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Ordinances passed, project update given

By MALLORY KEMPER Staff Writer

MINSTER — The Minster Village Council convened Sept. 4, passing two ordinances. Village councilors first discussed the share of local government funds. "Each year, the village receives a plan of distribution of the Local Government Fund from the Auglaize County Budget Commission," Village Ad-

ministrator Don Harrod said. "Again this year the village will receive five percent of these funds. The money from these funds are collected from various taxes in the state. The money is then divided up and given to each county based upon population. The county then divides this money up to various subdivisions within the county based on a need formula determined by the Ohio Revised Code. The money from this fund is



Harrod

declared an emergency on the ordinance, accepting the 5 percent county rates for distribution of the Local Government

expected to be used to cover current operating expenses." Councilors suspended the rule of three readings and

Fund. The next item on the agenda was to suspend the rule of three readings on the resolution approving the amounts and rates determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the inside 10-mill limitations, certifying it to the county auditor. "Each year the Auglaize County Budget Commission establishes the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within

and without the 10-mill limitation for the following fiscal year," said Harrod. "The county auditor's tax rate estimate to be levied inside the ten-mill limit is 2.2 mills for the general fund. The resolution requests that the council accept the amount and rate as determined by the budget commission."

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Memorial Field re-dedication held: A village remembers

By MICHELLE STEIN Staff Writer

MINSTER — More than 36 years after a terrible tragedy shook the foundation of a small community, its members again remembered the eight young lives lost.

A re-dedication of Minster Memorial Field was held at the home football game Sept. 7, honoring the eight Minster students who died in an automobile accident on March 7, 1976. On that Sunday evening, a caravan of Minster teens were traveling to the Carousel Ballroom on U.S. Route 127 for a weekly dance, according to reports by the Associated Press.

Celebrating Minster's recent win over Marion Local in basketball tournament play, the teens planned to honk their horns while driving through Maria Stein on Minster-Fort Recovery Road. The fleet of cars ending up stopping at the Minster-Fort Recovery and Rolfes Road intersection, where teens exited their vehicles to discuss plans.

A car traveling east — where a stop sign stood in the middle of a down slope in the road — struck a group of these Minster teens, killing eight.

In the aftermath of the tragedy, more than \$125,000 was raised for the construction of Minster Memorial Field. On Sept. 19, 1976, the stadium was dedicated in the memory of the eight Minster students who died in the accident — Kenneth Sommer, Scott Westerheide, Joy Brandewie, Rebecca Moorman, Lester Ranly, Barbara Olding, Michael Kemper and Anthony Kemper.

When the Minster Athletic Boosters first began its campaign to renovate Minster Memorial Field, one of the first concerns was the families of those who lost



(Above, left) Minster Memorial Field was originally dedicated on Sept. 19, 1976, in memory of eight young lives lost in an automobile accident.

their lives in the 1976 car accident, said President Bruce Thobe. "When we initially rolled out the campaign, some of the first people we contacted were those families," he said. "We talked about the re-dedication and told them what we wanted to do, and they were very sup-



Staff photos/Michelle Stein and Neal Stone

(Above, right) James Wolf, with the Minster Athletic Boosters, speaks during the re-dedication of the field at the recent Minster home football game against New Bremen.

portive of it. So there was never any debate over what to do or how it should be handled. It's been a pretty smooth process."

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Loramie ag group honored

By MICHELLE STEIN Staff Writer

FORT LORAMIE — A local FFA chapter was recently honored for its accomplishments at the national level.

The National FFA Organization selected the Fort Loramie FFA Chapter as a three-star winner in the National FFA Chapter Award program from a pool of more than 660 candidates nationwide. Chapter members have been invited to attend the 85th National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 24-27, where they will be recognized for this honor, said adviser, Sarah Heilers. "Any chapter in the



Photo provided

Pictured above is one of the ag ed classes posing around a tractor for "Drive Tractor to School Day" during FFA Week in February.

state of Ohio or in the nation can apply for this award," she said. "The award application basically highlights nine of your chapter's best activities, and they fall under categories. There's one for financial literacy, for community service, there's one for environmental education — I mean, all

across the board." The application highlighted numerous activities in which the Fort Loramie FFA participated., Heilers noted which included: Promoting scholarship among FFA members, encouraging students to enter agriculturally-related fields, providing opportunities

for financial literacy, participating in leadership development activities, showing appreciation for school employees, growing and selling flowers in the chapter's greenhouse, having a food stand at local festivals, and helping

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Lake festival set for this weekend

By MICHELLE STEIN Staff Writer

FORT LORAMIE — Local residents will be heading out to Lake Loramie State Park this weekend for an annual festival.

Lake Loramie Fall Harvest Festival — which will be held Sept. 14-16 — once again promises family fun and entertainment, said Park Manger Brain Miller.

"There are a lot of events — there are a lot of big things, but one of the things is all of the craft vendors," he said.

"And a lot of those craft vendors have been coming there for a lot of years ... The one thing that I always hear about are the mums, the vendor that sells mums."

Co-sponsored by the Lake Loramie Improvement Association, the festival offers an array of events for people of all ages. Featured at the festival is an antique power show, which will demonstrate old gas-powered engines and equipment. Other attractions include a farmer's market, kids' games and activities and a farmers' market, a petting zoo, a marching band performance, chain saw carving.

"We have some big-name entertainment," Miller added. "They're local favorites."

Free live musical entertainment will be featured each night, he said, with

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Health

UVMC offers free prostate screening

By MALLORY KEMPER
Staff Writer

CELINA — Prostate Cancer Awareness Month is here. Mercer Health offered free prostate cancer screenings on Sept. 11 and Sept. 12. Upper Valley Medical Center is offering free prostate screening on Sept. 25.

Local urologist, Dr. Thangaraj Amaran will be doing the screening and said that men over the age of 60 are at a higher risk for prostate cancer but they can also be diagnosed with cancer at age 40 or lower.

"Men at the age of 60 or above should have a check-up once a year," said Dr. Amaran.

"For men after the age of 60 we recommend once a year and if the families have a history of it then you should start earlier at the age of 40 because their risk is higher."

Dr. Amaran explained that there are no symptoms of prostate cancer and nothing is 100 percent curable but the death rates have gone down to the prostate-specific antigen (PSA) testing.

"There are no symptoms with prostate cancer, so that's the real problem," he said. "Nothing is 100 percent but if you catch the prostate cancer earlier

enough since the 1990 PSA blood test has improved the chances of finding it.

From 1990 to now if you look at the death rates from prostate cancer before 1990 and then look at 2010 and 2011 it has gone down."

According to the National Cancer Institute, prostate-specific antigen, or PSA, "is a protein produced by cells of the prostate gland.

The PSA test measures the level of PSA in a man's blood. For this test, a blood sample is set to a laboratory for analysis."

Dr. Amaran explained the negative publicity the media has portrayed about PSA testing.

"The death rate has gone down with the PSA since it was discovered," said Amaran.

"If you look at it, how do you find 1,000 people without cell phones so if find 1,000 people not getting the screening done then how do you catch it and that was part of the problem because they were saying there is no proof.

If you don't get the screening then you can't catch it." He said that European studies have shown the direction in the cancer death poles has significantly

decreased.

"The European studies show that 30 percent more people live doing the study, getting the screening done," said Amaran.

"So definitely, we have seen the decrease in prostate cancer deaths with the same diagnosis with the population over 65 and if you put that together then death rates from prostate cancer is less with the treatment and diagnosis."

In a recent press release from Mercer Health, Dr. David Crawford, Founder and Chairman of the Prostate Cancer Council (PCEC) said, "It's disheartening to think how many lives could be saved if only more men would get screened for prostate cancer. This year, prostate cancer is expected to claim the lives of nearly 32,000 American men. That is just too many for a disease that is often treatable when caught in its earliest stages." There were free screenings at the Community Medical Center with Dr. Amaran.

Upper Valley Medical Center will offer free prostate cancer screenings Sept. 25 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the UVMC Cancer Care Center, 3130 N. CR 25A, Troy. A PSA blood test and colorectal/occult blood test also will be available for a fee.

Parkinson's awareness walk set

The sixth annual Parkinson's awareness walk by the lake will be held Sept. 29 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the East Bank walking path by Grand Lake St. Marys.

The first shelter house and refreshments and door prose drawings will be at the second shelter house.

The co-sponsors include: Auglaize County Council on Aging, Grand Lake Health System,

Golden Living Center (Valley), Heritage Manor and St. Marys Living Center.

For questions call Michelle Evans at the Auglaize County Council on Aging at 419-394-8252.

Illness effects job performance

People who want to be more productive at work may be able to skip learning seminars or extra school courses and simply focus on personal health, including taking mental health concerns seriously.

Personal illnesses are not only bad for employees but also bad for businesses.

A survey by CCH, a leading provider of human resources and employment law information, has found absenteeism can mean billions of lost revenue for U.S. businesses.

The nation's largest employers estimate that unscheduled absenteeism costs their businesses more than \$760,000 per year in direct payroll costs, and even more when lower productivity, lost revenue and the effects of poor morale are considered.

One of the primary reasons employees miss work is poor health stemming from stress and depression.

About 14.8 million American adults suffer from depression, according to the National Institute of Mental Health. Depression is the leading cause of disability among young adults in the United States.

Canadian studies looking at lifetime incidences of major depression found that roughly 8 percent of adults over 18 years of age met the criteria for a diagnosis of major depression at some time in their lives.

Depression is not just passing feelings of sadness.

It is a persistent feeling of worthlessness or helplessness that is often accompanied by loss of interest in pleasurable

activities.

Depression may cause sleep disturbances, decreased energy and an inability to concentrate.

Stress, anxiety and depression are often linked. Stress may trigger anxious episodes, which in turn can lead to depression.

Anxiety and depression progress together because obsessive worrying keeps a person in an increased state of arousal that results in depression at its most severe, say mental health experts.

Many people fail to take their health concerns seriously or fear the ramifications if they admit a "weakness."

Some continue to try to plow through at work, which is neither productive for the employee nor his or her employer. Lack of concentration may lead to mistakes made on the job.

It is in everyone's best interest to make good health a priority. To do so, individuals can follow these guidelines.

- Don't overlook symptoms that may be indicative of depression or anxiety. Visit a doctor and talk about how you have been feeling.

According to a recent large-scale study published by the Rand Corporation, depression results in more days in bed than many other ailments (such as ulcers, diabetes, high blood pressure, and arthritis).

Staying in bed for extended periods of time could be indicative of mental illness.

- Sit down with your employer and explain what is going on. You do not want him or her

to simply think you are goofing off on the job. If your employer values your work, then that employer will help you out during a period of illness.

You also may be entitled to extended time off through the Family Medical Leave Act.

- Put yourself first. You cannot help others without first helping yourself.

- Consider talking with others in similar situations.

There are many support groups that take place both online and in person.

- Recognize that stress can manifest itself in a variety of ways.

It may compound blood pressure issues and tax the cardiovascular system.

- Depression and anxiety are more common than you might think. At any given time, one employee in 20 is battling depression.


- Employers can be on the lookout for signs of problems and confidentially approach employees to determine the source of poor performances on the job.

Some employers offer counseling as part of employee benefits.

Employees should not take their health lightly, especially when illnesses like depression and anxiety can impair their abilities to do their jobs.

Mental and physical health can have a trickle-down effect on job performance.

Employees and employers can work together to come up with solutions.


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Obituaries

Paul R. Maltinsky

Paul R. Maltinsky, 92, formerly of 240 N. Main St., Minster, died at 5:20 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, 2012, at Elmwood of New Bremen.

He was born on Oct. 3, 1919,, in Wheeling, W.Va. to former immigrants from Austria-Hungary, Paul and Anna (Stanek) Maltinsky.



He married Ann M. Barhorst on July 31, 1948, in St. Michael Church, Fort Loramie, and she preceded him in death on Dec. 25, 2008.

He is survived by his children, Pam Maltinsky of Columbus, Anita and David Uetrecht of Botkins, Lynn and Jeanne Maltinsky of Williamsburg, Va., Greg and Joann Maltinsky of Minster, Nathan and Chris Maltinsky of Millis, Mass., Christine and Jay Purdy of Minster; 13 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; a brother-in-law, Virgil Barhorst of Fort Loramie; seven nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by a great-grandson, Jackson David Precht; brothers and sisters, Mary Logomarcino, Agnes Maltinsky, Steve Maltinsky, John Maltinsky, Tony Maltinsky, Katherine Maltinsky.

He was a member of St. Augustine Catholic Church in Minster and the St. Augustine Men's Choir. He graduated from Wheeling High School, The Ohio State University, where he played football from 1942-1944, was a member of the 1944 Western Conference Champions and was a member of the OSU Baseball team and a member of the Varsity O and ATO Fraternity.

He taught for more than 30 years at Minster schools, where he was a the "Father of Minster Football," and he also coached basketball and baseball.

He was a member of the Minster Civic Association and the owner/operator of Maltinsky's Men's Wear. He was also active at Arrowhead golf Club.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 13, at St. Augustine Catholic Church, Minster, with the Rev. Rick Nieberding officiating.

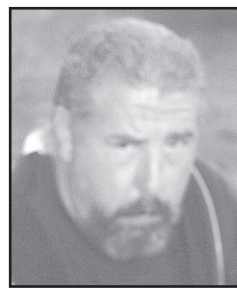
Burial was at St. Augustine Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the St. Augustine Men's Choir.

Condolences may be left at www.hogenkampfh.com.

Ronald A. Gaier

Ronald A. Gaier, 56, of Fort Collins, passed away on Friday, Aug. 31, 2012, in Fort Collins. Contrary to what we all thought would happen, he died peacefully in his sleep. His idea of heaven was a full tank of gas, an open road, and his softail. Hopefully he made it.



Ron was born on May 23, 1956 in Sidney, Ohio to Alfred and Patricia (Danzig) Gaier. While employed at Baker Concrete he was sent to Colorado for a job and fell in love with the area. He moved to Colorado in 1997 and worked for John's Harley Davidson and later

opened his own shop "Pure Hell" open 24 hours—just not in a row.

He is survived by his wife Donna Mancini of Fort Collins; his sons, Justin Gaier and Joshua (Monica) Gaier both of Fort Collins; a granddaughter, Anna, of Fort Collins; a brother, Russ (Wanda) Gaier of Cincinnati; a sister, Kris (Greg) Ahrns of Minster.

A viewing was held Sept. 6 at Resthaven Funeral Home in Fort Collins. A graveside service was also held Sept. 6 at Resthaven Memory Gardens.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the NRA or the Humane Society in care of Resthaven Funeral Home.

The online obituary and guest book can be found at www.resthavencolorado.com.

News from Osgood

Osgood Legion Post 588 is sponsoring a dance on Saturday, Sept. 15 from 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Notice: If you have a schedule, there is a change of the band. Walt Schmitmeyer will be providing the music.

If you are interested on helping in the church ministry there is opportunity to help at St. Nickolas and St. Louis as a lector or Eucharistic Minister. Training at St. Nickolas is Wednesday, Sept. 19 and St. Louis Sept. 26. Both after evening Prayer. Please call the pastoral office if you can help.

Adult babysitters for weekend Masses are needed at St. Nickolas. Please call the pastoral office if you can help at 419-582-2531.

St. Nickolas parish council will have a meeting on Monday Sept. 17 at 6:30 p.m.

St. Vincent de Paul casserole dishes will be available at St. Nickolas and St. Louis door entrances next weekend. Recipes will be included. These will help feed those at St. Vincent's.

The Osgood Legion will be serving barbecued chicken on Sunday, Sept. 16 starting at 11 a.m.

Free workshop set

Dorothy Love Retirement Community and the Area Agency on Aging, PSA2 are offering a free chronic disease self-management workshop for six weeks on Sept. 18, 25 and Oct. 1, 9, 16 and 30.

There will be a complimentary lunch starting at noon in the Amos Community Center on the Dorothy Love campus, 3003 W. Cisco Road, Sidney.

This program brings together people with different ongoing medical conditions to help manage symptoms and live healthier, happier lives. Participants get the support needed and find

practical ways to deal with pain, fatigue, and depression. They will discover ways to eat healthier and be more physically active. They will also learn better ways to talk with doctors and family about health issues and will find ways to relax and deal with stress.

For those with long-term health conditions, consider attending this workshop if: You feel limited in daily activities; feel tired, alone or stressed by health problems; or are looking for better ways to manage your symptoms. Advanced registration is required by contacting Lu Ann Presser at 937-497-6542.

Edison CC to hold leadership training

There are still spots available for "Your 'X' Factor: Energy Is Everything," an hour-long, intensive presentation designed to help businesses and individuals learn about the opportunities for upcoming leadership training sessions that will be held at Edison Community College throughout this year and next.

Presented by nationally renowned speaker Brandon W. Johnson, the presentation will focus on how the training sessions, known as "Leadership from the Heart," deliver an inspirational message about the impact that positive energy can have in professional and personal relationships and how it can help to break the cycle of bad habits that can prevent success and growth.

In the past year, nearly 70 employees from Edison Community College have attended the full two-day "Leadership from the Heart" session at the Piqua Campus and have come away with valuable interpersonal

skills and a new way of looking at the challenges of work, family and life.

"Your 'X' Factor: Energy Is Everything" will be held on Monday, Sept. 17, from 5-6 p.m. in the Robinson Theater located in the North Hall entrance of the Piqua Campus.

This presentation is available to the public for free through Edison, however space is limited and reservations are required.

To secure a spot, please contact Heather Lanham at hlanham@edisonohio.edu.

For more information on Brandon W. Johnson and the session, go online to www.brandonwjohanson.com.

From concerts and movies to championship athletics and nationally recognized speakers, Edison Community College works diligently to bring entertaining and enlightening events to campus.

For more information on what's coming to campus, visit www.edisonohio.edu.

Volunteers sought

Minster Elementary School is in need of volunteers to help with installation of new playground equipment.

Installation is sched-

uled for Sunday, Sept. 16. For those who are able to volunteer your time from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., call the elementary office at 419-628-4174.

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Thank you St. Jude.

R.W.

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Arrowhead Ladies announce results

The Arrowhead Ladies results for Sept. 5 area as follows:

- Play of the Day: Low Gross on Par 4s
- Championship Flight: 1st — Cindy Newman; tie — Lisa Griner and Jackie

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- 1st Flight: 1st — Jane Kaylor
- 2nd Flight: 1st — Susan Quellhorst; 2nd — Cathy Bernhold
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Old 1898-1900 Gold Rush to Alaska Diaries of James Zura Riley and George Brandon, as members of the D. Armstrong crew from Celina, St. Marys, and Lima, were published by the Mercer County Historical Society in 2000.

By **JOYCE ALIG**
President, Mercer County Historical Society

Part III: The rest of the eleven Mercer County's Local History Books

"To Preserve Mercer County's History and To Educate the Public about that History," is the Mission Statement of the Mercer County Historical Society, Inc. One of the most important achievements of the Mercer County Historical Society since 1973 is the publishing of twenty-seven (27) Local History Books and Ohio History Books, as of 2012, published with the purpose of providing the service to the County of preserving local history and educating the public about that history.

Part I covered the five books the Historical Society published about the early settlement of Northwestern Ohio. Part II covered the eleven books about Communities in Mercer County, Ohio. This week, I will complete this theme with Part III, about the eleven books for Mercer County's big Barns, Alaska's Gold Rush, eight Township history books, and History of Mercer County's Oldest Businesses and The Mercer County Historical Society.

In 1990, the Historical Society published the book in respect for Mercer County's agricultural

heritage, "Those Magnificent Big Barns of Mercer County, Ohio," which contained photographs and stories of over 1000 Mercer County barns. Recently, former Mercer Countian Darrin Albers asked for a copy of this book on Barns. He wrote to me, saying, "I just received the book yesterday. Thank you so much for sending it so quickly. I will treasure this for years to come. Thanks, Darrin Albers"

In 2001, the Society recognized James Zura Riley and George Brandon's diaries of their 1898-1900 trip to the gold fields of Alaska, and complemented those diaries with extensive research for other diaries and photographs, and published the exciting book, "Old Gold Rush to Alaska Diaries of 1898-1900."

In the year 2009, the Mercer County Historical Society celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the Mercer County Historical Museum.

The County Historical Society and County Museum was planned at the request of the Commissioners in 1958. The County Museum opened in September 1959. In 1959, the Mercer County Historical Society, had been doing research on the oldest businesses in the County. The Society published the book, "Mercer County, Ohio's

Oldest Family Businesses & Mercer County Historical Society, Inc.; Providing Economic & Cultural Development," for this 50th Anniversary.

After Joyce Alig retired as Director of the Mercer County Historical Museum (1975-2004), the public kept calling Joyce Alig at home, requesting her help on projects related to local history. As President of the Mercer County Historical Society, Joyce Alig saw a need for books to help people seeking local history. Between 2007 and 2012, she did the research for the Historical Society to publish eight "Township Books of Bibliographies of Historical Research: Granville, Butler, Franklin, Center, Hopewell, Liberty, Washington, and Marion Townships."

The 27 books published by the Mercer County Historical Society have preserved the history of Mercer County, for today's generation, as well as generations to come. If you have enjoyed any one of these books, I would appreciate your dropping me a line to let the Historical Society know your thoughts.

The Mercer County Historical Society President Joyce Alig, may be contacted at 3054 Burk-St. Henry Road, Saint Henry, OH 45883, or histolig@bright.net or 419-678-2614.

Historical society plans events

The fourth annual Stepping Among the Stones historic visit to St. Augustine Cemetery will be held on Sunday, Sept. 30, at 3:15 p.m.

The Rev. David and Rita Hoying have once again combined efforts to make this years history lesson very special.

The section of the cemetery to be discussed will be the first section to the

left as you enter the cemetery. Stories and history of our ancestors will be shared in this one hour presentation. The public is invited.

Following this event the annual fundraiser, Wedding Chicken Dinner Carry-Out, will take place at the K. of C. Hall on Main Street from 4:30 .m. to 6 p.m. Tickets are a pre-sale-only and available by

visiting the Museum or by calling Tom Meyer at 628-3389.

Tickets are available now through Sunday, Sept. 24. A meal consist of 4 pieces of chicken, noodles, dressing, roll and applesauce, all made by local wedding cook Mary Dahlinghaus. Please help support the efforts of the Minster Historical Society.

From Out of Our Past

By **GARY OLDIGES**
Minster Historical Society

Note: This column is created from the archives of the Minster Community Post by Minster Historical Society volunteers for your enjoyment. Larry Prenger edits and translates the 100 Years Ago.

100 years ago

Oscar Rulman, who has had a job in Dorsten's Barbershop the past few months, has resigned. Walter, son of John Brinkman, took his place Thursday and will see if it is pleasing to him to learn the barbershop business.

In the past week Charles Ahrns had the misfortune to crush a finger on his right hand. He was busy unloading goods from the L.E. & M. train when he laid his hand between two cases. Mr. Ahrns was unable to work for a few days.

Eleven prominent citizens of New Knoxville have founded The New Knoxville Light and Power Co. This new organization will provide that village with electric light and electric power.

Mrs R.A. Rulmann, who is a patient in Grant Hospital in Columbus, is on the mend. Her knee, which was drawn crooked by rheumatism has been straightened to some degree. She is expected to come home again in two

weeks. Hopefully, the improvement will go on.

75 years ago

The black smoke of the sorghum mill which rose suddenly Wednesday morning told us that once again Feltz Cane mill is busy making sorghum molasses for their hundreds of customers.

The McCartyville School opened its doors to the largest group of youngsters that it has ever been called upon to accommodate on Tuesday morning, the first day of school. Seventeen bright, new faces were present in the first grade. The total enrollment for all grades was 148 and likely chance of going up to 150 due to late comers. There are 37 youngsters enrolled in the first and second grade under the supervision of Sr. Mary Alphonsa. In the third and fourth grade there are 40 pupils with Miss Cecelia Ratermann as their teacher. Sr. Mary Ludmilda, a newcomer to the system has the largest enrollment of 40. Mr. Raterman has 30 pupils enrolled in the seventh and eighth grades. Sr. Alphonsa will have charge of the music for the entire system. Sr. Ludmilda will teach Art and Handwriting throughout the school. Miss Raterman will teach 7th and 8th grade English and 5th grade Spelling and Sewing from the 3rd to the 8th grade. Mr. Raterman will have charge of

the Nature Study classes from grades 1 to 9, as well as physical training and 4th grade Health and 6th grade Spelling. Fr. Graf will have charge of the religious end of the program, coming to school once a week in each room. The school will make use of the radio for class work getting most of its programs from the Ohio School of Air.

50 years ago

Guests of Mrs. Anna Kleinhenz and Tom Sunday were Dr. and Mrs. Andrew Broering and family of Celina and Mr. and Mrs. C.J. Heitbrink and family of Dayton.

Eugene and Arnold Heitkamp and Luke Clune and Ralph Meinerting of St. John spent Saturday in Cincinnati at the Reds ball game and saw Cinerama Sunday.

The annual fall smorgasbord will be held Sunday, Oct. 7, at the Holy Redeemer Church Hall in New Bremen it was announced by the chairman, Mrs. William Schemmel.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fogt (Sara Thaman) announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Jill Marie, Aug. 24 at Joint Township Hospital in St. Marys. Jill Marie was baptized Sunday in St. Augustine's Church. Sponsors were Fred Pape and Tina Thaman. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Vance Fogt and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Thaman.

Museum to display quilt

The Minster Historical Society and Museum would like to announce that a wonderful new artifact has been obtained through the generous donation from several Steinemann family descendants and will be on display starting Sunday, Sept. 16 at the museum.

The history of the Steinemann Quilt of 1860 starts with Mary Steinemann-Decker, daughter of pioneer John Henry Steinemann, who commissioned the Sisters of the Convent of the Visitation, located in Minster, to hand make a quilt for Bishop John Purcell of Cincinnati, who made many journeys here, to the parish of St. Augustine Catholic Church. She wished for his lodging to be special in his honor. This quilt was then returned to her care until his next visit. Mary Steinemann died at age 41 with no heirs. Her husband Joseph then married Mary

Meyer, whose family then inherited the special quilt.

The Meyer-Decker family passed the quilt from mother to daughter two more generations. In 2011, the quilt was researched and found to be in Urbana, Ohio in the possession of Elaine Kern, granddaughter of Mary Meyer-Decker. In her early 90s, she wished to sell the quilt. The Minster Historical Society was determined to bring it back home.

The quilt measures 84-inches by 86-inches in size, on a white background with red, green and gold baskets, leaves and raised grape appliques. The pattern is Pride of Iowa. The Steinemann Quilt is on display with the current exhibit "Meet the Steinemann Family" until Nov. 1. It will then be accessed for preservation purposes, after which it will return for permanent display.

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Lake Loramie Fall Harvest Festival

Harvest festival set for Sept. 14-16

Lake Loramie State Park's annual Fall Harvest Festival and Campout is fast approaching being Sept. 14, 15 and 16, 2012.

This annual event, which is co-sponsored by the Lake Loramie Improvement Association, is a family event that will feature a wide variety of activities for all ages.

Some of the features include an antique power show demonstrating various old gas powered engines and equipment, kid's games and activities, a farmers market, food,

live musical entertainment, mountain men encampment and arts and crafts exhibitors. New this year will be "Build & Grow" sponsored by Lowe's on Saturday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

This year's event will feature "Renegade" on Friday night and "Wannabies" on Saturday evening as well as "C&M Bluegrass Band", "Open Road Band", "Kimberly Fox" and "Top Shelf" at various times throughout the weekend.

The weekend begins on Friday the 14 at 5 p.m. and concludes at 4 p.m.

on Sunday the 16. Camping will be available at regular rates either by reservation or a first come first served basis.

The Park will also have several overflow camp areas open.

For day use visitors, admission is free.

Anyone interested in being an exhibitor in the farmers market should call 419-394-3611 for further information.

Anyone wishing to participate in the Power Show may contact Ed Gigandet at 937-295-3404.



An angler tries his skill and luck at Lake Loramie State Park.

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Health

UVMC offers free prostate screening

By MALLORY KEMPER
Staff Writer

CELINA — Prostate Cancer Awareness Month is here. Mercer Health offered free prostate cancer screenings on Sept. 11 and Sept. 12. Upper Valley Medical Center is offering free prostate screening on Sept. 25.

Local urologist, Dr. Thangaraj Amaran will be doing the screening and said that men over the age of 60 are at a higher risk for prostate cancer but they can also be diagnosed with cancer at age 40 or lower.

"Men at the age of 60 or above should have a check-up once a year," said Dr. Amaran.

"For men after the age of 60 we recommend once a year and if the families have a history of it then you should start earlier at the age of 40 because their risk is higher."

Dr. Amaran explained that there are no symptoms of prostate cancer and nothing is 100 percent curable but the death rates have gone down to the prostate-specific antigen (PSA) testing.

"There are no symptoms with prostate cancer, so that's the real problem," he said. "Nothing is 100 percent but if you catch the prostate cancer earlier

enough since the 1990 PSA blood test has improved the chances of finding it.

From 1990 to now if you look at the death rates from prostate cancer before 1990 and then look at 2010 and 2011 it has gone down."

According to the National Cancer Institute, prostate-specific antigen, or PSA, "is a protein produced by cells of the prostate gland.

The PSA test measures the level of PSA in a man's blood. For this test, a blood sample is set to a laboratory for analysis."

Dr. Amaran explained the negative publicity the media has portrayed about PSA testing.

"The death rate has gone down with the PSA since it was discovered," said Amaran.

"If you look at it, how do you find 1,000 people without cell phones so if find 1,000 people not getting the screening done then how do you catch it and that was part of the problem because they were saying there is no proof.

If you don't get the screening then you can't catch it." He said that European studies have shown the direction in the cancer death poles has significantly

decreased.

"The European studies show that 30 percent more people live doing the study, getting the screening done," said Amaran.

"So definitely, we have seen the decrease in prostate cancer deaths with the same diagnosis with the population over 65 and if you put that together then death rates from prostate cancer is less with the treatment and diagnosis."

In a recent press release from Mercer Health, Dr. David Crawford, Founder and Chairman of the Prostate Cancer Council (PCEC) said, "It's disheartening to think how many lives could be saved if only more men would get screened for prostate cancer. This year, prostate cancer is expected to claim the lives of nearly 32,000 American men. That is just too many for a disease that is often treatable when caught in its earliest stages." There were free screenings at the Community Medical Center with Dr. Amaran.

Upper Valley Medical Center will offer free prostate cancer screenings Sept. 25 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the UVMC Cancer Care Center, 3130 N. CR 25A, Troy. A PSA blood test and colorectal/occult blood test also will be available for a fee.

Parkinson's awareness walk set

The sixth annual Parkinson's awareness walk by the lake will be held Sept. 29 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the East Bank walking path by Grand Lake St. Marys.

Registration will be at

the first shelter house and refreshments and door prose drawings will be at the second shelter house.

The co-sponsors include: Auglaize County Council on Aging, Grand Lake Health System,

Golden Living Center (Valley), Heritage Manor and St. Marys Living Center.

For questions call Michelle Evans at the Auglaize County Council on Aging at 419-394-8252.

Illness effects job performance

People who want to be more productive at work may be able to skip learning seminars or extra school courses and simply focus on personal health, including taking mental health concerns seriously.

Personal illnesses are not only bad for employees but also bad for businesses.

A survey by CCH, a leading provider of human resources and employment law information, has found absenteeism can mean billions of lost revenue for U.S. businesses.

The nation's largest employers estimate that unscheduled absenteeism costs their businesses more than \$760,000 per year in direct payroll costs, and even more when lower productivity, lost revenue and the effects of poor morale are considered.

One of the primary reasons employees miss work is poor health stemming from stress and depression.

About 14.8 million American adults suffer from depression, according to the National Institute of Mental Health. Depression is the leading cause of disability among young adults in the United States.

Canadian studies looking at lifetime incidences of major depression found that roughly 8 percent of adults over 18 years of age met the criteria for a diagnosis of major depression at some time in their lives.

Depression is not just passing feelings of sadness.

It is a persistent feeling of worthlessness or helplessness that is often accompanied by loss of interest in pleasurable

activities.

Depression may cause sleep disturbances, decreased energy and an inability to concentrate.

Stress, anxiety and depression are often linked. Stress may trigger anxious episodes, which in turn can lead to depression.

Anxiety and depression progress together because obsessive worrying keeps a person in an increased state of arousal that results in depression at its most severe, say mental health experts.

Many people fail to take their health concerns seriously or fear the ramifications if they admit a "weakness."

Some continue to try to plow through at work, which is neither productive for the employee nor his or her employer. Lack of concentration may lead to mistakes made on the job.

It is in everyone's best interest to make good health a priority. To do so, individuals can follow these guidelines.

- Don't overlook symptoms that may be indicative of depression or anxiety. Visit a doctor and talk about how you have been feeling.

According to a recent large-scale study published by the Rand Corporation, depression results in more days in bed than many other ailments (such as ulcers, diabetes, high blood pressure, and arthritis).

Staying in bed for extended periods of time could be indicative of mental illness.

- Sit down with your employer and explain what is going on. You do not want him or her

to simply think you are goofing off on the job. If your employer values your work, then that employer will help you out during a period of illness.

You also may be entitled to extended time off through the Family Medical Leave Act.

- Put yourself first. You cannot help others without first helping yourself.

- Consider talking with others in similar situations.

There are many support groups that take place both online and in person.

- Recognize that stress can manifest itself in a variety of ways.

It may compound blood pressure issues and tax the cardiovascular system.

- Depression and anxiety are more common than you might think. At any given time, one employee in 20 is battling depression.


- Employers can be on the lookout for signs of problems and confidentially approach employees to determine the source of poor performances on the job.

Some employers offer counseling as part of employee benefits.

Employees should not take their health lightly, especially when illnesses like depression and anxiety can impair their abilities to do their jobs.

Mental and physical health can have a trickle-down effect on job performance.

Employees and employers can work together to come up with solutions.


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Health Section

ServSafe training to be held in Lima

ServSafe Level I and Level II trainings scheduled for Fall 2012

Foodborne illness outbreaks and product recalls are in the news daily. Training managers and food service employees in safe food handling and how to deal with food safety issues could be the most cost-effective strategy your business will use! This fall, Ohio State University Extension is pleased to announce that Level I Serving Food Safely (ServSafe Starters) and Level II Training, ServSafe Food Protection Manager Certification will be offered. The first Level I training will be held Tuesday, September 18, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at OSU Extension-Henry County, Hahn Center; 140 E. Washington St. Napoleon, OH. This ServSafe Starters training provides accurate, up-to-date informa-

tion for all levels of employees on handling of food, from receiving and storing to preparing and serving. This course costs \$30 per participant and is designed to provide food service employees with updated principles of safe food handling. The principles learned in this course can easily be applied and practiced by all food service workers.

Food Service Managers will want to attend the Level II training on Tuesday, October 16, and Thursday, October 18 in Defiance at OSU Extension, 6879 Evansport Road. The exam will be given on Tuesday, October 23. This training is provided using the National Restaurant Association's ServSafe curriculum. Topics for the sessions include basic food safety practices as well as further information on microorgan-

isms and principles of the HACCP system. Completion will include testing and certification. This training is open to any manager or employee of food service operations. The cost will be \$175 per participant.

Any food service worker or manager or owner of food service establishments will benefit from these trainings, because every part of your operation affects the safety of the food you serve and every employee plays a role in keeping food safe. This is an opportunity to help you and your employees to better understand your role in food safety at a price that your business can afford. For more information go to: <http://fulton.osu.edu/topics/family-and-consumer-sciences/healthy-people> or to register, call Ohio State University Extension at 419-337-

Walk-in clinics offered

The UVMC Center for Sports Medicine will hold walk-in clinics for athletic injuries on Saturdays beginning Aug. 18.

The clinic will be held at Suite 304 in the Hyatt Center, 450 N. Hyatt St., Tipp City. Clinic hours are 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. with the last athlete accepted

at 10:30 a.m.

Dr. Mark Zunkiewicz, orthopedic surgeon fellowship trained in sports medicine, or Dr. Jeff Rayborn, board certified primary care sports medicine physician, will be available for consultation, evaluation and treatment.

The clinics will be held each Saturday through Oct. 27 with the exception of Sept. 29.

For more information, visit www.uvmc.com or call the Center for Sports Medicine at 937-667-2614. On Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., call 937-440-7325.

Mercer Health Weight Management Center to hold Lap-Band seminars

Mercer Health Weight Management Center will be hosting FREE informational seminars in the Greenville area during the months of September and October. The seminars will be held at Edison Community College's Darke County Campus on Wagner Avenue, Greenville. The seminar will discuss the LAP-BAND® surgery now offered at Mercer Health in Coldwater, Ohio. Staff from the Weight Management Center will present on how the LAP-BAND® system offers a healthy

way to lose a significant amount of weight, and enjoy long-term results. The LAP-BAND® system is a device that's placed around the upper part of the stomach, often as an outpatient surgical procedure, to help you feel full faster and longer. Unlike gastric bypass surgery, there's no stomach cutting or stapling, plus it's adjustable for your needs, and can even be removed if necessary.

Other items that will be discussed at the seminar include: current treatments of obesity and sur-

gical options, benefits and risks of the LAP-BAND® Adjustable Gastric Banding System, the Mercer Health Weight Management Program, pre-op & post-op diet, life after surgery, and patient testimonials.

For more information or to register for this free seminar, please call 419-678-THIN (8446) or visit our website at www.mercer-health.com.

Mitch Albom to highlight UVMC annual symposium

Best-selling author Mitch Albom will be the featured speaker at UVMC's 12th annual Bill and Ruth McGraw Cancer Awareness Symposium on Oct. 4 at the Tippecanoe High School Center for the Performing Arts in Tipp City.

The presentation, "The Time Keeper: An Evening of Inspiration with Mitch Albom," is free; however, advance registration is required.

Doors will open and a book sale will be held beginning at 6:30 p.m.

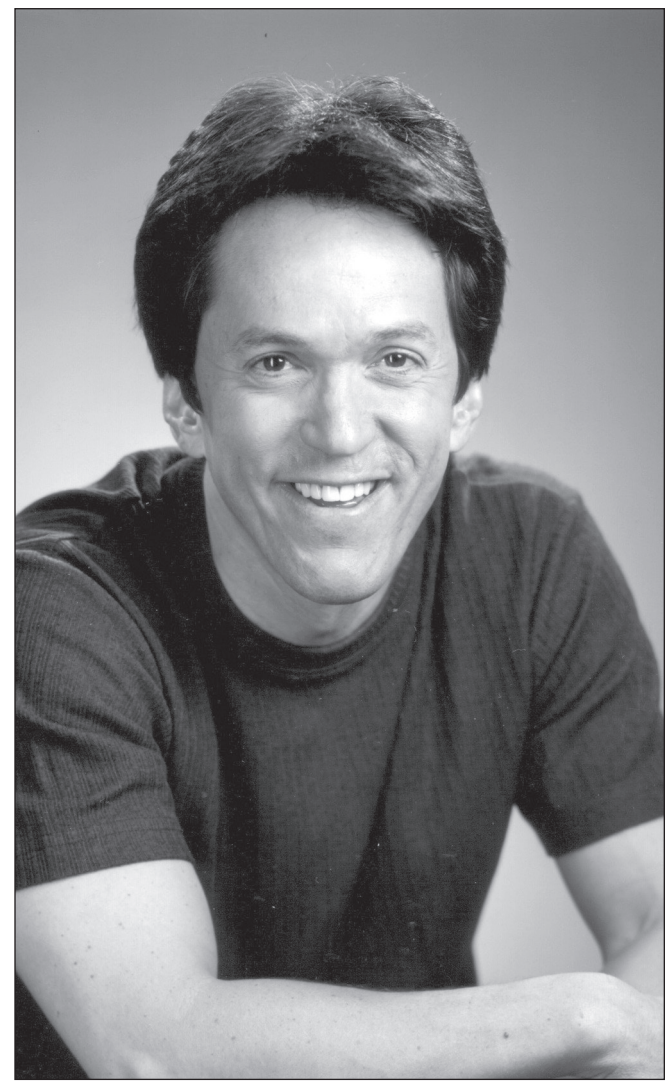
The presentation will be from 7:30-8:15 p.m. followed by a door prize drawing. A book sale and book signing will be held from 8:30-9:30 p.m.

Albom is a New York Times best-selling author of "Have a Little Faith" and "Tuesdays with Morrie." His latest work is "The Time Keeper." He is a writer, broadcaster and philanthropist.

The Cancer Awareness Symposium was named in honor of Troy residents Bill and Ruth McGraw, parents of Bill McGraw, Karen McGraw and Chris Grilliot.

Between them, Bill and Ruth McGraw had cancer five times, but neither died from the disease.

"The UVMC Cancer Care Center is honored



to have the support of the McGraw Family to help educate the community," said Jean Heath, Cancer Care Center director.

"Over the years the generosity and commitment of the McGraw Family Fund and the UVMC Foundation has enabled us to provide quality education and programming on cancer to our community."

The program is spon-

sored by the UVMC Foundation and the UVMC Cancer Care Center. It is made possible by a grant from the McGraw Family Fund of The Troy Foundation and a grant from the UVMC Foundation.

To reserve a seat, call the UVMC Foundation Office at 937-440-7541.

There is a limit of four tickets per registration.

Seniorcize class to begin

The long-standing senior exercise program, Seniorcize by Joint Township Hospital, will begin soon.

Seniorcize is designed to allow seniors a safe and controlled opportunity to get some exercise. It emphasizes low impact exercise routines along with stretching and resistance work to help tone muscles and keep joints limber.

Free "try and see" classes will be held on Sept. 18, 20, 25 and 27. Classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

and will be free.

The regular schedule of Seniorcize classes will begin on Oct. 2. Cost for the class will be \$15 per month for singles and \$20 per month for married couples.

Classes are held at the Otterbein St.

Marys Life Enrichment Center at 11230 State Route 3564, St. Marys.

For more information or registration for classes call Cindy L. Gaerke at 419-394-3335 ext. 1130 or Anne Larger at ext. 1128.

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Health Section

JTDMH Gift Shoppe to hold fall open house

The public is cordially invited to attend the 2012 Fall Open House at the JTDMH Gift Shoppe. This fall open house

will be held on Friday, Sept. 14 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Take advantage of the 20-percent discount on

fall merchandise, including OSU items. Also enjoy free popcorn and cider. All proceeds benefit the JTDMH Auxiliary.

UVMC honors employees

Kari Foster, a patient care technician, was recognized as UVMC's Employee of the Year during the annual Employee Recognition Reception on Aug. 10.

Foster has been employed by UVMC since 2008. She worked as a certified medical assistant in the Cancer Care Center before becoming a PCT during the past year. She also is pursuing a degree in nursing.

Foster's selection was announced by Tom Parker, UVMC President and CEO. Fellow staff who nominated her for the award described her as extremely compassionate

and with a positive attitude.

Also recognized at the reception were four employees with 40 years of service: Connie Copen, Nancy Shane, Diana Shellenberger and Teresa Maxson. Recognized for 35 years of service were Connie Strawser, Kathleen Tobe, Carol Brooks, Nancy Brumbaugh, Kimberly Stump, Bambi Owens, Cynthia Weikert and Kay Borchers.

Those honored for 30 years of service were Lea Ann Stevens, Cynthia O'Neal, Stephanie Stoner, Barbara Mangel, Pamela Strack, Sherri Shelley, Theresa Saunders-Jackson, Benita

Griffith, Sherri Colby, Jane Pierce, Carol Jenkins and Michele Elam.

This year's 25th anniversary employees were Barbara Hostetter, Marilyn Pohlman, James Hurak, Wesley Davis, Kathryn Boerger, Anna Allen, Cheryl Carter, Kenneth Knapke, Jennifer Nash, Deborah Poston, Judy Nix, Kristen Lykes, Sandra Heckler, Jean Bell, Kandi Diamond, Marcia Smith, Kathleen Oda and Mary Martz.

UVMC also recognized 20 employees for 20 years of service; 41 for 15 years; 49 for 10 years and 55 were honored for five years of service.

GL Health System offers American Sign Language

Grand Lake Health System will be offering an American Sign Language Workshop taught by a certified instructor, beginning Tuesday, Oct. 2 and continued on Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30 and Nov. 6.

This group will meet on six consecutive Tuesday evenings from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Auglaize-Mercer YMCA-North, State Route 703 in Celina.

The class involves learning the "sign" alphabet as well as basic vocabulary. Interaction and class participation enables the participant to benefit from and enjoy learning this unique language.

Registration is required and limited to 12 participants. A nominal fee of \$25 per person is required. To register for the class please call Cindy Gaerke at 419-394-6290.



New mom support group offered from Upper Valley

A Mom and Baby Get Together support group for breastfeeding mothers is offered weekly at Upper Valley Medical Center.

The meetings are held from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Farmhouse, located northwest of the main hospital entrance. The meetings are facilitated by

the lactation department. Participants can meet other moms, share about being a new mother and learn more about breastfeeding and their babies.

The group will meet Thursdays in September on Sept. 6, 13, 20 and 27. For more information, call 937-440-4906.

Fall prevention program set

A free program on Fall Prevention will be held; A Matter of Balance workshop begins Sept. 26. The series of 8 classes will be held

each Wednesday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. \ Forest Park United Methodist Church, 315 S. Collins Ave.. Lima. Area Agency on Aging 3 can assist

with transportation. For more information and to register, call Joyce Mason at Area Agency on Aging 3 at 419-222-7723 Ext 220.

Local hospice recognized as a We Honor Veterans partner

It may surprise many people to learn that 25 percent of those who die every year in the U.S. are Veterans.

To help provide care and support that reflect the important contributions made by these men and women, Grand Lake Hospice has become a national partner of We Honor Veterans, a pioneering campaign developed by National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Affairs.

As a We Honor Veterans Partner, Grand Lake Hospice will implement ongoing Veteran-centered education for their staff and volunteers to help improve the care they provide to the Veterans they proudly serve.

The nation is seeing many of the Veterans who served in World War II and Korean pass away — and the number of deaths of Vietnam Veterans is beginning to rise.

The We Honor Veterans campaign provides tiered recognition to organizations that demonstrate a systematic commitment to improving care for Veterans.

"Partners" can assess their ability to serve Veterans and, using resources provided as part of the campaign, integrate best practices for providing end-of-life care to Veterans into their organization.

Grand Lake Hospice is better able to accompany and guide Veterans and their families toward a more peaceful ending. And in cases where there might be some specific needs related to the Veteran's military service, combat experience or other traumatic events, Grand Lake Hospice will find tools to help support those they are caring for.

"All hospices are serving Veterans but often aren't aware of that person's service in the armed forces," said J.



Donald Schumacher, NHPCO president and CEO. "Through We Honor Veterans we are taking a giant step forward in helping hospice and palliative care providers understand and serve Veterans at the end of life and work more effectively with VA medical facilities in their communities."

"VA shares a common goal with our nation's hospices, and that is to provide the best possible care specifically tailored for Veterans, meeting their goals of care in their preferred setting. As we focus on working together and unite our services and skills, We Honor Veterans will channel our combined strengths directly to Veterans — wherever they are receiving care."

The resources of We Honor Veterans focus on respectful inquiry, compassionate listening, and grateful acknowledgment, coupled with Veteran-centric education of health care staff caring for Veterans.

To learn more about We Honor Veterans please visit their website at www.wehonorveterans.org.

"America's Veterans have done everything asked of them in their mission to serve our country and we believe it is never too late to give them a hero's welcome home. Now it is time that we step up, acquire the necessary skills and fulfill our mission to serve these men and women with the dignity they deserve," added Schumacher.

For additional information and how you can participate in the veterans program, contact Grand Lake Hospice at 419-394-7434.

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Health Section

Music therapy intern shares experience

It has been a giant leap from the Dallas, Texas area to a small community in the Midwest, but Allison Burns, the new music therapy intern at State of the Heart Hospice, feels she made a great choice in deciding to become a member of the State of the Heart team of caregivers.

She will be with the program for six months, completing a requirement to become a Certified Music Therapist. She completes the internship in February.

"It is the perfect fit," explained Burns.

"I am learning so much from the two State of the Heart music therapists, and I admire the mission and philosophy of State of the Heart in caring for patients and families."

Before deciding on where she wanted to intern, she researched hospices on the internet.

"I liked what I saw on State of the Heart's web site," she added.

While she is living in Portland, she will assist State of the Heart's two music therapists, Amy Pearson and Brittany Scheer, in providing music therapy to patients in all of the areas served by State of the Heart.

The non-profit agency has offices in Greenville, Portland and Coldwater and cares for patients in eastern Indiana and western Ohio who are confronting a life limiting illness.



She has been musically active both in her church and in musical groups, she said and has performed extensively. Her principal "instrument," she explained, is her voice. When she was finishing her associate's degree she was somewhat unsure what career path she wanted to follow. Her family had experience with hospice care, she said, and it was a good experience.

"I believe strongly in the power of music," she said.

"You blend so many elements that are so helpful to people with music therapy."

ity of life, an easing of depression and the "opening of channels" for conversation.

Advocates of music therapy stress that music therapy can be a "pain masking agent by offering a distraction for the patient."

State of the Heart applied with the American Music Therapy Association for approval for the internship program.

Out of approximately 100 hospices in Ohio, State of the Heart is one of three offering a music therapy

Her love of music, involvement in church activities, and her desire to help others, lead her to deciding on a career as a music therapist in hospice care.

Music therapy emerged in hospice care in the early to mid 1990s and has become increasingly popular.

Through the use of music therapy, a patient can realize improved qual-

internship. It is the only hospice out of about 100 in Indiana to offer the program.

The internship is required in order to finish the Bachelor's Degree in Music Therapy program.

Burns related a recent experience where she saw music therapy help a patient.

"We had been called back to the home of a patient after an initial visit to help the patient with her breathing," Burns explained.

"The patient was having a lot of problems breathing and it was getting worse as her anxiety increased. Our music therapist Brittany sang some old hymns while I held the patient's hand. Within 30 minutes the patient's breathing had improved greatly and she was able to go to sleep. There was a definite improvement in her physical well-being through the use of music therapy."

The music therapist is an important part of the hospice team of caregivers which consists of physician, nurses, aides, social workers, bereavement specialists, chaplains and volunteers.

Increasingly, music therapy is being used for bereavement support.

To find out more about any of the services offered by State of the Heart, visit the agency web site at www.stateoftheheartcare.org.

Efforts to prevent violence taken seriously Stanfield Imaging closed for now

At a news conference recently, the city of Findlay's Reducing Risk Committee and the city and county schools discussed the efforts being taken in Hancock County to prevent school violence.

Members of the panel included the following: Precia Stuby, committee chairperson and executive director of the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board of Hancock County; Randy VanDyne, assistant vice president for sponsored programs and professional services for the University and the University's All Hazards Training Center; Matt Bruskotter, program manager with the University's All Hazards Training Center; Larry Busdeker, superintendent of the Hancock County Educational Service Center; Dean Wittwer, superintendent of Findlay City Schools; and Kathy Kreuchauf, president of the Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation.

"We believe that a unified approach to school violence prevention across the entire county will pay huge dividends in the future, as we will be able to identify potential threats, and intervene before the threats leads to violent acts," said Busdeker.

The potential for school violence exists in every school system; the recent events in Columbine and Chardon provide devastating examples of this. According to the schoolsafety.com website, in schools across the U.S. in 2010, there were 15 school shootings, 14 gun threats, three school fires, 45 credible bomb threats and four incidents of actual explosive devices found in schools.

Since 2007, the Findlay city and Hancock county schools, the Hancock County Sheriff, the Findlay Police Department, the Hancock County Board of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services and The University of Findlay (UF) have partnered on a county-wide Reducing Risk in Educational Settings committee.

The committee was formed to develop a best practices plan, which focuses on three primary areas to ensure safe and healthy environments for students to prosper: basic safety, school climate and threat assessment management.

Since its inception, the committee, in partnership with The University of Findlay's All Hazards Training Center (AHTC), have implemented basic training across the county in anti-

bullying; bus driver safety; and crisis preparedness, planning, response and recovery.

The majority of the school buildings in the county have been assessed from a physical security perspective.

In 2011, the Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation awarded a one-year grant of \$73,600 from the Madeleine T. Schneider Fund to the AHTC for the development and implementation of customized, Threat Assessment Management (TAM) programs in all eight school buildings in Hancock County with high schools. TAM is a behavioral based school violence prevention technique developed by the U.S. Secret Service to identify threats to their protectees.

For more information, visit the National Threat Assessment Center's Secret Service Safe School Initiative website, located at http://www.secretservice.gov/ntac_ssi.shtml.

It has been approved for use in school systems by the Federal Department of Education and the Federal Department of Homeland

Security. "While it is important that we train our students, faculty and staff to respond to potential acts of school violence, it is even more important to develop and implement ways to prevent those acts from even occurring."

The TAM programs we are implementing will certainly help us do that," said Wittwer.

To date, UF has performed policy surveys and developed plans for each of the eight high schools in the county.

All of these plans are designed to help schools, parents and students prevent violence from occurring on campus by identifying "behaviors of concern" and providing help to those individuals exhibiting these behaviors before a violent act is committed.

Beginning this fall, training will occur at each of the eight buildings.

The members of each building's Behavioral Intervention Teams will be trained on how to implement the process of collecting information, analyzing the information and interven-

ing when appropriate to prevent acts of school violence.

All school faculty and staff also will be trained on each building TAM plan and what their individual roles are—including the important role of intelligence gathering and communication.

Another important step in the process is the distribution of information to each school system's local community to advise them of the school violence prevention programs being put in place, and inform them of their important role as intelligence collectors and communicators.

"It is important to note the critical role that each and every member of the school community plays in this overall effort," Stuby noted.

"All community stakeholders are responsible for reporting unusual behavior and specific concerns to appropriate school officials in a timely manner, so that the information can be analyzed, and acted upon accordingly."

For more information, please contact Stuby at pstuby@bhg.org or 419-424-1985.

Stanfield Imaging closed for now

Stanfield Imaging, located on the lower level of the UVMC Stanfield building at 31 Stanfield Road, Troy, will be closed Aug. 27 through Sept. 24 for a remodeling project.

Patients needing imaging services will be referred to the UVMC Outpatient Care Center/South, 998 S. Dorset Road, Troy, during the renovation.

The project will include replacing an X-Ray unit and remodeling for improved patient access and privacy, said Jacquie Rose, UVMC Director of Imaging Services.

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Class of '62 marks 50 years

Couple to wed

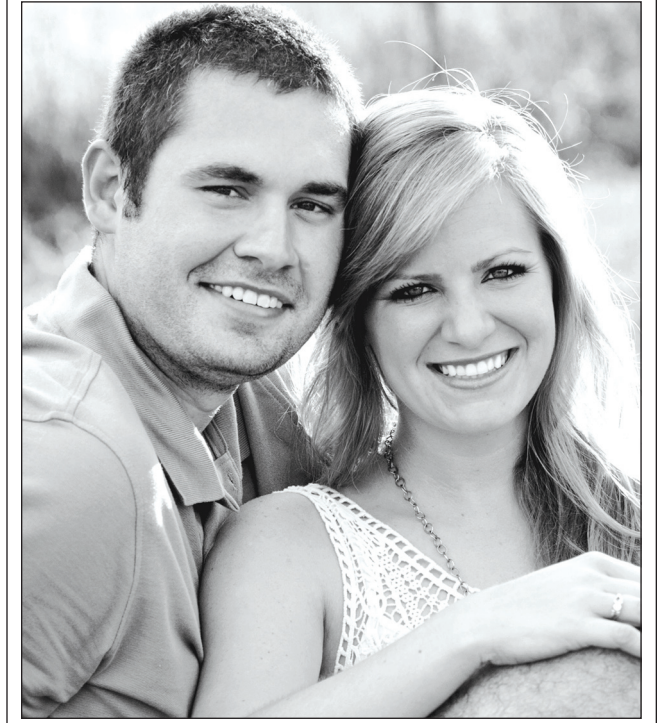
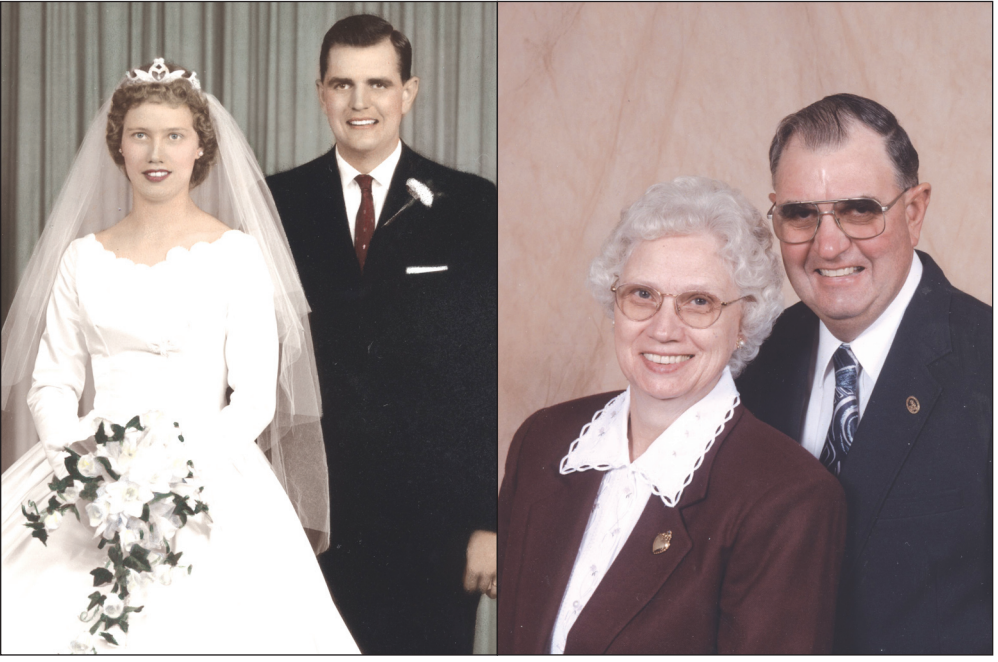


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 Pictured above are members of the Minster class of 1962 at their recent reunion. From left to right, front row, are: Minnie Weiskittel, Dinah Topp Reigelsperger, Betty Boecker Au, Ann Bernhold Diedrich, Pam Wagner Kinsella, Juliana Larger Weigandt, Kathy Roetgerman Kinsella Pat O'Reilly; second row — Connie Steineman Bergman, Marilyn Ranly Heucker, Patricia Luckman Jacques, Margie Schwieterman Stricker, Doris Eiting Romie, Patricia Kinninger Post, Dave Salm; third row — Ann Rutschilling McCollum, Dolores Enneking Latham, Sharon Meyer Pettigrew; fourth row — Larry Heitkamp, Tom Sommer, Jim Albers, Dave Dahlinghaus, Jack Albers, Stan Prenger, Duff Hemmelgarn, Dave Salm; fifth row — Jim Gudorf, John Kuether, Paul Boeckman, Larry Pleiman, Norm Albers.

Jenna Marie Fausey, the daughter of Julie and Daniel Fausey of Minster, will marry Matthew Schultz on Saturday, Oct. 13, 2012, in a nuptial Mass at St. Augustine's church in Minster. Matt is the son of John and Pamela Schultz of Vandalia. Jenna and Matt chose this special date as it is the same day in the same church on Jenna's grandparent's 50th wedding anniversary. Jenna is a graduate of Minster High School and The University of Toledo. She works for CISCO & CO in New Bremen as a media and design director. Matt graduated from Vandalia Butler High School and The University of Toledo. He is working as a physical therapy assistant in Troy.

Couple celebrates 50 years

Golden anniversary shared



William and Marie Wendel are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. The anniversary Mass will be held at 9 a.m. at Precious Blood Catholic Church in Chickasaw on Sept. 23, followed by a dinner and reception for family and invited guests. William Wendel and the former Marie Schlarman were married Sept. 29, 1962, at St. Rose Catholic Church in St. Rose, with the Rev. Walter Roth officiating. The wedding party consisted of Andrew and Delores (Wendel) Schlarman, Rosann (Wendel) Prenger, Elmer Schlarman (deceased), Rosie (Zieport) McClurg, Bob Wendel and Kathleen (Schlarman) Wangler (deceased). The miniature groom was Ernie Wendel.

Jim and Marlene Dahlinghaus of 2070 Rolfes Road, Maria Stein, will be celebrating the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, Sept. 23, with a Mass of Thanksgiving at 10:30 a.m. at St. John the Baptist Church in Maria Stein. A dinner and reception for invited guests will follow the Mass at the American Legion Hall. There will also be an open house from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. On Sept. 8, 1962, Jim Dahlinghaus and the former Marlene Otte were married at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church in Cassella. The Rev. Edward Vonderhaar was the celebrant for the 9:30 a.m. Mass. The wedding party consisted of Martha (Otte) Pohlman as the maid of honor, Dianne (Otte) Glaser, Marcia Dahlinghaus and JoAnn (Bergman) Kunkler as bridesmaids. Dave Dahlinghaus served as the best man for his brother. The groomsmen were Joe Otte and Jerry Bornhorst. The all day reception was held at the former Green Acres near Celina.

4-H members awarded



The winners have also given leadership to the board through their hard work and exemplify the qualities of a junior fair board member. The memorial award is to be presented each year to the two Junior Fair Board members who contribute most to the current year's fair. This year's recipients are Sarah Wilker, daughter of Gene and Cindy Wilker of St. Marys and Hayley Miller, daughter of Rodney and Beth Miller of Wapakoneta. Wilker is a member of the Buckeye Beavers 4-H Club. Miller is a member of the Auglaize Leaders of Tomorrow 4-H Club. Miss Wilker serves as the board's secretary in 2012, Miss Miller is currently serving as the treasurer. Each recipient was presented with a certificate and their names will be added to a memorial plaque. The plaque, which also recognizes all past winners, is located in the Junior Fair Building on the fairgrounds. This award serves as a memorial to Eric Vogel, son of the late Walter and Mrs.

The Eric Vogel Memorial is awarded after this year's Auglaize County Fair. The award is given annually to two outstanding junior fair board members. The memorial recognizes board members for their commitment to making the junior fair a success.

Ann Vogel of St. Marys. He died on November 17, 1981 in an auto accident. Eric was an outstanding 4-H member, having served as a Junior Leader, Junior Fair Board member, and youth representative to the 4-H Advisory Committee. He was very active in the county 4-H program. His example has served as a role model for many junior fair board members who have followed.

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MINSTER

Minster football rolls past New Bremen, 51-19

By **RANDY WILKER**
Sports Correspondent

MINSTER – It was a tale of two nights as the Minster Wildcats and New Bremen Cardinals had to return on Saturday night to finish what they started on Friday night. In the end the Wildcats duplicated what they did on Friday to defeat the Cardinals 51-19 in the first MAC contest played at Minster.

Before the game on Friday night Minster re-dedicated their football field in honor of the eight former Minster students who were killed in a tragic accident in 1976. It was the rushing of Minster running back Korey Schultz who handled the majority of load for the Wildcats in the game. He rushed for 239 yards on 21 carries and he scored three touchdowns.

“He averaged about 10 yards a carry and that was pretty good,” Minster head coach Nate Moore said.

“It was a tough game,” Cardinals head coach Jason McGaharan said. “I am very proud of our team because this team came back today. They could have went in one of two directions. They could have given up and thrown in the towel, but that is not what this team is about. They came here today and did film study and had a team meeting and they came focused and wanted to turn

this thing around.”

The Wildcats got off to a good start as they scored three touchdowns in the first quarter on Friday night. The running game was off and running in the first quarter. Taking the opening kickoff Minster put the ball in the hands of Korey Schultz and he responded right from the first play as he broke up the middle for 45 yards on the first play of the game.

After a run by Devon Poeppelman, quarterback Adam Niemeyer went to the air for a 10-yard pass to Kurtis Thobe. Niemeyer went back and forth between the pass and run before giving the ball to Schultz for a six-yard touchdown run.

The kick by Poeppelman made the score 7-0 with 9:56 left.

The Cardinals tried to generate some offense of their own when they received the ball but a holding penalty on second down put them off track and they were forced to punt. Minster continued to alternate between passing and rushing and that caused them to face a third and 7, but a 9-yard pass to Troy Kauffman gave them new life seven plays later Niemeyer did the honors with a 6-yard touchdown run and with the kick gained a 14-0 lead with 3:59 left.

After forcing another

Cardinal punt, the Wildcats got the ball back with 1:35 left. They went right to work. After stalling the first two plays, Niemeyer fired a direct shot to A. J. Huelsman for 17 yards and a first down. Once again Schultz took the hand-off and raced 54 yards for another touchdown. The extra point kick made the score 21-0 with 33 seconds left in the quarter.

“We dug ourselves a hole early,” McGaharan said. “You can’t do that against a MAC team like Minster.” With bad skies looming the Wildcats forced another punt and took over at their 22 with 10:50 left in the first half. Minster moved the ball out to their 46 when the lightning began and play was halted.

Following a lengthy delay the game was suspended and both teams came back on Saturday afternoon to finish the game.

“I was happy with the way we came out on Saturday,” Moore said. “It is definitely a different scenario. We had things going pretty well on Friday night and we didn’t really have any adjustments to make. So they had a chance to look at film and that is a little bit of a factor with how we came out, but when it came to the real halftime our coaches made the adjustments to what New Bremen was doing.”



Staff photo/Neal Stoner

Minster breezed to a 51-19 win over the New Bremen Cardinals football team.

On Saturday afternoon both teams picked up the action where they left off and Minster got a big run again by Schultz on the first play but it was wiped out on a penalty. But on the next play Niemeyer made up for that when he busted a run for 40 yards bringing the ball down to the Cardinals 25. Five plays later Poeppelman went in for a one-yard touchdown run making the score 28-0 with 6:26 left. The Cardinals finally broke out of their slump taking the kickoff at the 22 and with the passing and running of quarterback Garrett Westerbeck New Bremen drove the field with Justin Heitkamp culminating the nine-play, 78-yard drive catching a seven yard pass from Westerbeck. The ex-

tra point by Trey Naylor made the score 28-7 with 2:26 left.

In the third quarter turnovers started to plague the Cardinals again as Westerbeck threw two interceptions and Minster responded with a 29-yard touchdown run by Schultz and a 25-yard field goal by Poeppelman to expand the lead to 38-7 with 3:45 left.

The Wildcats got the ball again toward the end of the third quarter bringing the ball to the Cardinals 27 as the quarter ended and Troy Kauffman broke loose for the touchdown on the first play of the fourth quarter making the score 44-7. The fourth quarter belonged to New Bremen as they took only two plays to score a touchdown when Westerbeck

lofted a perfect pass to Parker Manger streaking down the sideline for a 71 yard touchdown.

The extra point failed making the score 44-13. New Bremen made Minster punt for the first time and took over at the 34 and promptly moved the ball on the ground and scored on a 12-yard run by Alex Speelman. The kick failed making the score 44-19 with 3:35 left. They gave the score right back on the ensuing kickoff when Kauffman went through the Cardinal defense for an 82-yard kickoff return making the final score 51-19. Minster (3-0, 1-0) will travel to St. Henry next Friday, while the Cardinals (1-2, 0-1) entertain the Parkway Panthers next Friday.

Cross country wins at Carnival Invite

From Staff Reports

TIFFIN —The boy’s cross country team placed third out of 39 teams at the Tiffin Carni-

val Invitational on Saturday.

The Wildcats girls cross country team while the girls placed

first. Eric Dahlinghaus finished 12th (16:45), Dominic Slonkosky 24th (16:57), Andy Albers 26th (16:58), Ben Butler

55th (17:36), Jonathan Fausey 79th (17:59), Andrew Fausey 96th (18:10) and Ted Trzaska 120th (18:31).



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The Minster girls cross country team placed first at the Tiffin Carnival Invite on Saturday.

Photo provided
The Minster boys cross country team placed third at the Tiffin Carnival Invite on Saturday.

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(Left) New Bremen quarterback Garrett Westerbeck against Minster. (Top) New Bremen's Alex Speelman (30) and Adrian Speelman (68) (Bottom) Minster's Troy Kauffman (28) and New Bremen's Clay Bertke (22).

Local golf action



Staff photo/Mallory Kemper

Shown above is a New Bremen boys golfer during a recent match.



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MARION LOCAL

Flyers strike back against the Panthers in league play

From Staff Reports

ROCKFORD — After a shaky start to Friday night's football game between the Marion Local Flyers and the Parkway Panthers, Marion Local finished a day later due to the thunderstorms in

a 49-22 Mid-American Conference victory Saturday night.

The game stayed close for most of the third quarter before the Flyers put things away.

Alaric Keller scored from one yard out and

running back Jacy Goettemoeller followed just over a minute later with a 10-yard scoring run to give the Flyers a 26-point lead that the Parkway Panthers could not come close to.

Marion Local was led

in rushing by Goettemoeller with 152-yards and four touchdowns on 22 carries, while Hunter Wilker was Bertke's favorite target, hauling in six passes for 70 yards and a touchdown.

Brandon Moorman led the Panthers statisti-

cally by grabbing three passes for 49 yards and a touchdown in addition to returning a late kickoff for 91 yards for another score.

The Flyers improve to 3-0 on the season and 1-0 in the MAC. The Panthers fall to 0-3 over-

all and 0-1 in league action.

Both teams return to MAC action on Friday. The Panthers travel to New Bremen to take on the Cardinals while Marion Local hosts the Fort Recovery Indians who are 2-1 on the season.



Staff photo/Fred Kremer
Shown above is Marion Local running back Austin Albers making a catch during the Panthers game against Parkway.



Staff photo/Fred Kremer
Shown above is Marion Local quarterback Adam Berke (11), Kyle Mescher (56) and Nathan Heckman (59).



Staff photos/Fred Kremer
Shown above is Marion Local wide receiver Troy Homan (24).
Shown below is Marion Local running back Jacy Goettemoeller (13).



Staff photos/Fred Kremer
Shown above is Marion Local running back Charlie Fortman (27) and wide receiver Alex Ungruhn (4).
Shown below is Cole Griesdorn (7), Adam Bertke (11) and Hunter Wilker (21).



Marion Local Flyers volleyball sweeps St. Johns Blue Jays



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Shown above is Marion Local outside hitter Brooke Winner (15). Marion Local defeated Delphos St. John's on Sept. 6 in three sets, 25-13, 25-11, 25-16.

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FORT LORAMIE

Thornton, Fullenkamp both score four times in Redskins win

From Staff Reports

TOLEDO — Fort Loramie football team traveled to Toledo Friday night and escaped the stormy weather long enough to get their game in the

books.

Fort Loramie blasted Toledo Christian in a non-conference game 54-6 from the help of Delaunte Thornton and Craig Fullenkamp, who both scored four times for the Redskins offense.

"We played outstanding defense," said coach Matt Burgbacher of the Redskins, "We created some plays for ourselves with the defense and shut them down.

We were concerned

about their quarterback and one of their receivers, but he only had one catch, and the quarterback didn't hurt us when he ran."

The Redskins are now 2-1 and host county rival Lehman Friday

night in Northwest Central Conference action. Game time will be 7 p.m.

"We threw the ball well but had a couple of plays that were intercepted, so we still need to work on it," said

Burgbacher.

"But they came in looking to take away our running game and when a team does that, you have to loosen them up. We used good play action and slipped some guys out there."



Staff photo/Ellen Wehrman

Shown above is Fort Loramie running back Delaunte Thornton. Thornton had four touchdowns Friday night.



Staff photo/Ellen Wehrman

Shown above is Fort Loramie quarterback Seth Guillozet (10) and David Ahrens (78)

Fort Loramie volleyball strikes back after losing set one to Minster

By MALLORY KEMPER

Staff Writer

MINSTER — Fort Loramie volleyball team came from behind after losing the first set and winning the next three in a non-conference matchup against next door neighbor, the Minster Wildcats 14-25, 25-20, 25-19, 25-20.

In the first set of the night, Minster quickly

took a 7-4 lead with a Madeleine Eiting block. The Wildcats kept their lead with a Megan Kaiser block to give the Wildcats an 18-12 advantage. The Redskins had six miss hits and four miss serves in set one to give Minster the victory.

Fort Loramie turned the tables in the second set controlling the net taking a 6-1 lead. Minster tied the game 8-8 with a

kill by Claire McGowan.

The Redskins pulled away to take a 20-14 edge with a Meghan Bruns ace. The visiting team closed set two with a Darian Rose kill.

Loramie took a 10-5 lead in set three with an ace from Julie Hoying. The Redskins kept their lead thanks to a Lindsey Hilgefert put down to give the visiting team a 16-10 advantage. Er-

rors by the Redskins front row kept Minster creeping back within three, 16-19 but Loramie closed the game on a 6-3 run.

In the fourth set the two teams went back and forth and tied the game 10-10. Loramie made their rally taking a 17-11 lead with a Kelly Turner kill and then closing out the game.

Fort Loramie was led

by Turner with 13 kills. Rose added 12 kills and Reggi Brandewie finished with eight. Danielle Wehrman had 27 digs and Hoying dished out 24 assists.

Claire McGowan led the Wildcats with ten kills. Alisha Monnin had 29 digs and Megan Kaiser added four blocks.

"We came out the second and third game and weren't focused anymore

and really dropped down in communication," Minster coach Ashley Rohrer said.

"Fort Loramie kept pounding it and pounding it at us and I think our girls just lost focus and we just weren't picking up the balls and as driven in game one."

The Wildcats fell to 3-6 on the season and 0-2 in the Mid-American Conference.



Staff photo/Ellen Wehrman

Shown above is Minster's defensive specialist Alisha Monnin on Sept. 10 against Fort Loramie. Monnin had 29 digs for the Wildcats

Shown below is Reggi Brandewie serving for the Redskins. Brandewie had eight kills on the night.



Staff photo/Ellen Wehrman

Shown above is Redskins defensive specialist Danielle Wehrman on Sept. 10 against Fort Loramie. Wehrman recorded 27 digs for Fort Loramie.

Shown below is Claire McGowan for Minster. McGowan led the Wildcats with ten kills in their loss on Sept. 10.

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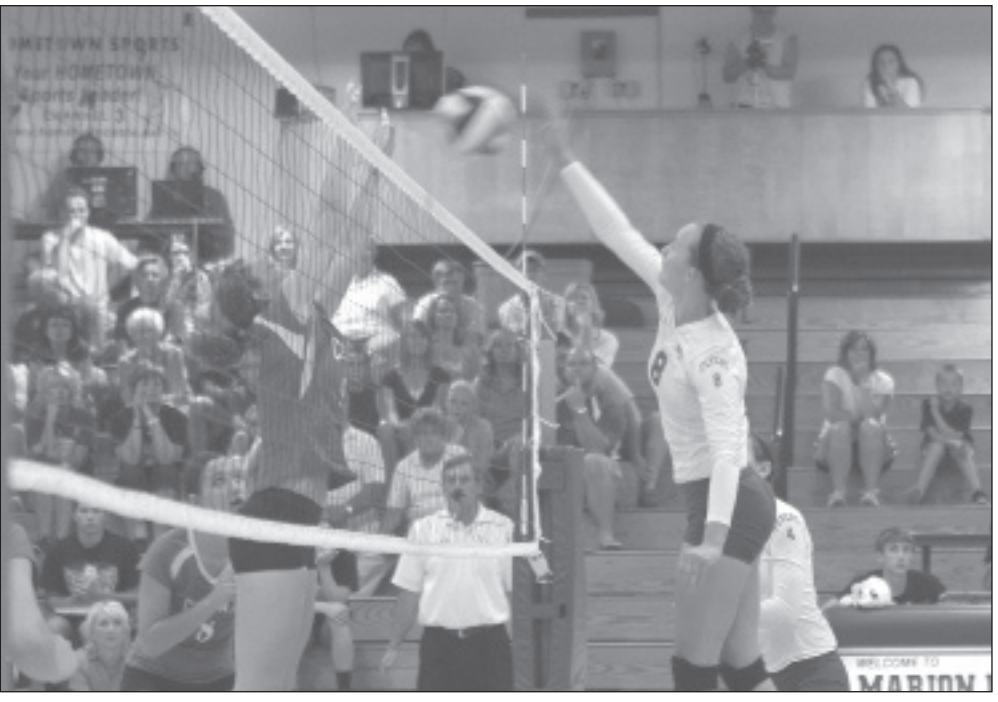
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Flyers breeze past Celina

From Staff Reports
 MARIA STEIN — Marion Local volleyball team picked up a big win beating Celina Lady Bulldogs volleyball

team on Sept. 6 in three sets, 25-11, 25-14 and 25-19. Marion Local's Claire Heitkamp had 15 kills and five aces while Gina Kramer added 10 kills.

Madison Weinger had five kills to lead Celina while Beth Goette-moeller added four kills. The Flyers improved to 3-1 on the season with the win against Celina.



Shown above are Marion Local players, Cadence Jacobs (8) and Hannah Arling (4). Shown below are Marion Local players, Megan Wendel (10) and Clara Wuebker (2).



Minster golf tops Rangers

From Staff Reports
 MINSTER — Minster boys golf team defeated

Mid-West Athletic Conference opponent, New Knoxville Rangers boys golf team, 159-180 on Sept.

10 at Arrowhead. Minster's Xavier Francis and Freddie Purdy both were medalists with a score of 36..

Cardinals volleyball win two

From Staff Reports

NEW BREMEN — New Bremen Varsity volleyball beat St. Marys in three games on Sept. 6. The scores were: 25-22, 27-25 and 25-17.

strong starts and finishes."

Julie Brown led the Cardinals with 11 kills and seven blocks. Victoria Wente added seven kills.

Emily Niekamp had five aces and four kills, Julie Brown had 12 kills, Tarynn Clune had 15 digs and Karli Jones had 28 assists.

"We played aggressively throughout the match tonight," Cardinals head coach Theresa Jenkins said.

New Bremen's Haley Moeller had 15 digs and Tarynn Clune added 14 digs. Karli Jones led the Cardinals with 25 assists.

"Except for the third set we played aggressively. We had

The Cardinals (4-3, 1-1) will travel to New Knoxville next Thursday.

Britton shoots a 36 for Cardinals

From Staff Reports

WAYNSEFIELD — New Bremen's Alex Britton fired a 36 as medalist, Darin Bergman added a

Tuesday, Sept. 4. Tyler Hagan shot a 42 and Travis Bertelsen had a 43 for the Cardinals. Alex Feltz added a 45 and Aaron Hegemier had a 47.

Wildcats boys and girls golf win

From Staff Reports

MINSTER — Three Minster players broke 40 and the Wildcats earned a 156-203 win over Coldwater in an Mid-American Conference boys

golf match at Arrowhead Golf Club on Sept. 6.

Austin Brackman shot a 38 to earn medalist honors.

carded 39s for the Wildcats.

John Burke and Xavier Francis each

Claire Fischer shot a 45 to lead Minster to a 204-232 Minster girls golf win over Coldwater in a MAC meet at the Mercer County Elks.

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Eldora

Exciting victory marks Globe #2 as he holds off Bloomquist one more time, thunderstorms wash Friday's race to Saturday

Severe thunderstorms and persistent rains washed out Friday's portion of the 42nd annual World 100 at Eldora Speedway, after 45 of the 123 cars on hand had taken their turn against the timing clocks.

As a result, the track officials have announced contingency plans for Saturday.

The admission gates will open at 10 a.m., with the driver meeting at 11 a.m. to review the format for Saturday's chase for the fabled globed trophy and the \$45,000 victory check.

Once the track prep is completed, the cars will undergo one more practice session, followed by one-round of timed qualifying laps.

At the time of the weather cancellation, Chris Madden was atop the qualifying charts with a clocked of 15.499 seconds around the historic .500-mile clay oval.

That timed effort has been eliminated, as all cars will now have to return to the qualifying lanes.

Saturday night's time schedule remains intact at this point, with the qualifying heat races slated to take the green flag at 7 p.m., followed by the B-Features/Scrambles and the century grind.

Brian Birkhofer can get used to punching the clock at these rates.

The Muscatine, Iowa driver successfully held off Scott Bloomquist on three restarts during the final nine laps to capture Saturday's 42nd annual World 100 and \$50,000 at Eldora

Speedway.

And he got the job done in 58.31 seconds to make for a healthy hourly wage.

It was Birkhofer's second World 100 championship; having also captured the 2002 version of the most celebrated event annually for dirt Late Models.

Birkhofer had inherited the lead on lap 35 when race leader Don O'Neal suddenly darted into the pit area with mechanical issues.

O'Neal's big for glory was a short one, as he had just wrestled the lead from pole sitter Chad Simpson a lap earlier.

After starting 8th on the grid, Birkhofer was on a mission and quickly established a nearly insurmountable lead.

But Bloomquist gave it a shot, with some help via the yellow flags.

The cautions erased Birkhofer's lead, which he had stretched to nearly half a lap with 24-laps remaining.

Bloomquist started reeling the leader in and was making noticeable gains with 15 circuits to go.

Then the cautions came for multiple minor incidents.

Birkhofer held off the field with restarts with nine laps to go and a pair of back-to-back cautions with seven laps remaining.

"Side-by-side restarts throw a wrinkle in it," Birkhofer said of having to hold off Bloomquist, a three-time World 100 winner.

"Usually the leader kind of gets his spot. Here you have to kind of dictate ... make one

mistake and he's beside you and takes the lead.

The crowd is walking away hopefully thinking they saw an awesome race and the place will be packed again next year.

That's all that matters."

The win was reminiscent of Birkhofer's victory in 2002, when he passed Bloomquist in the final turn for the victory. For Bloomquist, it was his eighth runner-up finish in the classic event.

Unlike many of the fans that flocked into Eldora for one of the largest crowds in the history of the World 100, Birkhofer nearly skipped this one.

He felt that he needed to get a little better as a driver at Eldora before tackling another major race on the famed .500-mile clay oval.

"When Earl (Baltes) had the track it'd get slow to 18-19 seconds. It was kinda slow and real finesse," Birkhofer said. "Now it's get your elbows up (and get on the wheel).

It's just a different style of racing. With me growing up in Iowa, I had to do a lot of finesse 'cause the places got slick and they're flat.

I guess this will bring me back a couple more years."

Bloomquist, Brad Neat (from 23rd), Darrell Lanigan and Jason Feger finished among the top five. Steve Francis, Brandon Sheppard (from 30th), Eddie Carrier Jr., Shannon Babb and Michael Chilton rounded out the top ten.

"Man, I don't know," Neat said about being able to catch either Birkhofer or Bloomquist. "Birkhofer was pretty dang good there at the end.

Scott was good, too.

It was a privilege to be able to run with those guys.

I don't know, I'm just glad to run where we were ... if we'd had a shot, I don't think so.

Those guys are pretty good."

sixth this season - meant as much as that victory in 2002.

"I almost had a tear in my eye when I pulled up (to celebrate)," he said. "The race track is different than it was 10 years ago.

It's definitely faster. I've had to kind of bring my level up. ... How I used to approach this place, I would wait for 20 laps to go. Now you hustle the whole time. It's all about racing hard."

Simpson and Tyler

Unzicker and Andrew Reaume.

Reaume was also the first Canadian to qualify.

Eldora Speedway returns to action with the 31st Four Crown Nationals on Sept. 21-22.

The World of Outlaws Sprints and UMP Modifieds run Friday night with USAC taking center stage Saturday with their Midget, Sprint and Silver Crown divisions.

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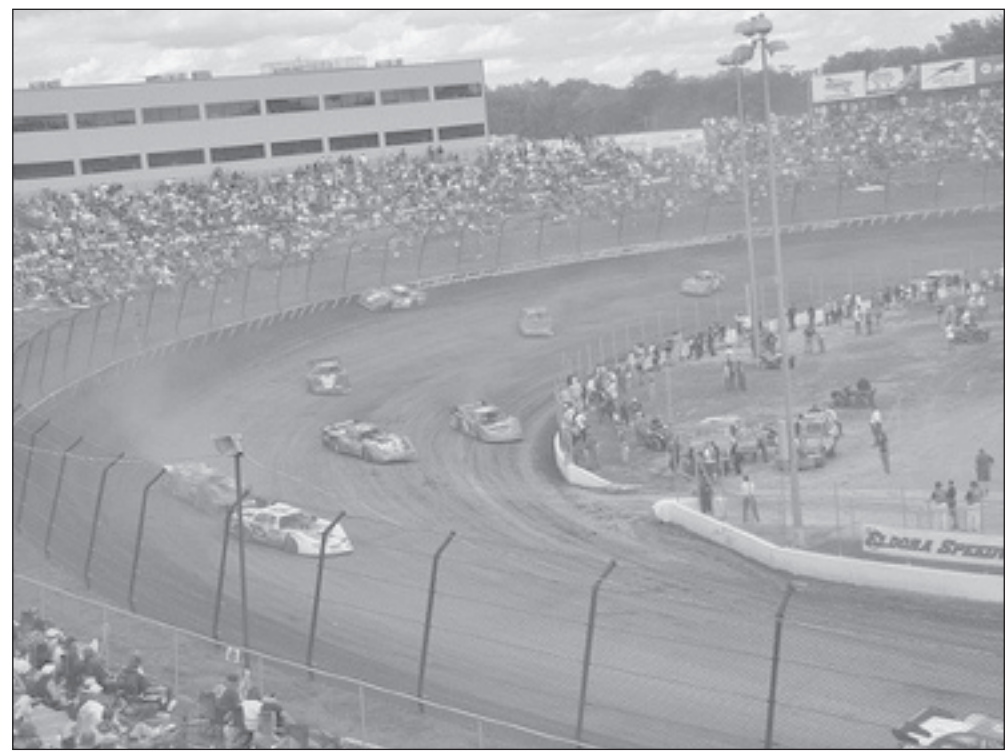


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Birkhofer earns \$50,000 in 42nd annual World 100 win.

Neat had turned in one of the most impressive drives of the day that was made even longer following Friday's washout.

The Dunnville, KY driver had to use a qualifying feature to lock in a spot in the heat race.

His finishing position in that race lined him up in a B-Feature; with that race producing a spot in the coveted World 100.

The win — Birkhofer's

Reddick, the youngest driver to qualify for the feature at 16-years-old, started on the front row as a pair of first-time participants.

Reddick led the first couple laps before Simpson took the lead. Simpson eventually finished 17th and Reddick 24th. There were seven first-time drivers qualifiers advancing through the 123 entrants into the World 100; Simpson, Reddick, Chilton, J.R. Hotovy, Billy Moyer Jr., Ryan

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Schlieper chooses 10th anniversary World 100 for return to racing

Dan Schlieper is coming out of a somewhat forced retirement from racing and he has chosen the most celebrated event of the year for dirt Late Models, the World 100 at Eldora Speedway, to do it.

The status and prestige of the race has been known to put pressure on even the most seasoned of veterans in the sport, but Oak Creek, Wisconsin's Schlieper, in his usual jovial tone proclaimed

"I'm not nervous at all, I'm comfortable about this ride and I am just excited to get back into the groove."

Over the summer months, veteran crew chief Mark Saul of Richmond, IN decided to put together a team of his own and having known Schlieper for many years, he called on him to become his first driver.

"Basically I just fell on financial hard times; I

couldn't keep up with the pace I needed to field my own car, so I had to quit. But when Mark called me, I felt rejuvenated," continued the 41-year-old Schlieper.

Ironically this 42nd edition of the World 100 (September 7 & 8), marks the 10th anniversary of Schlieper's 2003 World 100 victory.

"This is the biggest race of the year, and I'm ready to go. I still re-

member that night in 2003 and I feel like when I get behind the seat this weekend, I'm going to be right where I left off — racing hard and racing to win."

Why Dan Schlieper? Saul quickly offered "he knows the place; he's not hard on equipment and the fans like him.

What more could a car owner ask for?"

The duo has spent the

last couple of months working together in Saul's shop in preparation for what is summed up as a car owner's debut and a driver's return to racing, at the world's largest stage for dirt Late Model racing.

Friday's action on the .500-mile clay oval features two rounds of single-lap time trial runs and the Qualifying Features.

Saturday's menu includes six heat races, two

B-Features plus the new B-Scrambles and the \$45,000 to win World 100.

Tickets for the World 100, priced as low as \$40 for the two-nights, remain available and can be purchased 24 hours a day online through the track website www.EldoraSpeedway.com.

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A week in review



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Shown above are Marion Local players, Claire Heitkamp (13), Emily Mescher (16), Hannah Arling (4) and Clara Wuebker (2) against Delphos St. Johns on Sept. 6.



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Shown above is Minster's Alan Tebbe (51) and Devon Poeppelman (23). New Bremen's Brice Boroff (52), David Zirkle (26) and Ty Overman (68).



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Shown above is a couple of the Minster girls cross country at the Tiffin Carnival Invite on Saturday.



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Shown above is a Minster boys cross country runner at the Tiffin Carnival Invite on Saturday.



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Shown above is a couple of Fort Loramie volleyball players during a match recently.



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Shown above is Fort Loramie's Delaunte Thornton (45) and Logan McGee (44) during Friday's football game against Toledo Christian in a 54-6 win.



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Shown above are Minster and New Bremen football players during their game this past weekend in a Minster 51-19 win.



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Shown above is Marion Local quarterback Adam Bertke (11), running back Jacy Goettemoeller (13) and defensive end Nathan Heckman (59).