Cozy Cafe.  
TOPS Ohio 1032 - 6:30 p.m., Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

Lynn Valley Farmers 4-H Club - 7 p.m. at Lynn Township Hall. Election of officers.

Weight Watchers - 6 p.m., Kenton Dental Care, 121 N. Detroit St. Weigh-in starts 1/2 hour earlier. No appointment necessary. Call 800-651-6000 for more details.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

AA open discussion - noon at St. John's United Church of Christ.

AA and Al-Anon ACOA Hope - 7 p.m. at St. Mark Lutheran Church, Ada.

AA Fellowship - 7:30 p.m., Big Book/12 and 12, First United Methodist Church, 234 N. Main St., Kenton.

Alzheimer's Support Group - 5 p.m. at Wilkinson Daycare Center.

Painter Creek Grange - 7:30 p.m. Baking contests. Those not baking, take this or that for refreshments. Turn in pillowcases, pop tabs and eyeglasses.

Liberty Grange - 7:30 p.m. at Liberty Baptist Church, corner of Ohio 235 and CR 20, Ada. Inspection and travel program.

McDonald Grange - 7:30 p.m., to Liberty Grange for exchange program at church beside former hall.

Weight Watchers - 5:30 p.m. at Bellefontaine Center, Bellefontaine. Weigh-in starts 1/2 hour earlier. No appointment necessary. Call 800-651-6000 for more details.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

Hardin County Retired Teachers Association - noon at conference room 7 next to the Washing Well, Main branch, Ohio Northern University. ONU pharmacy students will speak on Alzheimer's. Students will also be available to answer questions about medications that retired teachers are taking.

## Medication Disposal Day - April 28, 2012

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When: Saturday, April 28, 2012 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Where: Hardin Memorial Hospital - Parking Lot of the Medical Office Bldg. 75 Washington Blvd., Kenton. Enter off of Memorial Ave. and exit onto East Franklin St.

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## Rose Hill alum makes dean's list

WILMORE, Ky. — Maeghan Elisabeth Cartmill of Ironton, was named to the fall 2011 semester dean's list at Asbury University in Wilmore, Ky., with a 3.6 GPA.

Cartmill is a double major in media communications and creative writing with a minor in theater cinema performance.

Cartmill is a 2011 graduate of Rose Hill Christian School. She is the daughter of Darrell and Teresa Cartmill of Ironton and the granddaughter of Bill and Ruth Browning, also of Ironton, and Jim Cartmill of Winchester, Ky.

## Marshall board approves tuition increases

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. (AP) — The Marshall University Board of Governors has approved increases for tuition and fees and on-campus living starting next fall.

Undergraduate tuition and fees will increase \$141 per semester for in-state students, \$225 for out-of-state students and \$285 for students from 15 neighboring counties in West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky.

A \$145 increase in room and board rates also was approved.

Those attending Marshall's medical school will see their tuition and fees increase \$302 per semester for in-state students and \$702 for out-of-state students.

Marshall President Stephen J. Kopp said Tuesday that while the board faces the challenge of keeping tuition affordable every year, the university continues to provide an exceptional value to students.

## Suit claims old W.Va. strip mine polluting streams

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. (AP) — The owner of a reclaimed mountaintop removal mine site is being sued by environmental groups who claim untreated water discharges from the property are polluting streams.

The Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition, West Virginia Highlands Conservancy and the Sierra Club filed the lawsuit Monday against Boone East Development Company in U.S. District Court in Huntington.

According to the lawsuit, the reclaimed property near Cannerton in Payette and Kanawha counties is discharging water containing high levels of selenium and other pollutants into tributaries of Smithers Creek, in violation of the Clean Water Act.

The lawsuit seeks civil penalties of up to \$87,500 per day for each violation. It also asks the court to order Boone East Development to determine the environmental damage and remedy the contamination.

A message left at a Mount Hope telephone listing for Boone East Development wasn't immediately returned Tuesday morning.

The former Bulpash Mountain mine, opened in 1970 by Carlemin Industries, was West Virginia's first mountaintop removal mine, the lawsuit said.

In 2005, the mine's state permit covering 2,000 acres, was transferred to Jacks Branch Coal Company. Mining operations later ceased and the property was reclaimed. Boone East Development is the current owner, the lawsuit said.

## STAFF REPORT

DECATUR TOWNSHIP — A slip repair project is slated to begin on State Route 93 near the Elizabeth/Decatur township line in the near future.

Contractors for the Ohio Department of

Transportation will commence lane restrictions Thursday.

According to Ohio Department of Transportation District 8 Deputy Director Vaughn Wilson, crews from Shelly and Sands Incorporated will begin operations and reduce

traffic to one, nine-foot lane at the route's 14-mile marker.

The project site is situated between the route's north and south junction with State Route 373, north of Pedro and County Road 41 (Buckhorn Superior Road). Throughout

construction, traffic will be maintained with the use of temporary traffic signals.

Shelly and Sands was awarded a contract in the amount of \$382,000 to complete the project, and it is anticipated to be completed by late July or early

August. For information on additional lane and road closures caused by construction, accidents, flooding or other related traffic events throughout the state, visit Buckeye Traffic on ODOT's web site at [www.buckeyetraffic.org](http://www.buckeyetraffic.org).

## Grad

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led, they could hear the teacher working with another class. By the time the younger student got to the next grade, they had advance knowledge of the subject matter. And learning came easy to Elliott.

When he started high school, it was at Hitchens High School in Hitchens, Ky. But his high school years were short-lived: his father insisted he quit school and stay home with him to work the farm.

In his sophomore year, Elliott did just that, walking seven miles in the middle of the day to get home once he made up his mind to help his dad. But he never stopped learning, even if those bus trips to Hitchens High School had come to an end.

And Elliott never meant that this would be an end to his education. He planned to get that high school diploma some day, some way.

## Many paths

When he was 19, Elliott left the farm for a job of duty in the U.S. Navy. He began at Great Lakes, Ill., and spent a little more than 3 years in service. He began as a cook and later trained to run the Naval Post Office. When the opportunities came, Elliott took advantage of as many as he could. He took a typing class to help him better do his postal job. He went to school

nights and worked days. When courses were offered Elliott signed up. He loved learning. He got his General Equivalency Diploma. And he got some experiences a country boy from Hitchens, Ky., had never had. His naval years took him to New York City, California, Oklahoma and Hawaii. He remembers some California experiences in particular.

"I was paid \$96 a month," he mused. "I lived in a motel and ate in restaurants."

After his tour of duty in the navy, Elliott went back to work at General Refractories in Carter County. He spent 13 years there and then got in the Boilermakers union. He retired from the boilermakers in 1984.

And he answered the call to preach.

He took theology classes for three years and became a Church of the Nazarene minister. His duty to God led him to churches in Kentucky and Ohio. He was associate pastor with First Church of the Nazarene in Ashland, Ky., during the late 1960s and 1970s, during that church's phenomenal growth. He also pastored at Grace Church of the Nazarene in Russell, Ky. He has been in the ministry 65 years.

Along the way, he often combined work experiences with formal education. He took classes for three years

at the University of Rio Grande.

"I've always loved school, loved books," Elliott said. "I always liked the challenge. All my life I've been in some kind of training."

## An idea

Four or so months ago, the Rev. Tim Throckmorton, former pastor of Plymouth Heights Church-of the Nazarene, where Elliott is a member, suggested that Elliott parlay his wealth of life experiences and his formal education into a degree through the newly established Adult Degree Completion Program at the University of Rio Grande.

At first Rio Grande officials wanted Elliott to take a three-and-a-half hour course before getting his diploma. But once they more closely scrutinized his varied work experience and after reading

a letter Elliott wrote to them, "They told me I didn't need to come to school," Elliott said with a smile. His degree will be a bachelor's in business management.

Mark Abell, dean of enrollment management and registrar, said Elliott is clearly in a class by himself in more ways than one.

"I'm going to go out on a limb. I've been here 40-plus years and he is the oldest I can remember," Abell said. The program is designed for people who have some formal education and a wealth of job experience and want to use both to get a diploma.

He conceded Elliott's, "very, very unusual," Abell said. "Generally we don't get people with

the life experiences Mr. Elliott has had."

As for the Rev. Elliott, the coming weeks will be a time of cap and gown fittings and college functions.

"I go May 4 for a graduation commencement rehearsal," he said. And then the next day, he gets to throw his mortar board in the air with the other graduates who have yet to get out on the road of life that Elliott, in his nearly 90 years, has already traveled many years ago.

Elliott's advice to young people today? Time spent in school is valuable. Education is valuable. Learning is something you do for life.

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## Sign

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"About two months ago we got a phone call right at closing time on Friday that a stop sign was down on Township Road 114," Cade said. "As soon as we know a stop sign is down, we take care of it."

However, a recent crash study may provide information that will allow law enforcement to monitor those areas where removing signs has been a habitual problem.

The study started two months ago to catalogue accidents according to cause.

"Was it because of improper signage or because of speed or someone was under the

influence," the engineer said. "We will know what those areas are."

That data, compiled by the Traffic Safety Analysis Systems and Services of Grove City, will be presented on April 27 at a KYOVA Interstate Planning Commission meeting.

"This will help us to identify the hot spots where we need to either improve safety through signage or brush clearance or let law enforcement know these are areas that are hot spots," Cade said. "Signs are not for the people who live around here. Signs are for people who are not from around here. If you are not familiar with that area, you won't know to stop."

## 911

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year. Lawless was contacted for comment but could not be reached.

"My feeling is, it should be zero," Carey said. "When Don Mootz was over 911 he tried to get the city to join and at that time it was zero (at that time)," Carey said. "We already have a fund-

ing mechanism in place and that's the half-percent sales, tax. So I feel like we already pay for the service. If it had been up to me, we would have been with 911 years ago."

Carey said he will discuss the matter with city council and Mayor Rich Blankenship.

City council must give its approval to any such plan.

## LOCAL/REGION



photo courtesy of Beth Pagan  
Josh and Lindsey Sams are shown at Walter Reed Army Medical Center with their dog Clark.

### Sams benefit raises \$80,000; other good news surfaces

OCM News Service

USMC Cpl. Josh Sams and his wife, 2004 Hillsboro High School graduate Lindsey (Miller) Sams, have had two days of wonderful news.

On Saturday, a fundraiser for the Marine who lost both of his legs Jan. 11 when he stepped on an improved explosive device in Afghanistan, raised \$80,000 for Sams and his family, and Tuesday, Lindsey announced on Facebook that her husband was supposed to be fitted for his prosthetic legs later in the day.

"We have wonderful news," Lindsey said in her posting. "We were not expecting this today but Josh is getting fitted for his legs today. They said he should be taking his first steps by the end of next week! We are so emotionally excited! Can't believe the day has come for this step. He is off the pain meds and all of his wounds are healing great! Can't have a much better day! The prayers and support (have) worked! We love you all!"

In total, about \$80,000 was raised Saturday for the wounded Wilmington Marine and his wife. More than \$55,000 was raised directly at the event, used Help From Home. Through local initiatives, including a yard sale/auction held in Lebanon earlier this month and business donations, Operation Thank You started the evening with a check for more than \$22,000. The local fundraisers also presided at a check for \$3,500.

All proceeds benefited Sams. The Roberts Centre hosted more than 1,000 supporters, said Jen Andorfer, a member of the group comprised of family and friends who organized the benefit for Sams. They call themselves Josh's Unit.

"I'm just so proud of Wilmington," Andorfer said. "This was Wilmington. They showed up and had a great time and we made great money, but it's all because of Wilmington — it's why we live here. They're always there to take care of their neighbors."

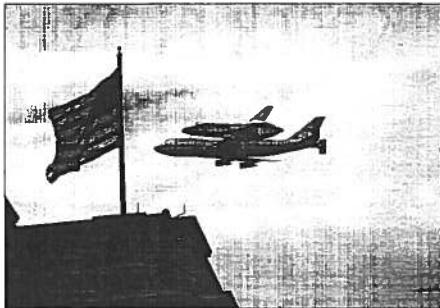
Sams was on routine patrol when he stepped on an IED and was rendered a double amputee. Since, he has been a patient at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Maryland. Andorfer's goal of raising \$40,000 throughout the evening was easily exceeded by attendees bidding high on auction items and digging deep into their pockets for everything from 50/50 raffles (\$3,500 total raised) to cupcakes and sandwiches. Smokey Pig BBQ sold more than 400 sandwiches and donated all the money, she said.

By the time the auction began at 7 p.m., the ballroom was packed, with standing-room only.

Many people from outside Wilmington attended, but it was a locally focused effort, Andorfer said. "It's amazing with the condition that Wilmington is in right now."

Sams said by phone Monday that he didn't know what to expect, but thought it might be pretty big.

"It's pretty overwhelming," he said. "I don't know 1,000 people. It's humbling and nice to know the community's behind you like that."



Hitching a ride on top of a special NASA Boeing 747 jet, the space shuttle Discovery soars past Capitol Hill in Washington, during a flight from Cape Canaveral, Fla., Tuesday. Discovery, the world's most-traveled spaceship, now becomes an attraction at the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum's Stephen F. Udvar-Hazy Center in Chantilly, Va., next to Dulles International Airport.

## Space shuttle Discovery lands at new museum home

Discovery 'salutes' nation's capital before last landing

The Associated Press

CHANTILLY, Va. — Space shuttle Discovery soared around the Washington Monument and the White House in a salute to the nation's capital Tuesday before landing for the last time near its new museum home.

The world's most traveled spaceship took off at daybreak from Cape Canaveral, Fla., bolted to the top of a modified jumbo jet for the trip. Three hours later, the pair took a few spins around Washington at an easy-to-spot 1,500-foot altitude before the retired shuttle was grounded for good.

The combo landed at Dulles International Airport in northern Virginia. Discovery will be towed Thursday to the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum annex near the airport.

Thousands of people lined the National Mall between the Washington Monument and the Capitol to get a view of the shuttle as it circled times times, surprising watchers each time. The Capitol's balcony was loaded with onlookers and people stood on rooftops. Construction workers staked out prime viewing spots on cranes.

"That's fantastic. That's wonderful. Look at it — you can see the name on it,"

gushed Sorrena Sorenson, a geology curator who works for the Smithsonian Institution, whose museum line the mall.

For 43 years, she has carried an Apollo 11 medal on her key chain.

"This to me is just so bittersweet," she said.

NASA ended the shuttle program last summer after a 30-year run to focus on destinations beyond low-Earth orbit. Discovery — the first leader with 39 orbital missions — is the first of the three retired space shuttles to be turned over to a museum for display. It first launched in 1984.

Terri and Bill Jacobson of Bethesda, Md., used the shuttle's flyover as a teaching experience for their home-schooled son Riley. They calculated the speed, angle the shuttle and plane would bank and other factors to figure out just where would be the perfect viewing spot.

They saw the shuttle appear from behind the Washington Monument, seem to go behind the old clock on the Smithsonian castle and then fly a bit above the Statue of Freedom on top of the Capitol.

"On my God, look at that," Terri Jacobson said as the shuttle first appeared. "That thing is mammoth."

When Discovery departed Florida's Kennedy Space Center, nearly 2,000 people — former shuttle workers, VIPs, tourists and journalists — gathered along the old shuttle landing strip to see Discovery off. A cheer went

up as the plane taxied down the runway and soared into a clear sky.

The plane and shuttle headed south and made one last flight over the beaches of Cape Canaveral — thousands jammed the shore for a glimpse of Discovery — then returned to the space center in a final salute. Cheers erupted once more as the pair came in low over the runway before finally turning toward the north.

Astronaut Nicole Stott, part of Discovery's final crew, watched with her crewmates as the shuttle departed. "Smiling on the outside," she said in a tweet. "DC bound. Take great care of her!"

Discovery's list of achievements include delivering the Hubble Space Telescope to orbit, carrying the first Russian cosmonaut to launch on a U.S. spaceship, performing the first rendezvous with the Russian space station Mir with the first female shuttle pilot in the cockpit, returning Mercury astronaut John Glenn to orbit, and bringing shuttle flights back to life after the Challenger and Columbia accidents.

At the Smithsonian annex, Discovery will take the place of the shuttle prototype Enterprise. The Enterprise will go to New York City. Endeavour will head to Los Angeles this fall. Atlantis will remain at Kennedy.

### Hillsboro Police Dept. Reports

On April 10 at 5:05 p.m. the Hillsboro Police Department investigated a 3-car collision on North High Street. William Ball, Timothy Young and Sherry Jones, all of Hillsboro, were traveling north on North High Street.

Mr. Ball advised that traffic was heavy and he had noticed that it had come to a stop. His foot had slipped off the clutch while driving. His 1993 Saturn. Mr. Ball made impact with Mr. Young who was driving a 2005 Ford Ranger and the impact caused Mr. Young to collide with Mr. Jones causing damage to her 2005 Dodge. No injuries were reported. All vehicles received moderate damage. William Ball was cited for unsafe clear distance ahead.

At 3:02 p.m. a crash was reported in the 200 block of North High Street. David Horsley of Stett was driving a 2001 Chevrolet southbound on North High Street and failed to see that traffic was stopped ahead of him. Mr. Horsley collided with Michelle Shinkle of Hillsboro causing moderate damage to her 2012 Nissan. David Horsley was cited for unsafe clear distance ahead. No injuries were reported.

On April 12, Thomas Carlier, Fayetteville, driving a 2002 Mercury, was traveling northbound on North High Street and failed to stop for a 1995 Jeep that was stopped in traffic to make a left turn and was driven by Theya Platt, Blue Creek. Carlier was taken to Highland District Hospital by the Hillsboro Life Squad and was cited for unsafe clear distance ahead.

On April 13, Ronnie Adams, Deer Run Road, driving a 2006 Toyota, was traveling northbound on North High Street and failed to stop for a 2006 Chevrolet that was stopped in traffic and was driven by Jane Jovanovic, North 8th Street, Greenfield. This caused the Jovanovic vehicle to strike a 2011 Chevrolet that was stopped and was driven by Gina Gray, Hickory Trail, Hillsboro. The three vehicles received visible light damage.

On April 14, Dylan Campbell, Delhi Street, Mowbrystown, was driving a 1998 Toyota southbound on South High Street and failed to stop for a 2001 Saturn that was allowed to turn and was driven by Daniel Cummings, South High Street, Hillsboro. Campbell was cited for unsafe clear distance ahead.

On April 14, Walmart called and advised that they had two subjects detained that had taken various items from the store and left without paying for them. Two juveniles from the Hillsboro area were arrested for theft.

Arrests April 14

Ronald Moore, 38, U.S. 62, Hillsboro, was cited for license plate required and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Julie Chaney, Toddman Road, Leesburg, for driving under suspension and improper backing.

On April 15, Allison Hootner, South High Street, Hillsboro reported that Friday night someone had cut the wires and took her mattress dish from the side of her residence.

Arrest April 15

Tiffany Adams, 36, Mirabeau Street, Greenfield, bench warrant.

On April 16, Jim Miller, Water Street, Hillsboro, reported his property was entered and an 8-foot long angle iron was taken.

On April 16, Richard Toile, South Street, Leesburg, reported leaving his wallet at Walmart Pharmacy. When he returned, the wallet was located and the cash had been removed.

On April 16, Patricia Wright, Bigelow Street, Hillsboro, driving a 2001 Saturn, was northbound on North High Street when she failed to stop for a 2002 Ford that was stopped in traffic and was driven by Sarah Nicole Ray, Concord Road, Hillsboro. Wright was cited for unsafe clear distance ahead.

On April 16, Denise Lawwell, Blatter Road, Greenfield, driving a 2007 Lincoln, was attempting to back from a parking space in the 100 block of South High Street and struck a 2008 Mini Cooper that was being driven by Desiree Slater, Northfield Drive, Hillsboro. Lawwell was cited for improper backing.

Arrests April 16

Cheisie Metzger, 24, Junction City, was cited for DUI, DWI and speed.

Thomas Adams, 33, Northview Drive, Hillsboro, cited for bench warrant.

Jacqueline McLaughlin, 33, Mad River Road, Hillsboro, for bench warrants.

Shanendova Slesky, State Route 753, Hillsboro, cited for failure to yield at a stop sign.

On April 14, Walmart

## NOTICE

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## In Memoriam

### Mabel Stethem Bailey

Mabel Stethem Bailey, 91 years of Hillsboro, died April 13, 2012, at the Highland District Hospital.

She was born at Sinking Spring on March 18, 1921, the daughter of the late Lowell and Hazel (West) Stethem. Beside her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Edward D. Bailey, on Feb. 3, 2005; one granddaughter, Lellani Lorette Dill; one brother, Howard Stethem; one great-grandson, Seth Thomas.

She is survived by one daughter and son-in-law, Martha and Dalton Shannon of Elizabeth City, N.C.; three grandchildren, Monique Arlene Everett of Elizabeth City, N.C., Toni Shannon of Chesapeake, Va., Mark Shannon of Norfolk, Va.; eight great-grandchildren, Monica Lorette Dill, Makayla Arlene Baggert, Miranda Ann Everett, Madison Christian Everett, Kari Claycomb, Noah Claycomb, Zach Thomas, Alex Shannon.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Thursday at the Thompson Funeral Home in Hillsboro. Pastor Curtis Randolph will officiate with burial to follow in the Saints Cemetery near Sinking Spring.

Friends may call Thursday from noon to 2 p.m. at the Thompson Funeral Home. To sign our online guest book, please visit us at [www.thompsonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.thompsonfuneralhomes.com).

### Kathleen "Katie" E. Fraizer

Kathleen "Katie" E. Fraizer, 64, of Greenville, died early morning April 17, 2012, at Heartland of Greenville.

Mrs. Fraizer was born in Dayton on March 17, 1928, the daughter of the late Wesley and Elizabeth (Davies) Wright. She was a retired retail sales clerk. Kathleen was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Greenville, and the Eagles Lodge Auxiliary #2177 of Greenville.

She collected Baby Harp Seals and Penguins and enjoyed being with her family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Alex V. Fraizer, who died Oct. 11, 1964; sister Lillian Franzer; and brothers Orville and Charles Wright.

She is survived by numerous nieces and nephews. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Greenville, at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday with Fr. David Vincent officiating.

Family will receive relatives and friends one hour before the services at the church. Committal services and burial will be held Friday 1 p.m. in Resurrection Cemetery, St. Louis, Mo. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to State of the Heart Home Health & Hospice, 1350 N. Broadway, Greenville, Ohio, 45331 or Darke County Chapter of the American Red Cross, 130 Martin St., Suite 6, Greenville, OH 45331. Condolences may be sent to [kfrizer@funeralhome.com](mailto:kfrizer@funeralhome.com).

### Karen A. Tabor-Miller

Karen A. Tabor-Miller, 64, of Shallot, N.C., and formerly of New Madison, passed away at her home.

A graveside service with full military honors will be held on Saturday at 2 p.m. in Greenmount Cemetery. Condolences can be sent to the family at [www.braundfuneralhome.com](http://www.braundfuneralhome.com). Services are entrusted to Braund Funeral Home in New Madison.

## Pork chop dinners selling April 21

**NEW MADISON** - A pork chop dinner will be served by the Sons of the Legion at the New Madison American Legion Post 245 on April 21.

Cost is \$6. The meal is from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m.

Served, in addition to pork chops, will be cheese potatoes, green beans and fruit cocktail.

There will also be a 50/50 drawing.

## Police Reports

**PROVIDING ALCOHOL TO MINORS** - A Greenville woman claims that her juvenile son received intoxicating liquor from an adult person and consumed that liquor at the person's residence on East Third Street at approximately 5 p.m. March 26.

**VEHICLE THEFT** - A red 1999 Mack truck belonging to St. Henry Tile Co. was stolen from 3410 State Route 49 South between April 7-9.

**BURGLARY** - Carissa Foster of Greenville alleges that someone forced entry into her home and removed a 47-inch flat screen television and damaged a door frame between 1 and 2:30 p.m. April 9.

Ashley Hood of Greenville told officers someone entered her residence and removed a 32-inch television and a Dell Lat. 120L on April 7 or 8.

Shane Crawford Jr. of Greenville advised that someone entered his unlocked residence and took a Dell laptop with charger between 4 and 7 a.m. April 12.

**CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** - Jerry Cowan of Greenville reported that someone smashed the windshield on his auto with a large rock April 8 or 9 at an address on Martin Street.

Angela Martin of Greenville told police officers someone damaged a door frame at her residence at 12:15 a.m. April 14.

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## Services

**ESTHER M. FRITZ** - There will be a service held Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at Zecher Bailey Funeral Home, Greenville, with Pastor Alan Knoke officiating. Burial will follow in the Greenwald Cemetery, Versailles. Family will receive friends Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home. It is the wishes of the family that memorial contributions be given to the St. John Lutheran Church Building Fund. Condolences for the family may be expressed through [www.zecherbaiiley.com](http://www.zecherbaiiley.com).

**KATHRYN DISMEIER** - A graveside service will be held in Greenville Cemetery on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Alan Knoke officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Zecher Bailey Funeral Home, Greenville. Memorial contributions may be directed to St. John Lutheran Church or the Brethren Retirement Community. Condolences may be expressed through [www.zecherbaiiley.com](http://www.zecherbaiiley.com).

**A. CHRISTINE MESCHER** - Visitation will be from 5 to 6 p.m. today at the Reichard Funeral Home Inc., 400 W. Deerfield Road, Union City, Ind. Mass is set for 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Union City, Ind., with Fr. Father Mike McManis as celebrant. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society with envelopes available at the funeral home. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.reichardfuneralhome.com](http://www.reichardfuneralhome.com).

**DOROTHY A. BARBA** - Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Louis Catholic Church, North Star, with Fr. David Zink, officiating. Burial will follow in St. Louis Cemetery, North Star. Friends may call at the Hogenkamp Funeral Home, St. Henry today from 2 to 8 p.m. and on Thursday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the church. Memorial may be directed to State of the Heart Hospice. Condolences may be left at [hogenkampfuneralhome.com](http://hogenkampfuneralhome.com).

## Seeger earns Hospice credentials from national organization

### DARKE COUNTY

Elaine Seeger, director of clinical services for State of the Heart Hospice, was recently granted new credentials by the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization. Seeger, a resident of P. Lormie, is now a Certified Hospice & Palliative Care Administrator (CHPCA).

The test for the credentials was in March and was very intensive. The CHPCA credentials reflect that Seeger has met the high standards set by the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization which is based in Alexandria, Virginia.

Seeger has been with State of the Heart since 2001. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing, earned at Franklin University in Columbus. Her career with State of the Heart began as team coordinator at its agency's Coldwater office and she remained in the position until she was promoted to director of clinical services in 2004. Seeger and her husband Bruce are the parents of four children and have four grandchildren.

For more information about any of the services provided by State of the Heart Hospice, call 888.17.7335 or visit the agency website at [www.stateoftheheartcare.org](http://www.stateoftheheartcare.org).

With offices in Greenville, Portland and Coldwater, State of the Heart cares for patients and families in eastern Indiana and western Ohio who are confronting a life limiting illness. Its non-profit agency has provided hospice care for more than 30 years to area communities.



Elaine Seeger

## Nestlé recalls Stouffer's lasagna frozen entrées

**WASHINGTON** - Nestlé Prepared Foods Company, a Gaffney, S.C. establishment, is recalling approximately 16,890 pounds of Stouffer's lasagna frozen entrées that may instead contain stuffed peppers, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced today. The stuffed peppers contain Worcestershire sauce made with anchovies, a known allergen that is not declared on the lasagna labels.

The following products are subject to recall:

- 19 1/8-oz (542-g) cartons of "Stouffer's Lasagna Italiano" with a "best before" date of "JAN 2014"

Shipping cases of "Stouffer's DS SITO Peppers," each containing 12 cartons that may be labeled with "Stouffer's Lasagna Italiano." Each carton and case bears the establishment number "EST 7991." The cartons and cases also bear the package code "13495955131T" or "13495955135." No other package codes are affected by this recall. Additionally, each 19 1/8-oz. carton contains an identifying retail UPC code "13800 44709." The products subject to recall were produced on Dec. 15, 2011, and were shipped to retail establishments east of the Mississippi River.

The problem was brought to the company's attention by two consumer complaints. The problem may have occurred when the lasagna packaging materials remained in the packaging machinery when the company began packaging stuffed pepper entrées. FSIS and the company have received no reports of adverse reactions associated with consumption of these products. Individuals concerned about a reaction should contact a healthcare provider.

FSIS routinely conducts recall effectiveness checks to verify that recalling firms notify their customers of the recall and to ensure that steps are taken to make certain that the product is no longer available to consumers.

Consumers with questions about the recall should call Nestlé Consumer Services at 1-800-392-4057.

Consumers with food safety questions can "Ask Karen," the FSIS virtual representative available 24 hours a day at [AskKaren.gov](http://AskKaren.gov) or via smartphone at [askkaren.gov](http://askkaren.gov). "Ask Karen" live chat services are available Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. ET. The toll-free USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854) is available in English and Spanish and can be reached from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern Time) Monday through Friday. Recorded food safety messages are available 24 hours a day.

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## Death Notices

**Margaret Marie Anderson**  
Margaret Marie Anderson, 79, of Pomeroy, Ohio, went to be with the Lord on April 16, 2012.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, April 20, 2012, at the Anderson McDaniel Funeral Home in Pomeroy with Pastor Sam Anderson officiating. Burial will follow at Graham Cemetery. Visiting hours will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home.

**Clodus Burdell Buck**  
Clodus Burdell Buck, 79, of Leon, W.Va., passed away Monday, April 16, 2012.

Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 21 at Raynes Funeral Home in Buffalo, W.Va. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home.

Raynes Funeral Home, 2117 Buffalo Rd., Buffalo, WV is in charge of arrangements.

**David L. "Sam" Sprouse**  
David L. "Sam" Sprouse, 79, of West Columbia, W.Va., died April 17, 2012, at Pleasant Valley Hospital.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 21, 2012, at Wilcox Funeral Home in Point Pleasant. Burial will be held in Kirkland Memorial Gardens.

**Anna Rowe Wines**  
Anna Rowe Wines, of Westerville, formerly of Racine, passed away on April 15, 2012, at St. Ann's Hospital in Westerville, Ohio.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 19, 2012, at the Anderson McDaniel Funeral Home in Racine with Rev. Bill Marshall officiating. Burial will follow in the Letart Falls Cemetery. Family and friends may call from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18, 2012, at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Anna's name to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, 322 Eighth Ave., 7th fl., New York, NY 10001.

## ASK DR. BROTHERS

# Quiet girl has trouble in college

Dear Dr. Brothers: I'm quiet and an excellent student from a small high school. I had a few close friends and was active in several clubs, where I worked in the background. Now that I am in college, my parents suggested I try to make more friends and be a little more outgoing by joining a sorority. I tried, but none of them wanted me. I am not sure what to do now. I feel lonely and homesick, and the only time I really feel good is in my classes. —P.D.

Dear P.D.: I'm sorry you are having trouble adjusting to college. It's something everyone goes through, and until you find your niche, it can be a lonely ride. Many students think of college as a time for brand-new beginnings, when they can reinvent themselves because nobody knows them, and they count on a transformation of some sort to make them happy. It isn't clear if you had something like that in mind, but when you tried the sorority route, it was at the urging of your parents. That process is difficult enough when you are motivated, but if your heart wasn't in it or you really

were a good fit with those people, it is not surprising that you weren't successful.

It's hard not to take rejection personally, though. Now is a good time to start with your classes, which are a positive environment for you, and see if you can reach out to a few of the other students and get to know them. Find the same type of clubs you liked in high school and offer your help. You don't need to change to please your parents. They will be happy if you are happy, and being true to yourself will be the best path for you to follow. Don't be afraid to ask for help if you are having trouble coping. There are many services for students struggling with their adjustment to college.

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Dear Dr. Brothers: My grandmother has always been an inspiration to me. Now that I am middle-aged, she is approaching her mid-90s. I am concerned about her happiness. She's still clear-headed and engaged in the world, even though she can't do much about her health issues and the ravages of aging. She often says she is not going to live much longer. Other than these kinds of statements, she doesn't really seem depressed. Can you give me any insight about this? —F.S.

Dear F.S.: Without knowing your grandmother, it's hard to say exactly what she's thinking or feeling, so trusting your relationship with her and your instincts probably is the best course. But just from the brief general description you have given me, I would guess that your grandmother is doing well for her age and is living life as fully as possible. Since



Dr. Joyce Brothers  
Syndicated Columnist

she has always been an inspiration to you, it is likely that she is a strong woman with the mental energy to keep herself interested in the family and her world, however small it has become during the past few years. Anything you can do to keep that good attitude going will be of benefit to her.

Just talking about the past often is comforting to very old people. You can chat with her regularly and look at photos or clippings she may enjoy that remind her of good times, as well as bring young people in your family to visit her regularly. That will help keep her focused on the present, and should be a happy experience to share. But don't be too uncomfortable with her matter-of-fact predictions about her upcoming death. It doesn't mean she is depressed, just realistic. Researchers studying aging at the University of Iowa, recently surveyed a group of older people, including some who were past 100, and concluded that the very old may feel helpless or useless because of their physical condition, but not necessarily depressed.

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## Ohio Valley Forecast

Wednesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 68. Calm wind becoming south around 5 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 43. Calm wind.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 77. Calm wind becoming south around 5 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 50. Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 77.

Friday Night: A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 49. Chance of precipitation is 50 percent.

Saturday: A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Cloudy, with a high near 62. Chance of precipitation is 50 percent.

Saturday Night: A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 40. Chance of precipitation is 40 percent.

Sunday: A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 40. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Monday: A chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 59. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

## Local stocks

AEP (NYSE) — 37.99  
Akzo (NASDAQ) — 19.37  
Ashland Inc. (NYSE) — 63.46  
Big Lots (NYSE) — 45.32  
Bob Evans (NASDAQ) — 37.35  
BorgWarner (NYSE) — 83.59  
Century Aluminum (NASDAQ) — 8.40  
Champion (NASDAQ) — 0.93  
Charming Shoppes (NASDAQ) — 6.03  
City Holding (NASDAQ) — 33.31  
Collins (NYSE) — 58.55  
DuPont (NYSE) — 53.40  
US Bank (NYSE) — 31.55  
Gen Electric (NYSE) — 19.34  
Harley-Davidson (NYSE) — 49.37  
JP Morgan (NYSE) — 43.90  
Kroger (NYSE) — 23.69  
Lid Brands (NYSE) — 48.86  
Norfolk So (NYSE) — 69.05  
OVBC (NASDAQ) — 18.09  
BBT (NYSE) — 31.26  
Peoples (NASDAQ) — 17.31  
Pepsico (NYSE) — 66.40  
Premier (NASDAQ) — 7.88  
Rockwell (NYSE) — 79.81  
Rocky Brands (NASDAQ) — 13.57  
Royal Dutch Shell — 68.94  
Sears Holding (NASDAQ) — 57.38  
Wal-Mart (NYSE) — 61.87  
Wendy's (NYSE) — 4.85  
WestBanco (NYSE) — 19.84  
Worthington (NYSE) — 18.71

Daily stock reports are the 4 p.m. ET closing quotes of transactions for April 17, 2012, provided by Edward Jones financial advisors Isaac Mills in Gallipolis at (740) 481-9441 and Lesley Marrero in Point Pleasant at (304) 674-0174. Member SIPC.

## Gallia County Community Calendar

**Card shows**  
Ivan and Betty (Hawley) Lane will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on April 19. Cards may be sent to 4165 Bladen Road, Gallipolis, Ohio 45631.

**Wendell and Lilla Hiner** will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on April 21. Cards can be sent to 1122 State Route 218, Gallipolis, Ohio 45631.

**Mabel Phillips** will be celebrating her 90th birthday on April 22. Cards may be sent to 14840 State Route 7 South, Gallipolis, Ohio 45631.

**Calvin Vaughn** will be celebrating his 90th birthday on May 4. Cards can be sent to him at 4483 Faber St. New Albany, Ohio 43054.

**Mary Maxine (Kemper) Forner** will celebrate her 88th birthday on May 4. Cards may be sent to her at 138 Buld Morton Rd., Apt. 201, Gallipolis, Ohio 45631.

**Waverly, Ohio** — The Area Agency on Aging District 7 Board of Trustees Meeting will be held at Bristol Village in Waverly. For more information about time or other details, call (800) 562-7277.

**GALLIPOLIS** — Keep Gallia Beautiful meeting, 12 p.m., Saint Peter's Episcopal Church.

**Thursday, April 19**  
**GALLIPOLIS** — American Legion Post 27, SAL Squadron 27, will nominate and elect officers. All members are urged to attend.

**GALLIPOLIS** — The Gallia Academy Stadium Kick-off event will be held at 7 p.m. in the GAHS auditorium. The event will include the unveiling of the stadium drawing and plans, as well as performances by the GAHS band and Madrigals.

**Friday, April 20**  
**BIDWELL** — The newly-chartered Ohio AFSCME Retirees, Gallia and Jackson counties, Sub-charter 102 will elect officers at their next membership meeting at 11 a.m. at the Ken Riley residence at 4629 State Route 850, Bidwell, in Springfield township. All retired public employees who were mem-

bers of Ohio Council 8, OCSEA, and DAPSE are invited to attend.

**GALLIPOLIS** — Semi-annual clothing giveaway at New Life Lutheran Church, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., 900 Jackson Pike. Everyone welcome. Children's clothes are limited, therefore parents must have proof of child by bringing him or her or by presenting a birth certificate or other form of identification.

**LETART, W.Va.** — Jam session, 6:30-10 p.m., Letart Community Center.

**Saturday, April 21**  
**GALLIPOLIS** — A viewing of the movie "A Night to Remember," 2 p.m., Bostard Memorial Library.

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**GALLIPOLIS** — Clothing giveaway, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Calvary Christian Center, Inc., 553 Jackson Pike, Gallipolis, back of church, in the interim.

**Thursday, April 24**  
**RIO GRANDE** — The next meeting of the Southeastern Ohio Safety Council will be held at noon in the Davis University Center Conference Room C at the University of Rio Grande. BWC awards will be given out.

## Church

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during their evening service, 7 p.m.

**NEW HAVEN, W.Va.** — Duet and Ashes performing, 9:45 a.m., New Haven United Methodist Church, 511 Fifth Street, New Haven, W.Va.

**Wednesday, May 2**  
**ADDISON** — Prayer meeting at Addison Freewill Baptist Church, 7 p.m. with Rev. Matt Smith preaching and Gideon Speaker Dr. Jon Sullivan.

**GALLIPOLIS** — Bible study, 7 p.m., Missa Ministry Baptist Church on Neighborhood Road, Ralph Workman teaching.

**Friday, May 4**  
**ADDISON** — Gospel in the Park Concert at the Gallipolis City Park, 7 p.m. Special singing by GloryLand Believers and Others. Bring your lawn chair.

**Sunday, May 6**  
**ADDISON** — Sunday School at Addison Freewill Baptist Church, 10 a.m. Sunday evening service, 6 p.m. with Pastor Rick Barcus preaching and special singing by Violet Maynard Family.

**Wednesday, May 9**  
**ADDISON** — Prayer meeting at Addison Freewill Baptist Church, 7 p.m. with Rev. Thurman Johnson preaching.

**Friday, May 11**  
**GALLIPOLIS** — Gospel in the Park Concert at the Gallipolis City Park, 7 p.m. Special singing by Ordinary People,

Forever Blessed and New Song. Bring your lawn chair.

**Sunday, May 13**  
**ADDISON** — Sunday school at Addison Freewill Baptist Church, 10 a.m. Sunday evening service, 6 p.m. with Pastor Rick Barcus preaching and special singing by Violet Maynard Family.

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# Cable television going to the dogs

New network designed just for canines

By Sue Manning  
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Film-makers are calling DogTV a new breed of television — an eight-hour block of on-demand cable TV programming designed to keep your dog relaxed, stimulated and entertained while you are at work.

To get the right footage, cameramen got on their knees and shot low and long. "I shot from the point of view of the dog," said Gildad Neumann, chief executive officer of DogTV.

In production, they had to mute colors, alter sound and add music specially

written for dogs.

There will be no commercials, no ratings and no reruns, although some might argue that watching a slug crawl is hardly exciting new programming.

One million subscribers with two cable companies have access to DogTV in San Diego. It is doing so well that parent company PTV Media plans to offer it nationally in the next several months, Neumann said.

It will cost about \$4.99 a month, Neumann said. If you figure more than 46 million U.S. households have dogs (according to the American Pet Products Association) and 97 percent of U.S. homes have televisions, the future looks promising. Bleu, a year-old French bulldog, has been watching for a month and snorts and grunts his approval, owner Mary Catania of San Diego

said. He used to perk up when "Family Guy" came on, Catania said, but he seems more intrigued by DogTV.

"I always feel guilty leaving him alone all day when I'm at work," Catania said. "He's like my kid. I don't have any children so I really treat him like my child. Anything that makes him happy makes me happy."

For years, pet owners have been leaving a television or radio on when they go out so their pets have company, said Dr. Nick Dodman, director of the Animal Behavior Clinic in Department of Clinical Sciences at Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University in Massachusetts.

But Dodman said that according to research on the canine brain, with analog television, dogs could only see a flickering screen. New

technologies like digital TV, high-definition cameras, and enhanced production have changed the way dogs perceive the images, while big screens allow them to see from anywhere in a room, Neumann said.

Dogs really understand what they're watching? Dodman said research is ongoing, but it appears that dogs not only recognize other dogs on TV, they may even respond differently to their own breed.

They definitely recognize sounds, though, whether it's barking or sirens, and audio on DogTV has been tailored accordingly. Because high frequency sounds can be very irritating to dogs, they've been removed. And music is written and tailored for their hearing, though it sounds like elevator music to humans.

What you won't find on DogTV are the sounds that blare on regular TV: no gunshots, no explosions, no heavy metal music, Neumann said.

Dogs can see blue and yellow, but not red or green, Neumann said, so colors are altered for DogTV too.

Based on dog sleeping pattern studies, programmers alternate footage and soundtracks designed for stimulation, relaxation and exposure throughout the eight hours.

Exposure is designed to acquaint dogs with things they will see each day. "There are studies that show when young puppies are exposed to video images of other dogs, it acts as a form of socialization," Dodman said. Sights and sounds during this part of the programming expose the animals to things like traffic, babies,

other pets and doorbells. Relaxation segments feature sleeping dogs and nature scenes — like the slugs — accompanied by dog lullabies.

Stimulation includes dogs running, playing and surfing, animation and a lot of panting. The idea behind this part of DogTV is to get a dog moving, even if it is home alone.

Shows are "refreshed" daily for variety.

There has been a lot of feedback from viewers saying their cats like the show as well as their dogs, Neumann said. CatTV may be added later, but DogTV is strictly for the dogs, he said. Pets may one day be able to sniff DogTV, Dodman said. "The technology is here to add smell. There are bones you can buy that have 60 different scents that you can fill with scents."

DEAR ABBY

## She doesn't need to know

DEAR ABBY: My youngest daughter, "Lizzy," the sweetest and most conscientious of my children, has been cut off yet again by her mother, "Ruth."

Ruth pressured Lizzy to graduate from high school a year early because she couldn't date with a child still at home. (Her words.) After graduation, Lizzy was shipped off to another state for college, then abandoned to find her own funding for continued education.

Lizzy feels unwanted by her mother and desperately wants to know why. The truth is, Ruth didn't want that pregnancy in the first place and has held it against Lizzy. The deeper truth is I wanted another child and deliberately got Ruth pregnant. I never told anyone, even after Ruth divorced me several years later. As far as I know, she has always accepted it as accidental.

What I did was wrong, yet I can't imagine a world without my daughter in it. Lizzy is the only one of my children who has become close to me since the divorce. The others all believe their mother's lies about me — that I cheated on her, which is the opposite of what really happened.

Should I share the truth about her birth with my daughter? I'm not sure because I have always believed it is a major mistake to admit to a child of any age that their pregnancy

was a surprise, let alone that it was unwanted.

Two of my siblings weren't planned, and one of them has become a bitter and distant adult. I want to help my daughter understand and accept her mother's insane actions and get on with her own life. What should I do? — GUILTY-RIDDEN DAD

DEAR GUILTY-RIDDEN: Lizzy already has a pretty good idea that she wasn't wanted, and I wouldn't be surprised if her mother hasn't told her she was a "surprise" baby.

Do not try to expiate your feelings of guilt by telling your daughter what you have told me. That is a discussion you should have with your confessor, not your child.

It may take a therapist to help Lizzy forgive her mother and get on with her life. What you should do is pay for at least half of her therapy and contribute toward her education.

DEAR ABBY: My son was recently diagnosed with bone cancer and is receiving treatment.

We heard about a fundraiser for pediatric cancer being held in our community. We joined the event and have received many donations from family and friends.

As much as I want to

hand-write thank-you cards, between his treatments, my work schedule and my other kids I can't find the time.

Is an email thank you OK? The donations have all been made online. — WANTS TO DO THE RIGHT THING

DEAR WANTS TO DO THE RIGHT THING: I know you are under a lot of pressure right now. However, please refrain from expressing your gratitude by email.

Send short, handwritten, personal notes — a few at a time — to those who gave money, as your schedule permits. It is the proper thing to do, and they will be appreciated.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at [write@dearabby.com](mailto:write@dearabby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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From the public records of the Findlay Police Department and the Hancock County Sheriff's Office:

**Police Department**  
Domestic disturbances were noted at homes on Locust and Massillon streets recently.

A male was facing charges after a motorcycle was arrested for driving while intoxicated after being stopped Monday in the 300 block of Defiance Avenue.

A person was cited for possessing marijuana Monday on Western Avenue.

A chainsaw was seized Monday from a Ford F-250 truck at 3700 Speedway Drive.

Tires were slashed Tuesday on a Ford van at Millstream Press, 751 Western Ave.

A utility vehicle was flipped onto its side Tuesday at 1128 White Birch Drive.

A man pushing a shopping cart dented the side of a Ford F-150 truck Tuesday in a parking lot at 2200 Tiffin Ave.

Graffiti was found on a wall of a garage Tuesday at 519 E. Sandusky St.

**Sheriff's Office**  
Domestic disturbances were reported recently at dwellings on East Street in Benton Ridge, Parkwood Drive, Ohio 235 near Ada, and Hancock County 216 near Findlay.

An unlawful entry was investigated Sunday at 4401 N. Main St. A break-in was reported Saturday at 3478 Hancock County 18.

A male reportedly exposed himself Sunday on a dock at Gierke Lake in Marion Township.

An employee's purse was pilfered Monday from a locker at Loretto's Distribution Center, Hancock County 212.

Anyone with information about a crime can call Findlay Hancock County CrimeStoppers between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays at 419-425-7175, or visit the Web at [www.Hancock-CrimeStoppers.org](http://www.Hancock-CrimeStoppers.org).

Callers may remain anonymous.

### Courthouse

From the public records of Hancock County Common Pleas Court:

Roger P. Gagnon, 22, of Findlay, pleaded guilty to trespassing in a habitation and was placed in the diversion program by Judge Joseph Niemeyer. Gagnon trespassed at 400 Winthrop Drive, Apt. 92, in Findlay, while the resident was present on Nov. 27.

Melanie D. Bash, 30, of Findlay, was sentenced by Niemeyer to 11 months in prison and ordered to pay restitution of \$200 for a fifth-degree felony charge of trafficking in cocaine. Bash was charged with a fourth-degree felony for allegedly selling between one and five grams of crack cocaine in Findlay on Sept. 9.

Shane M. Reigelberger, 23, of Dayton, pleaded guilty to a fourth-degree felony count of assault. Reigelberger caused physical harm to Sgt. Eric Rayke of the Pandora Police Department on Nov. 5 in Findlay. He will be sentenced by Niemeyer on May 31.

**Marriage Licenses**  
Jared P. Benedict, 4183 Hancock County 140, sales, to Nicole E. Rodabaugh, 416 Defiance Ave., administration.

Matthew J. Rider, 610 Putnam St., plumber, to Anika M. Harney, 610 Putnam St., retail.

James A. Cribles, 6901 W. Ohio 12, maintenance, to Carrie Jo Mundy, 6901 W. Ohio 12, homemaker.

Jason R. Pluege, 520 Center St., manufacturing, to Sara L. Victory, 520 Center St., cosmetologist.

Clayborne A. Gordon-Tate, 2251 Massillon St., mechanic, to Melanie C. Parsons, 2251 Massillon St., student.

From the public records of the Hancock County auditor's office. No money changes hands in some real estate transfers between family members, in some real estate transfers, and in some other transfers.

**Real Estate Transfers**  
Jeffrey and Lesley Betts to

Keith A. and Michelle C. Kimmet, 509 Kirk Drive, Findlay, \$111,500.

Michael E. Kurie to Devin S. Harcoese, 2101 Candlewick Drive, Findlay, \$70,000.

Fannie Mae and Federal National Mortgage Association to Cody A. Delacorte, 219 E. South St., McComb, \$26,500.

Motter Construction and Jason E. Motter to Lavern K. and Lisa A. Moser, Lot 53, Bluestone Drive, Findlay, \$183,000.

Shane E. and Victoria J. Fields to Jayne and Lawrence P. Reigert, Lot 38, Cherokee Drive, Findlay, \$202,000.

Jeanne M. Regan to Charles and Kelly Horn, Ohio 37, 1,085 acres, Arlington, \$13,500.

James A. and Mary M. Perry to Mary M. Perry and Trust, Township 233, 154.99 acres, Findlay, \$209,950.

**Fire Calls**  
From the public records of the Findlay Fire Department:

4:12 p.m., 1843 Tiffin Ave., arcing equipment.

5:44 p.m., 1031 Brookside Drive, emergency medical service call.

6:11 p.m., 200 W. Main Cross St., malicious call.

7:11 p.m., 431 Winthrop Drive, dispatched and called on route.

9:59 p.m., 508 W. Trenton Ave., emergency medical service call.

11:01 p.m., 527 First St., emergency medical service call.

2:49 a.m., 2015 Stonebridge Drive, emergency medical service call.

8:23 a.m., 619 E. Sandusky St., garage fire.

10:11 a.m., 123 Garfield Ave., carbon monoxide incident.

11:10 a.m., 1900 S. Main St., detector activation.

11:42 a.m., 2200 Hope Lane, unauthorized burning.

12:03 p.m., 3700 Speedway Drive, unintentional alarm.

### Main Street crash injures 2 women

Two Findlay women were injured Tuesday afternoon when their car was rear-ended on North Main Street, just south of Trenton Avenue.

Deborah Cusac, 51, the driver of one car, and her passenger, Jennifer Sterling, 34, were taken by MedCorp ambulance to Blanchard Valley Hospital, Findlay police reported. Both had neck pain and Sterling also had an elbow injury, police said.

Police said Cusac was driving a Honda Accord south on North Main Street, and was stopped in traffic about 3:49 p.m. when the Honda was rear-ended by a southbound Mitsubishi Eclipse driven by Julia Filkins, 36, of Findlay.

Filkins was cited for failing to maintain an assured clear distance, police said. Both vehicles were driven from the crash scene.

### VB school board seeks new member

VAN BUREN — Van Buren school board will hold a special meeting tonight to interview candidates to replace board member Jim Griffith.

Griffith resigned April 8, saying he will be moving to Alaska. He served on the board from 1998 to 2006 and was elected to a new term in November.

The board will be interviewing four candidates during the special meeting, which will be held at 5:45 p.m. in the community room.

Superintendent Tim Myers said the board is hoping to announce its new member at its regular meeting Thursday.

The new member will serve a two-year term and could run for re-election in November 2013.

## Cleveland bishop to reopen 12 parishes

By THOMAS J. SHEERAN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND — Twelve Roman Catholic parishes that were closed by local church officials but not surprisingly spared by the Vatican will be reopened, the Cleveland bishop announced Tuesday.

Lennon said he didn't want to drag out the dispute over the churches' fate, create more uncertainty or divide the area's Catholic community.

His announcement was a response to last month's extraordinary Vatican decision to overrule his closing of the 12 parishes, a rare instance in which Rome reversed a U.S. bishop on the shutdown of churches.

Lennon had ordered the churches closed over the past several years because of declining numbers of priests and parishioners and financial issues. The Vatican's Congregation for the Clergy ruled Lennon failed to follow church law and procedure in the closings.

Parishioners, many of them second- and third-generation members of the churches, challenged some of the closings, staged sit-ins and other protests and even created a breakaway congregation.

Lennon said "it's time for peace and unity in the Diocese of Cleveland" and time for Catholics to come together to better serve people's needs.

"The church is primarily about people, their faith, and not about buildings," Lennon said.

Parishioners who opposed the closings were ecstatic.

"It's a miracle," said Olga Sarbinowska, a Polish-born member

of St. Casimir, where parishioners held weekly prayer services outside the church.

She didn't display any hard feelings toward the bishop.

"I think he was guided by God's hand," she said.

At St. Patrick Church in Cleveland's tight-knit West Park neighborhood, several parishioners gathered on the front steps of the locked-up church to display green and white "Save St. Pat's" placards that had lined the curb for years.

Some signs were updated to say "Save St. Pat's."

Across the street, outside his family-owned funeral home, Dan Chambers said the revival of St. Patrick was welcome news.

"It has always been an anchor for the neighborhood. When it was closed, we were very concerned about the neighbors and the neighborhood," he said.

"With the reopening, I think it gives new life to our area, which we are very happy about."

The 12 churches were among 50 shut down or merged by Lennon. The cutbacks left the eight-county Cleveland Diocese with 174 parishes in all, as Catholics and members of the wider community moved out of Cleveland for suburban communities.

Cleveland's population has fallen 17 percent, to just under 400,000, since 2000 and the number of Catholics in the diocese has declined from 797,000 to 710,000 since 2007.

Many of the reopening parishes still face some of the challenges that spurred their closures, and they will have to show that they have the funding and active membership needed to keep operating, though the diocese is willing to assist them, Lennon said.

### 'State of County' speech scheduled

Commissioner Ed Ingold will give a "State of the County" speech today in Hancock County Common Pleas Court.

The address is scheduled for 1 p.m. in Courtroom 1.

Commissioner Phil Riegler previewed the speech earlier this month at the county Republican Party's First Friday lunch, highlighting last year's strong sales tax collection totals.

Riegler also discussed how expenditures from the general fund were only about over 2000 totals, even with health insurance and fuel cost increases.

### Fostoria Council honors Marley

POSTORIA — Fostoria City Council passed a resolution Tuesday honoring longtime city leader Barbara Marley, who passed away last weekend.

Marley, 64, who was serving as Fostoria Municipal Court judge died Saturday after a brief struggle with cancer.

She served as mayor of the city from 1991-95. Marley also was City Council president for many years and also served as a council-at-large for four terms.

Marley also will be remembered as part of the upcoming Arbor Day celebration in Fostoria.

Mayor Eric Keckler reported the city will host an Arbor Day celebration at 1 p.m. April 27 at the municipal building. Grade school students will be invited to a Christmas tree planting, which will be dedicated to the memory of John Jacobs.

That same day, the city will host a tree planting and plaque ceremony, which will be dedicated to the memory of Marley. Keckler said any money left over from the tree fund will be put toward a scholarship fund in her name at St. Wendelin School.

Keckler said Fostoria has been named a Tree City USA community for the 30th year by the Arbor Day Foundation.

### Norfolk Southern expands railway

BELLEVUE (AP) — Norfolk Southern Corp. expects to add 275 jobs with the \$160 million expansion of a northern Ohio railway.

Donors of trucks will be added at the railway in Bellevue, about 45 miles southeast of Toledo.

That would allow it to double the number of freight cars it can sort from about 1,800 a day to 3,600.

The company says the expansion will help it address increasing demand for freight rail transportation.

The project is scheduled to be complete in 2015.

The Bellevue yard opened in 1966 and daily sees between 100 and 110 trains.

## Police handcuff Georgia kindergartner for tantrum

By JEFF MARTIN  
AND JERI CLAUSING  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — A kindergartner who threw a tantrum at a small-town Georgia school was taken away in handcuffs, her arms behind her back, in an episode that is firing up the debate over whether teachers and police around the country are overreacting all too often when dealing with disruptive students.

The family of 6-year-old Salecia Johnson landed out Tuesday over her treatment and said she was badly shaken, while the school system and the police defended how they handled the episode.

Across the country, civil rights advocates and criminal justice experts say, frustrated teachers and principals are calling in the police to deal with even relatively minor disruptions.

Some juvenile authorities say they believe it is happening more often, driven by zero-tolerance policies and an increased police presence on school grounds over the past two decades because of tragedies like the Columbine High massacre in Colorado. But members to back up the assertion are difficult to come by.

"Kids are being arrested for being kids," said Shannon Kennedy, a civil rights attorney who is suing the Albuquerque, N.M., school district, where hundreds of kids have been arrested in the past few years for minor offenses.

Police refused to say what set off the tantrum. The school called police, and when an officer tried to calm the child in the principal's office, the resistant, authorities said. She then was handcuffed and taken away in a patrol car.

Baldwin County schools Superintendent Geneva Brazil called the student's behavior "violent and disruptive."

Interim Police Chief Drew Swierord said the department's policy is to handcuff people when they are taken to the police station, regardless of their age, "for the safety of themselves as well as the officer." He said the child was restrained with steel cuffs, the only kind the department uses.

He said the girl will not be charged with a crime because she is too young.

## Warren Buffett says he has early prostate cancer

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Billionaire Warren Buffett said Tuesday he has been diagnosed with early-stage prostate cancer, but he did not say whether his company's shareholders that the condition is "not remotely life-threatening."

The 81-year-old chairman and CEO of Berkshire Hathaway Inc. said in a letter to shareholders that the two-month radiation treatment he and his doctors plan to start in mid-July will restrict travel but shouldn't otherwise affect his routine.

"I feel great — as if I were in my normal excellent health," Buffett said. "And my energy level is 100 percent. I discussed the cancer because my PSA level (an indicator of prostate cancer) had regularly checked for many years) recently jumped beyond its normal elevation and a biopsy seemed warranted."

Buffett said he was diagnosed April 11 and has received tests including a CAT scan, a bone scan and an MRI. He said the tests showed no indication of cancer elsewhere in his body.

Cancer experts say Buffett's diagnosis shouldn't be a major concern because it appears his doctors caught the disease early. Still, the news will remind Berkshire investors of Buffett's mortality.

"The chance of dying of prostate cancer for Mr. Buffett in the next 10 years is probably 2 or 3 percent, so the prognosis is great," said Dr. Ralph DeVere White, director of the Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of California, Davis.

Buffett is known for a no-nonsense approach to investing. He is one of the world's richest men and, in recent years, has become one of its most generous philanthropists.

Buffett's stake in Berkshire Hathaway was worth \$44.6 billion as of Tuesday's closing prices before the announcement.

Jeff Matthews, the author of "Secrets in Plain Sight: Business and Investing Secrets of Warren Buffett" and a Berkshire shareholder, said he isn't panicking, and he doesn't think most other shareholders will either.

"I think 99.9 percent of Berkshire's investors will read the press release and take Buffett's statement at face value," Matthews said. "I actually think this doesn't change the picture much at all."

Matthews said anyone who panics and sells Berkshire stock because of this news probably doesn't know the conglomerate and the hands-off way Buffett lets the company's more than 80 subsidiaries operate.

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# Seven effective habits to prevent hearing loss

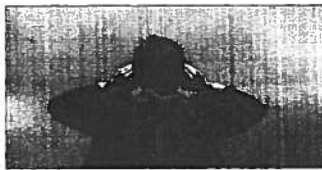
Hearing loss is common, but aging is not its only cause. More than 35 million Americans have hearing loss. Changing lifestyle habits, and treating a variety of health conditions can help prevent hearing loss. Seven healthy habits may help prevent or delay the onset of hearing loss.

## 1. NOISE

Noise-induced hearing loss is the most common yet preventable cause of hearing loss. Exposure to dangerous levels of noise can occur at work, home and in many recreational activities. Wear ear plugs or muffs when operating loud equipment (i.e., lawn mowers, power saws, leaf blowers, etc.) or when using firearms. Buy quieter products (compare dB ratings advertised on the products — the smaller the better).

## 2. IPOD/MP3 PLAYERS

Listening to MP3 players at dangerous levels can cause permanent hearing loss. You can download apps to ensure that noise exposure through your iPod does not exceed dangerous decibel levels. "Volume Limit" is a switch in the "settings" section of your iPhone or iPod to make sure that your hearing is protected. This allows you to set a maximum level for the volume output of the media player and even put a 4-digit code on it to keep it fixed.



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Hearing loss can happen gradually, so it's difficult for people to realize they don't hear as well as they used to.

## National Hearing Screening Week

The Audiology Awareness Campaign, a nonprofit foundation aimed at providing the public with information on hearing loss, is sponsoring the fifth annual Listen Up America Week. National Hearing Screening Week, May 14 to 18, during which audiologists will offer free hearing screenings nationwide. Call 888-833-3277 or visit [www.audiologyawareness.com](http://www.audiologyawareness.com) to find an audiologist in your area.

## 3. DIABETES

The National Institute of Health (NIH) has found that hearing loss is twice as common in people with diabetes. Furthermore, of the 79 million adults with pre-diabetes, the rate of hearing loss is 30 percent higher than in those with normal blood sugar levels. Moderate weight loss, healthy eating and exercise can delay or prevent type 2 diabetes among adults at-risk for diabetes.

## 4. SMOKING

Smoking is a risk factor for hearing loss. Smokers are nearly 70 percent more

likely than nonsmokers to suffer hearing loss. Exposure to secondhand tobacco smoke almost doubles the risk of hearing loss among adolescents. Studies show that smoking, age and noise exposure together increase the risk for hearing loss more than each of these factors alone.

## 5. CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE

Not only does exercise help to prevent type 2 diabetes, but cardiovascular health and hearing health appear associated. Growing evidence suggests a link between hearing loss and poor

cardiovascular health.

## 6. EARWAX (CERUMEN)

Don't swab your ear canals. Cerumen cleans and lubricates the skin of the ear canal and provides protection from bacteria, fungi, insects and water. Attempting to remove cerumen or cleaning the ear canal with a cotton swab tends to push earwax deeper into the ear

canal. Excess or impacted cerumen can press against the eardrum and/or occlude the external auditory canal, resulting in hearing loss.

## 7. SEE AN AUDIOLOGIST

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# Nova restaurant owner seeking plea deal

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Dunlap, who owns the E. Dunlap, 44, was scheduled to begin Tuesday, but it was delayed due to ongoing plea negotiations. A status conference has

been scheduled for 9 a.m. Friday in Delaware County Common Pleas Court.

Dunlap faces racketeering, theft and money laundering charges. Judge Duncan Whitney said that if negotiations are not resolved, he will set another trial date sometime in July or August.

"I'm hopeful we'll get it resolved," said Kyle Rohrer, first assistant prosecuting attorney.

Dunlap, who owns the downtown Delaware restaurant Nova, which recently closed, is charged with 26 felony counts including three first-

degree felony counts of engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity, three second-degree felony counts of aggravated theft, one count of receiving stolen property and eight counts of money laundering, all third-degree felonies; and two additional counts of money laundering and nine counts securing writings by deception, all fourth-degree felonies.

She is accused of pocketing more than \$500,000 in a scheme that defrauded several area banks and investors. Delaware County prosecutors have said that the whereabouts

of that money, plus more than \$100,000 Dunlap collected renting properties she obtained through questionable means, is still unknown.

In January, Dunlap waived her right to a jury trial, seeking a bench trial, in which Whitney, rather than a jury, will evaluate the evidence and determine the defendant's innocence or guilt.

Prosecutors said Dunlap operated a scheme that, with help from unethical appraisers and real estate brokers, purchased 27 Marion County homes appraised above their actual

value, then sold at the above-market price between 2005 and 2008.

Dunlap allegedly convinced some investors to take out mortgage loans and purchase homes after promising to fix them up, manage and sell the properties for them. Prosecutors said Dunlap kept the investors' money, but did not carry out her promises, such as paying a homeowner's bills.

Eventually, nearly all the properties went into foreclosure. While the homes were under Dunlap's control, she rented many of the

properties to undocumented immigrants, prosecutors said. These renters reported that Dunlap personally collected rent money and demanded it in cash. If the tenants complained about a problem on their property, Dunlap would threaten to report their status as illegal immigrants, prosecutors allege.

Some of the money Dunlap allegedly stole from banks and investors was laundered through her businesses and diverted for personal use, prosecutors said.

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## Prostitution scandal ricochets through Washington

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WASHINGTON — The Secret Service prostitution scandal escalated Tuesday with the disclosure that at least 20 women had been in hotel rooms with U.S. agents and military personnel just before President Barack Obama arrived for a summit with Latin American leaders. The head of the Secret Service said he had referred the matter to an independent government investigator.

Secret Service Director Mark Sullivan, shuttling between briefings for lawmakers on Capitol Hill, was peppered with questions about whether the women had access to sensitive information that could have jeopardized Obama's security.

Sullivan said the 11 Secret Service agents and 10 military personnel under investigation were telling different stories about who the women were. Sullivan has dispatched more investigators to Colombia to interview the women, said Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y., chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee.

"Some are admitting (the women) were prostitutes, others are saying they're not, they're just

women they met at the hotel bar," King said in a telephone interview. Sullivan said none of the women, who had to surrender their IDs at the hotel, were minors. "But prostitutes or not, to be bringing a foreign national back into a secure zone is a problem."

King said it appeared the agency actually had "really lucked out." If the women were working for a terrorist organization or other anti-American group, King said, they could have had access to information about the president's whereabouts or security protocols while in the agents' rooms.

"This could have been disastrous," King said.

The burgeoning scandal has been a growing election-year embarrassment for Obama, who has said he would be angry if the allegations proved to be true.

At the White House, Obama was asked at the end of a Rose Garden event whether he believed Sullivan should resign. The president ignored the shouted inquiries; his spokesman later Obama had confidence in the Secret Service chief.

"Director Sullivan acted quickly in response to this incident and is overseeing an investigation as we speak into the matter,"

White House press secretary Jay Carney said.

On Thursday, eleven Secret Service agents were recalled to the U.S. from Colombia and placed on administrative leave after a night of partying that allegedly ended with at least some bringing prostitutes back to their hotel. On Monday, the agency announced that it also had revoked the agents' security clearances.

At least 10 U.S. military personnel staying at the same hotel were also being investigated for their role in the alleged misconduct.

Two U.S. military officials said they include five Army Green Berets. Both officials spoke on condition of anonymity about an investigation that is still under way.

One of the officials said the group also includes two Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal technicians, two Marine dog handlers and an Air Force airman. The Special Forces Green Berets were working with Colombia's counterterrorist teams, the official said.

The agents and service members were in Colombia setting up security ahead of Obama's

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## LEVY

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"There's so many opportunities. It would be negligent to keep tacking and spending, instead of implementing savings opportunities when they're right there and not that difficult," Leneghan said.

Liberty Township's current 5-year, 6-mill levy expires at the end of the year and generates \$5.93 million a year for the department. It was initially passed in 2002 and as a renewal in 2007.

Leneghan calculates that the township would have \$4.62 million surplus at the end of the three-year levy, not including any carryover balance or payments from Delaware County Emergency Medical Services.

"That's twice as much as we need," Leneghan said. "I'm very opposed to that kind of surplus. The 6.75-mill levy creates a surplus, even if we don't change a single thing, and we need to make changes, too."

Leneghan suggested a 5-mill levy that would generate \$6.4 million a year, or \$1.2 million more over the three-year period would be more appropriate.

Liberty Township Fire Chief Tim Jensen said that some of Leneghan's sug-

gestions are easier said than done.

The township fire department is a career department, meaning that people stay over the life of their career. The township has a lot of training time and considerable experience invested in those employees, Jensen said.

"I think it would be a disservice to the community to reduce the full-time service we have," Jensen said. "We need to look forward toward property development along Sawmill Parkway and Greif Park."

Jensen said that the department has done a good job of managing its money, getting 10 years at the end of the current levy.

"I know people are tired about their taxes going up, but where can they see their money at work the best?" Jensen said. "I feel we've done a very good job by doing everything we promised with the original levy."

Leneghan plans to meet with the chief this week to discuss a possible levy compromise. That would be the ideal outcome, she said.

"If we don't have all three trustees on board, we run the risk of losing the levy," Leneghan said.

Jensen said Leneghan's ideas are good ones to talk about, and he applauds her work on the presentation.

"I think we can find some compromise," Jensen said.

The trustees have until August to have the final ballot issue filed with the Delaware County Board of Elections, officials said.

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"I don't think that anyone wants to see a continuing income tax at this point," board member Joe Roden said.

Board members debated making the income tax measure stay on the books for fewer than five years or more than five years but decided that half a decade of collection would be palatable to district voters.

"I think that five years is a doable, sell-able amount of time," board member Mike Bell said.

The income tax measure is part of a combined bond/tax measure that the board approved last month. The income tax would bolster the district's operating revenue and help alleviate a \$1.3 million budget shortfall that Buckeye Valley is facing. The bond measure would raise \$30 million over a 25-year period and pay for the construction of a single, new elementary school and the demolition of the district's three existing elementary schools.

But the possibility of closing down the district's aging elementary schools did not sit well with all residents in attendance.

While passage of the combined ballot measure would allow Buckeye Valley North Elementary — which was targeted for closure as part of an earlier

budget reduction proposal — to remain open for a few more years, it will ultimately close anyway.

That presents something of a Catch-22 for district residents that want to keep the elementary school open; win or lose, it will close eventually. If the ballot measure does pass, it will save Buckeye Valley North for approximately three years but it will also result in the closure of the district's two other elementary schools.

"To vote to keep one open for three years, I'm also voting to close all three in three years," Ray Bann, an Ostrander resident, told board members.

Radnor resident Tim Bishop said that the district should use bond money to renovate the existing elementary schools, saving young children long bus rides

and preserving the community spirit that surrounds the elementary schools in the district. "You would keep these communities intact, and the younger children would be a lot better off," he said.

The 3.5-mill bond measure, if passed, would cost district residents \$107.19 per every \$100,000 of valuation. The \$100,000 of valuation did not sit well with all income tax measure would collect about \$1.2 million annually.

But the income tax measure, which would not begin to be collected until next year, will not fully solve the district's finan-

cial problems heading into the 2012-13 school year.

To help close the budget gap, board members also unanimously approved reduction in force measures that could result in the loss of 9.1 full-time equivalent teaching positions and 8.9 full-time equivalent classified staff positions. Another 2.4 full-time equivalent administrative positions will be cut as well.

Because of the Aug. 7 special election and the way union contracts work, though, those numbers are still fluid. The reductions could be lessened if the ballot measures pass, according to Buckeye Valley Superintendent Jamie Grube.

"The final list is not going to look like this, and that's a good thing," he said.

The Buckeye Valley Teaching Association has also done its part to minimize the impact of the cuts on teachers and students. The teacher's union recently voted to give back four extra paid days, freeze step increases on supplemental contracts and forgo tuition reimbursement for one year. The teacher's union had already agreed to a two-year wage freeze

to a two-year wage freeze prior to last week's decision. BVTA Co-President Nancy Talley said.

"It will save many of those positions," Grube said of the concession made by the BVTA.

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## Jamaican benefit

# Meal to assist orphans

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**HICKSVILLE** — This Friday, authentic Jamaican food will be served at St. Michael's Catholic Church, on the corner of Ohio routes 2 and 49, to benefit orphans from that country. The Wannabees Mission Group, featuring several local residents, hosts a Jamaican dinner party fundraiser, in which a free-will offering will be taken to assist Jamaican orphans. Serving times will be 4:30-6:30 p.m.

The menu consists of Caribbean chicken, jerk pork, rice and peas, pumpkin soup, fried plantain and dessert.

"It's as authentic as it can be," says local resident Diane Collins, "with Americans cooking Jamaican food."

The Wannabees started out of Hamilton, Ind., in 2003, but it wasn't until 2009 that the group began taking annual or semi-annual trips to Jamaica. "Before that," says charter member Sharon Haver, "we were a Bible study group."

The group's trips to Jamaica began as the result of Haver's being in the right place at the right time. While on a family trip there, Haver and her family encountered a man from Walla Walla, Wash., on a

mission trip.

"He said, 'why don't you just come and visit,'" says Haver, "and we realized that was the mission trip we should take. We couldn't get it out of our minds."

But while the Wannabees will return to Jamaica as a group for the fifth time this summer, the fundraiser dinner to benefit orphans is a new endeavor for the group. "Someone thought it would be fun to have a dinner," notes Collins.

The authenticity of the food will not be in doubt, as the Wannabees will cook using Jamaican cookbooks brought back from previous trips there.

According to Collins, most of the Wannabees are very interested in the preparation of food from Jamaica. "Every year (in Jamaica) we got to hang out with different chefs," she says. "We got to pick their brains to see how they did things. We loved to watch them cook dinner."

Even some of the more traditional dishes such as

peas and rice will have new twists. "Jamaicans have many different kinds of peas," says Collins, "and they even refer to kidney beans as peas. This is another authentic Jamaican recipe (made) with coconut milk."

The desserts, she adds, will likely not be Jamaican but rather traditional American fare.

Those who attend may receive giveaways of authentic Jamaican prizes, which will be presented during dinner.

The Wannabees want all who attend to be aware that all funds raised at the dinner will be used directly to help Jamaican orphans. During the group's yearly trips, they assist at three different orphanages, providing everything from construction to payment for surgeries.

The group describes itself as a local non-profit organization whose mission is "to be like Jesus Christ as we serve, help and love others." It's a mission statement its members take very seriously.

"We're excited to return," says Collins, who adds that the group has many friends who look forward to yearly visits.

"(The orphans) know us," she says. "They trust us. They know we know what to do."

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4.0 — Austin Briskley, Esther Ielsgrange, Jared Michael, Alex Monroe, Kathleen Schwartz, Jourdan Taylor.

**3.0-3.99** — Leah Anderson, Iorish Battarshell, Eric Brashers, Rachel Bratney, Esther Coplin, Aubrie Cral,

Gabrielle Gillespie, Tia Gloor, Jamie Habawitz, Brett Hook, James Kaefer, Samantha Laney, Megan Lohrner, Jared Miller, Delaney Osmun, Kaitlyn Reid, Haley Stearns, Mikayla Stark, Allison Steiner, Carly Straley, Brett Tolas, Kaitlyn VanDyke, Patricia Vasequez, Kaitlyn Wiley, Zachary Yoder.

**Juniors**  
4.0 — Jasmine Conley, Karslen Payne, Logan Timbrook.

**3.0-3.99** — Kytler Beagle, Terri Betz, Tim Eberly, Dakota Elcher, McKenzia Gormick, Lauren Green, Emily Gredman, Shane Jackson, Jamie Kinder, Joshua Kins, Austin J. Laney, Austin P. Laney, Kassidy McClash, Gabby Monchales, Mikayla Mundy, Nicholas Pappie, Andrew Rittenhouse, Sarena Rohrer, Aryah Ruoff, Taylor Scholtz, Kaitlyn Schroeder, Tyler Spiekman, Brennan Stineback, Ashley Stone, Mason Tadsen, Daniel Turk, Eric Valtier, Alyssa Walker, Andrew Wills, Kaylin Wright, Connor Yoder.

**Seniors**  
4.0 — Katalynn Byers, Jennifer Conley, Edward Coplin, Melissa Crumley, Tyler Laney, Brett Mickelson, Ariessa Waters.

**3.0-3.99** — Seth Ayers, Courtney Bigger, Mikie Christen, Calley Cubertson, Brooke Daugherty, Phillip Fairchild, Mikayla Flannery, Boyer Gormick, Bailey Graber, Katie Green, Ethan Hatheway, Megan Headley, Hayley Henselshardt, Whitney Horn, Jessica Hornish, Logan Husted, Hannah Jurick, Alexis Kinney, Seth Klepper, Elizabeth Lamun, Lauren McCain, Layna McCain, Austin Michael, Colby Miller, Justin Miller, Tyler Monroe, Nicholas Post, Michelle Rodriguez, Emily Savage, Christian Seaton, Jenna Stattery, Tara Smazanko, David Smith, Mitchell Smith, Adrienne Stalrime, Jared Stone, Spencer Sunderland, Jacob Sweet, Kayli Tear, Jordan Teeple, Jacob Thiel, Natasha Tonness, Mitchell Westhead, Ashley Zeedyk, Jason Zimmerman.

## NOTICE

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio has scheduled local hearings in Case Nos. 11-346-EL-SSO and 11-348-EL-SSO, *In the Matter of the Application of Columbus Southern Power Company and Ohio Power Company for Authority to Establish a Standard Service Offer Pursuant to Section 4928.143, Revised Code, in the Form of an Electric Security Plan*, and Case Nos. 11-349-EL-AAM and 11-350-EL-AAM, *In the Matter of the Application of Columbus Southern Power Company and Ohio Power Company for Approval of Certain Accounting Authority*. In the application, the Ohio Power Company seeks Commission approval of an electric security plan filed pursuant to Am. Sub. Senate Bill 221, which was signed into law on May 1, 2008. The bill requires electric utilities to establish a standard service offer and, as part of that process, to file an application for approval of an electric security plan. As proposed in the application, the electric security plan would commence June 1, 2012, and continue through May 31, 2015. According to the application, for all customer classes, customers in the Columbus Southern Power rate zone will experience, on average, an increase of two percent annually and customers in the Ohio Power rate zone will experience, on average, an increase of four percent annually. The application proposes the recovery of other costs through riders during the term of the electric security plan although the costs and subsequent rate impacts are unknown at this time. In addition, the application contains provisions addressing distribution service, economic development, alternative energy resource requirements, and energy efficiency requirements.

The local hearings are scheduled for the purpose of providing an opportunity for interested members of the public to testify in this proceeding. The local hearings will be held as follows:

- (a) Thursday, April 26, 2012, at 6:00 p.m., Oakwood Middle School, 2300 Schneider Road, N.E., Canton, Ohio 44721.
- (b) Monday, April 30, 2012, at 6:00 p.m., at Wolfe Park Shelter House, 105 Park Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43209.
- (c) Tuesday, May 1, 2012, at 6:00 p.m., at Ohio University-Chillicothe, Bennett Hall Auditorium, 101 University Drive, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601.
- (d) Thursday, May 3, 2012, at 6:00 p.m., at Lima Municipal Center, City Council Chambers, 50 Town Square, 1st floor, Lima, Ohio 45801.

The evidentiary hearing will commence on May 14, 2012, at 10:30 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, Hearing Room 11-A, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793, viewing the Commission's web page at <http://www.puc.ohio.gov>, or contacting the Commission's hotline at 1-800-686-7826.

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