



'Mommy and Me' make hats

Photos by Laura Mazur

Minster moms and kids made hats and got cookies last week at the F. J. Stallo Memorial Library. The program, Mommy and Me, takes the place of Friday story times in April while the library prepares for the summer reading program, "Catch the Reading Bug at your Library." To sign-up for Mommy and Me, check the front counter at the library.



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Minster businesses suffer from break-in

By Laura Mazur
Community Post

Police are investigating evidence that may lead to the capture of a robber who broke into three Minster businesses on Sunday.

Sergeant Randy Houseworth, of the New Bremen Police Department, was called to the scene of P.T. Services in Eagle Plaza on Monday morning by staff member Kathy Borchers after she noticed the lock and handle of a facility door being damaged. New Bremen's department is currently assisting the Minster Police Department in manpower efforts.

"It was just the attempt to break into the facility. Nothing was taken. The door repair is our only cost," said manager Scott Uhlenhake.

Although nothing was reported missing from P.T. Services in the plaza, other businesses, such as Ernst Sporting Goods and The

Community Post, which share a common rear of the building, had an "undetermined amount of money" taken from them, according to Houseworth.

Ernst Sporting Goods was closed temporarily on Monday for the investigation process.

The store's president, James Wolf, said he had seen someone in the rear of the plaza building last week but didn't think anything of it.

"It's not against the law to walk along this back area," he explained.

But he is looking to change store locks.

In addition to money gone missing from Sunday night's break-in, during which all three businesses were vacant of customers and employees, The Community Post was without phone or fax lines for the majority of business Monday and P.T. Services was also without fax services after lines had been

cut prior to the break-in, possibly in an attempt to cut alarm services.

"If something like this had to happen, I'm glad it happened when the office was closed and no one was here, so we wouldn't have to encounter someone coming to take the very small amount of cash we have on hand," said Deb Zwez, publisher of The Community Post.

Scenes were dusted and photographed by Houseworth, as well as with the assistance of Auglaize County Deputy Sheriff Dan Osborne, who was additionally called to the scene.

"We're collecting evidence, but we have no suspects right now," said Houseworth.

Photo by Laura Mazur

At right, Auglaize County Deputy Sheriff Dan Osborne was called to this scene in Minster to assist in dusting evidence for fingerprints and other clues that will lead to those involved in Sunday night's break-in at Eagle Plaza.



Photo by Laura Mazur

Volunteers of The Neurological Center were recognized for 10, 15 and 20 years of service to the center.

Volunteers awarded for long-time service

By Laura Mazur
Community Post

"I believe not all angels are in heaven."

Patient Curly Newkirk stood while professing this to a packed banquet on Monday night at The Neurological Center's annual volunteer banquet the American Legion hall, in Fort Recovery. The Hot Springs Village, Ark., resident and his wife, Irene, told their story in gratitude of the hours the many number of volunteers who come to the center put forth.

The couple came to the area last year after the recommendation of a family member. Newkirk stated that he had progressed as much in two months at the Burkettsville center as he had in two years in Arkansas in treatment. And so the couple have returned for six months this time.

"With the community spirit here, it's like having a second family," added

Irene Newkirk.

Also telling his story was patient Robert Hecht, from Celina, who comes to the center for therapy. While having back surgery, he had suffered a stroke, but found the therapy he needs at The Neurological Center.

"I want to recognize all the saints and angels of the center," said Hecht.

His wife, Martha, agreed that hands-on therapy was the best for him and found it both physically and spiritually at the center.

"Bob and I want to thank everyone. We look forward to all of our therapy sessions," she said.

Volunteers making their milestone year in helping out at the center were recognized with gifts, as well.

For five years of volunteer service were Jeremy Duncan, of New Weston; Lester Bruns, of St. Henry; Leo Pohlmann, of Maria Stein; Bob Huecker, of

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Minster Elementary celebrates success

By Laura Mazur
Community Post

Success came in the form of awards last Tuesday afternoon for students at Minster Elementary.

Individual monthly "rocket awards" were given to students having achieved personal success in the classroom, as well the school itself earned an award from the Ohio Department of Education.

Continuing on with the school's "Journey to Success," skill and determination were key points students looked to achieve in education this past month. And earning "Rocket Booster Awards" for the month were third grader Lindsay Roetgerman, daughter of Jeff and Donna, and first grader Dawson Oldiges, son of Craig and Diane. These two students received the honor of holding the State Superintendent's School of Distinction banner that was presented to Minster Elementary for the 2006-

2007 school year.

The Ohio Department of Education recently announced that 96 schools have been selected as 2006-2007 State Superintendent's Schools of Distinction. The department administers the award program to recognize schools whose students, including students with disabilities, achieve high academic performance.

At each of the 96 Schools of Dis-

tinction, at least 75 percent of all students, including students with disabilities, scored proficient or above on achievement tests and the Ohio Graduation Tests in reading and math last year.

Prior to awards being given out to students, basketball coaches Mike Lee and Nann Stechschulte told about perseverance and practicing to get better at what they do.



Photo by Laura Mazur

Pictured is Minster Elementary faculty, administration and students with the State Superintendent's School of Distinction banner. The school was recognized as only one of 96 of these selected honorees in Ohio.

Incoming kindergarteners screened for school

By Laura Mazur
Community Post

Fort Loramie and New Bremen schools looked to see what the future would bring last week as staff screened incoming kindergarteners.

Potential students screened in areas of basic concepts, visual motor, visual perception, descriptive language and gross motor, vision, speech and hearing, auditory memory and the alphabet.

At Fort Loramie, 90

young students-to-be were screened, the most ever screened for the district for a year.

Principal Dan Holland explained, "There's a spurt every four years. The fourth grade has 83 kids. The rest of the classes are between 55 and 65 students."

Fort Loramie's current kindergarten has 59 students. Sessions run Tuesday and Thursday and Wednesday and Friday, with alternating Mondays. Fort Loramie's potential incoming class of 90 compares with the 60 high school seniors exiting on graduation day.

"I just think it's a good opportunity to get them out and meeting other kids their age in their own com-

munity," said Holland.

And kids being screened had ideas on what they were going to do or learn once they got to school.

"I want to read about princesses or dogs because I love dogs. I have two dogs and a fish," said Lynzee Keeton, daughter of Jamie Jackson and Jason Meyer.

Olivia Frey, granddaughter of Bernice Frey, and Danielle Eilerman, daughter of Nick and Katie Eilerman, wanted to know about the art of coloring, especially how to stay inside the lines.

Hunter Brown, son of Leeza and Doug Brown, looks forward to playing hide and go seek and tag

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Photo by Laura Mazur

Lynzee Keeton, daughter of Jamie Jackson and Jason Meyer, of Fort Loramie and Danielle Eilerman, daughter of Nick and Katie Eilerman, also of Fort Loramie, pass a ball to test gross motor skills for kindergarten.

Minster Council discusses festivals and parks

By Laura Mazur
Community Post

Minster may be adding another festival to its heritage if this year's beer tasting festival goes over as planned.

Village Council approved the use of Four Seasons Park last Tuesday for the Minster Civic Association to use the facilities for the first of such an event for the town.

Representing the association, Dr. Shawn Sharp explained the festival would be similar to a private event held in St. Henry last year. The festival is slated to take place May 31.

"We think it's a good spring thing, heading into summer. It's a good lead into summer," said Sharp.

Visitors to the festival would pay admission, which would give them a complimentary mug for sampling, as well as a limited number of samples from the 75 available craft brews, including a number of German beers. More tickets may also be purchased for additional samples. The beer tasting will last until the early evening, at which time the festival will turn into a "bock and rock," with a band playing until 11 p.m.

Association member Andy Phlipot noted that last year's festival in St. Henry hosted between 400 and 500 guests, stating that the event has good potential for fundraising efforts in Minster.

Councilors commented on concerns of baseball and softball games that would be going on

during this time, as well as questioned the boundaries of the festival, which need to be defined by the state for public outings.

Councilman Craig Oldiges said the Oktoberfest Committee confines to state rulings by roping off the festival area and using the sidewalks of the included streets and dumpsters as boundaries.

John Huelsman and Curt Albers representing Ernst Sporting Goods' softball team also asked permission for the use of Four Seasons Park. From May 16 to 18, a softball tournament will be hosted at the diamonds, with proceeds from beer and concessions going to the non-profit Harmony for Ohio.

Other business attended to by councilors during the session

was the second reading of an ordinance which is slated to change zoning near Precision Strip for parking and another ordinance, which will dedicate Diamond Estates into the village.

Council took a first reading of an ordinance that will grant consent to the director of the Ohio Department of Transportation to complete resurfacing and other roadway related items on Ohio State Route 66 from Ohio State Route 119 to the north Minster corporation limits. There will be no cost to the village, but ODOT needs its consent to proceed with planning. Construction is to start in 2013.

Village council passed an ordinance authorizing Village Administrator Don Harrod to apply

for transportation enhancement project funds from ODOT. The grant would be for \$1.4 million, which would pay for new traffic lights and decorative bricks for the planning of the reconstruction of Fourth Street. Funds would be awarded for 2011.

Between 30 and 40 resumes have been received for the advertised police officer position. At the time of advertisement, the village was looking to hire one officer, but with the resignation of Shane Dellinger, the village is now short two officers and will be looking to hire for both positions.

New Bremen Police Department has been helping to cover shifts in the meantime to make sure there is full coverage.

Minster students win oratorical contest

Three Minster Local School students were selected as winners in the God, Flag and Country Oratorical Contest, held by the Minster Fraternal Order of Eagles on March 9. Amanda Lehmkuhl, age 10-11 winner, Leah Niekamp, age 12-13 winner and Johanna Winner, age 14-15 winner, continued on to compete at the district level at the Wapakoneta Eagles on March 16.

Lehmkuhl, daughter of Bill and Karen Lehmkuhl, used the theme of stars in her speech, beginning with, "God is our biggest star," and concluding with the American people, "small stars working together for freedom." In the age 10-11 group, Zack Eiting, son of Steve and Brenda Eiting, captured second, followed by Kayla Thien, daughter of Tim and Theresa Thien, in third place.

In the 12-13 age group, Niekamp, daughter of Steve and Kris Niekamp, spoke about the American flag, its meaning, history and ways of honoring the flag. Placing second in this age group was Stephanie Albers, daughter of Luke and Sue Albers, followed by Olivia Winner, daughter

of Ron and Linda Winner, in third place.

Johanna Winner, also a daughter of Ron and Linda Winner, captured the top place in the 14-15 age group. She began with John F. Kennedy's quote about "ask not what your country can do for you," and then challenged listeners to "get up and do something" to help the country, listing various ways all citizens can serve the country.

For the contest, the students prepared a speech on any or all three topics involved in the program (God, Flag and Country), with a maximum time limit of three minutes. Contestants were judged on their topic, originality, voice, gestures and other areas.

Tom Faller served as the local coordinator of the contest for the Minster Eagles.



LOCAL GOD, FLAG, AND COUNTRY WINNERS
Row 1: Age 10/11 – Amanda Lehmkuhl (1st), Zach Eiting (2nd), and Kayla Thien (3rd)
Row 2: Age 14/15 – Johanna Winner (1st); Age 12/13 – Leah Niekamp (1st), Stephanie Albers (2nd), and Olivia Winner (3rd).

Awards

Minster; Ruth and Junior Kunkler, of Burkettsville; Karen Schlater, of Burkettsville and Ralph Fullenkamp, of St. Joseph. Mary Ann Diller, of St. Anthony, has dedicated 10 years of service. For 15 years of services were Dorothy Bruns, of St. Henry, and Carolyn Obringer, of Macedon. And Roger Speck, of Wendenlin, celebrated 20 years of volunteering.

A special state recognition went to Leroy and Theresa Heyne for caring for their son, Jim, for the past 30 years in therapy, as well as getting the Neurological Center started. An added dedication was a candle

lighting ceremony for deceased patients, volunteers and board members.

The Neurological Center has been going strong and free of charge since 1984. In November, Muhlenkamp Building Corporation broke ground on the west side of the facility to begin construction of two additional therapy rooms, a handicapped accessible bathroom and a staff and evaluator's office. Included in these areas will be full sized in-ground trampoline for anti-gravity and balance therapy and a modernized tactile/oral mouth/trigeminal stimulation department.

School

when he gets to kindergarten.

In New Bremen, 70 soon-to-be students screened for kindergarten. Currently, there are 53 students in the kindergarten class at the school. These 70 who were screened compare with the 81 seniors graduating from the high school this year.

"I think students are looking forward to learning to read, learning numbers and making friends," said Principal Karen Smith.

New Bremen's kindergarten starts off with a staggered beginning, having only six to eight students come for a smaller workshop day with parents. They get a tour of the building and parents get a schedule of important dates, such as for field trips, of which they need to be informed. A regular schedule for kindergarteners are all-day Monday, Wednesday and a half day on Friday or Tuesday and Thursday with an abbreviated Friday.

"I think they make more progress when they're here a full day," said Smith.

The kids getting ready for school in New Bremen had things they looked forward to, as well.

Jadyn Suchland, daughter of Troy and Lori, said

she looked forward to playing house and reading. Kaylie Rarn, daughter of John and Natalie Rarn, also demonstrated what she looked forward to when

she got into elementary school by rifling through the library's books.

"The books. I have a lot of books at my house," she said.



Photo by Laura Mazur

Benjamin Steinke, son of Mike and Tracy Steinke, of New Bremen, tests on the balance beam during kindergarten screenings last Thursday.

Minster Community Garage Sale opens

Minster Community Garage Sale will be held Friday & Saturday, April 25-26, 2008. Again this year there will be a booklet published. The booklet will be available to the public at Wagner's IGA,

Wednesday morning, April 23, 2008.

Proceeds from the garage sale are used for projects by the Garden Club.

If interested in participating, send \$5 per family for ten items you would

like listed in booklet to: Minster Garden Club PO Box 168 Minster OH 45865 Deadline for ad is April 11, 2008. For further information call 419-628-4082.

Obituaries

Wilma Platfoot

Wilma Platfoot, age 88, died on Saturday, April 5, 2008, at Versailles Health Care Center.



She was born Oct. 23, 1919, to Henry and Anna (Harting) Boeke of Cassella. On Feb. 27, 1943, she married Herbert S. Platfoot, who preceded her in death on March 8, 1963.

She is survived by her children: William (Angela) Platfoot of Tipp City, John Platfoot and Rosemary Mattson of Kingston, Tenn., Duane Platfoot of Anna, Richard (Joyce) Platfoot of Botkins, Steve Platfoot of Botkins, Elizabeth (Henry) Harshbarger of Sidney, Phyllis (Roy) Lea of Canton, Ga., Diane (Terry) Billing of Anna, Constance (Doug) Bisher of Springfield and Sharon (Rick) Staley of Huber Heights; and a sister-in-law, Theola Raterman of Dayton. She also leaves behind 38 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by a daughter, Carol Platfoot, a grandson, Eric Staley, and siblings: Julian, Sylverius, Justin, Elmer, Leona, Clementine and Frederica.

She was a member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church and the Rosary and Alter Sodality of the Church. She was employed at Yeasel Inc. until 1984.

Funeral services took place on April 9, 2008, at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church with the Rev. Patrick Welsh officiating. Hogenkamp Funeral Home of Minster handled the arrangements.

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Ben Dirksen

Ben Dirksen, age 65, of Rossburg, died on Sunday, March 30, 2008.

He was born on Dec. 15, 1942, to Gregory and Elizabeth (Wilkinson) Dirksen in Darke County. On July 20, 1963, he married Anita M. (Rindler) Dirksen, who survives him in Rossburg.

He is also survived by his children: Jeff (Lisa) Dirksen of Troy, Tom (Brenda) Dirksen of Versailles, James (Stacy) Dirksen of Greenville and Denise Wells of Sidney; his siblings: Cletus Dirksen of New Weston, David (Rosemary) Dirksen of Madison, Ind., John (Shirley) Dirksen of Porterville, Miss., Ronald (Marilyn) Dirksen of New Weston, Michael Dirksen of Greenville and Kathleen Gasson of Versailles; and a sister-in-law, Kathy Schulze of Michigan. He also leaves behind 12 grandchildren. He is preceded in death by a brother, William Dirksen, and sisters Mary Margaret and Mary Ann Dirksen.

Mr. Dirksen was a member of North Star American Legion and a veteran of the Army National Guard. He was employed by North Star Hardware.

There will be no services. The family requests donations to feed the poor. Hogenkamp Funeral Home of St. Henry handled the arrangements.

News from Osgood

By Jude Grieshop
Correspondent

St. Nicholas parish needs a new maintenance person to take care of the cemetery. Call the Pastoral center at 419-582-2531 if you can help.

Those who won at the March 27 Euchre Tournament are Thelma Ructy (305), Don Schulze (297), Marie Wendeln (278), Tom Feldman (277), Elmer Rutschilling (276), Erma Brunswick (275) and

Irene Lochtefeld (274).

The winners of the April 3 Euchre Tournament are Bob Brunswick (300), Leon Young (292), Virgil Gudoy (278), Margaret Albers (274), Marlene Knapke (272), Julia Billenstein (276), Jerry Knapke (266) and Doris Keiser (264).

The Osgood Legion's next dance will be held on Saturday, April 19, from 8 to 11 p.m.

Music will be provided by Jim Robertson.

Bertha Catherine Eilerman

Bertha Catherine Eilerman died on Saturday, April 5, 2008, at Heritage Manor Nursing Home in Minster. She was 97.

She was born on Feb. 7, 1911, to Henry and Mary (Dreses) Eilerman of Fort Loramie.

She is survived by a sister, Helen Ruschau of Dayton, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, neighbors and friends. She is preceded in death by both parents, one brother and seven sisters.

She was a member of St. Michael Catholic Church in Fort Loramie and St. Ann's Ladies Sodality. She retired in 1973 from General Motors of Dayton after 36 years of employment.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on April 9, 2008, at St. Michael Church, with the Reb. Steven Shoup officiating. Gehret Funeral Home in Fort Loramie handled the arrangements.



Purdue Bell Choir in concert

The Purdue Bell Choir will be in concert on Saturday, April 26, at 7 p.m. at the South Adams High School auditorium in Berne sponsored by the Swiss Heritage Society. Six local church bell choirs will be featured with the Purdue Bells in the evening concert. They are: Cross Community, First Mennonite & First Missionary from Berne, First United Methodist from

Bluffton and St. John Lutheran and St. Mark's United Methodist from Decatur. The Purdue Bell Choir will be presenting the majority of the evening concert.

Adult tickets are \$7.50 and students (Grades 1-12) are \$5.00. Tickets may be purchased at the door or at any of the First Bank of Berne locations in Berne, Decatur, Bluffton or Portland.

Auglaize Aktion Club sponsors Angel Food Ministries

The Auglaize Aktion Club has recently joined ranks with several Ohio churches and non-profit organizations as a host site for Angel Food Ministries (AFM).

AFM is a nationwide not-for-profit program that provides a high quality monthly box of food at a cost of \$30 through a nationwide distribution network, primarily churches. The program's motto is "A Food Ministry with a Servant's Heart." More than 18,000 families purchased boxes in Ohio in December 2007 as new host sites are opening daily throughout the state.

Angel Food Ministries began as a church outreach of Emmanuel Praise Church, a non-denominational church in Monroe, Ga. The distribution warehouse is now in Good Hope, Ga. Further information about the program can be found at www.angelfoodministries.com.

The reduced cost food program is open to anyone. There are no income requirements or applications. Food selections are provided by suppliers including the likes of General Mills, Birdseye, Perdue Farms, Con Agra

Foods, Tyson and Jiffy Mix, to name a few. Each month's menu is different, including 15 to 17 different items, the bulk of which is frozen meat.

The April 2008 menu, for example, includes 2 lb. meatloaf, 1 lb. fajita strips, 3 lb. breaded frying chicken, 2 lb. St. Louis style ribs, 2 lb. lasagna dinner, 1 lb. gourmet sausage, 1 lb. fully cooked meatballs, 16 oz. broccoli, 16 oz. carrots, 4 lbs. California oranges, 15 oz. refried beans, 12 tortillas, 26 oz. pasta sauce, 16 oz. pasta, 6 oz. pancake mix, 3 lbs. Yukon potatoes, 4 oz. instant chicken noodle soup (makes 64 oz.) and a dessert item for \$30.

By purchasing the monthly regular food box, buyers are entitled to purchase pre-packaged specials each month, featuring meats at reduced prices. The April 2008 specials include #1 - 7.5 lb. Family Variety Grill Box of ribs, chops and sirloin fillets (\$20), #2 - 4 lb. New York Strip Box (\$19), #3 - 4.5 lb. Stuffed Chicken Breast Combo (\$18), and #4 - Senior Convenience Meal Box of five dinner entrees with two sides each, bread, milk,

margarine and rolls. The specials are different each month, as well.

Executive officers from the Auglaize Aktion Club, President Jason Potter, and Vice President Scot Lynch recently attended a four hour training session in the Angel Food Ministries distribution program in Celina, where AFM has been up and running for the past year. Club officers are excited about the possibility of expanding the program into southern Auglaize County.

The Auglaize Aktion Club, supported by Auglaize County Kiwanis Clubs in Minster, Wapakoneta and St. Marys, now boasts 30 members, primarily adults with disabilities who receive employment training at Auglaize Industries in New Bremen.

Club meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Eagles Club in St. Marys. The Aktion Club's mission is to serve area communities through service projects. Club advisor, Greg Ferrall, believes the Angel Food Ministries host site sponsorship is a perfect marriage between the Aktion Club mission and the needs of the com-

munities.

New Bremen area residents interested in learning more about the program or who may want to place an order, may call 419-629-3603, daily from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., or stop by Auglaize Industries at 330 W. Boesel Avenue, in New Bremen (across the railroad tracks from Speedway Lanes).

The April order deadline is

Friday, April 11, with a Saturday, April 26 pickup date at the workshop (11 a.m.- 12 p.m.).

The May order deadline is Friday, May 16, with a Saturday, May 31, pickup date.

Volunteers are also needed for the monthly distribution and may contact Greg Ferrall at Auglaize Industries by calling the above number.



Photo submitted

Holding their Angel Food Ministries banner are Auglaize Aktion Club officers, Carla Sprague (secretary), Allen McCarthy (treasurer), Scot Lynch (vice-president) and Jason Potter (president).

Our Old Bookcase

Sports history of Mercer County remains preserved

By Joyce L. Alig
President, Mercer County Historical Society

Jack Swartz sent me this photograph. He told me about his dad playing on this team. Wally Hart and others helped Swartz with the other players' names. This photograph is important for two reasons.

First, this photograph will be on exhibit at Celina, along with other local baseball team photographs, on Sunday, April 13, at the Mercer County Historical Museum, 1 to 4 p.m. The Committee for the Preservation of Sports History of Mercer County will be meeting at the museum that Sunday. Be it noted that the New Idea team's uniforms have the name "New Idea," on the front. I have another uniform at the museum, with "Coldwater" on the uniform. The public is invited to help preserve local baseball and softball teams' history.

Second, this photograph will also be on exhibit at Coldwater, Sunday, April 27, 10 a.m.- 3 p.m., at the fifth annual New Idea manual, poster and memorabilia sale, at the Coldwater Municipal Center Building, 610 W. Sycamore St., in Coldwater. Private collectors of New Idea toys and other memorabilia are invited to exhibit their items that Sunday afternoon. Former New Idea employees are invited to sign the New Idea register.

The April 27 program

is hosted by the New Idea Historic Preservation Committee of the Mercer County Historical Society Inc. People interested in preserving this New Idea history are invited to join this committee.

When the New Idea Company closed business, I asked the New Idea Company executives for their records to be given to the Mercer County Historical Society Inc. I then invited interested people to join this New Idea Historic Preservation Committee. This committee meets the fourth Wednesday of each month, January through October. The Mercer County Historical Society has worked at preserving Mercer County's heritage this past half of a century. The society plans to continue its mission to preserve Mercer County's history and to educate the public about this history.

Thus, the New Idea His-

toric Preservation Committee plans to continue to care for the history of the New Idea Company, under the Mercer County Historical Society, for decades to come. The Committee for the Preservation of Sports History of Mercer County plans to continue to care for the history of sports, under the Mercer County Historical Society, for decades to come. The Mercer County Historical Society is also preparing 14 books on the bibliographies of historical resources for each of the 14 townships. Granville, Butler and Franklin Township books are in print. The other 11 township books are in progress.

The Mercer County Historical Society President, Joyce Alig, may be contacted at 3054 Burkettsville-St. Henry Road, St. Henry, Ohio 45883, by e-mail at histalig@bright.net or at 419-678-2614.



New Idea ball team, early 1960s: (front row) Bevan Deitsch, Charles Huwer, Walter Steinbrunner, Mark Eilerman, Jim Steinbrunner, Jim Knapke, Ralph Swartz, (back row) Paul Bettinger, Ernest (Doc) Stahl, Ralph Obringer, Ivan Muhlenkamp, Vern Klosterman, Les Hartings, Jim Broeker, Jack Briner and Ralph Briner. The bat boy was Conrad Bettinger.

Wapak celebration continues with Sunday 'Story and Song'

The Wapakoneta 175th Anniversary Committee will host "An Afternoon of Story and Song with Vern Doenges" on Sunday, April 13, at 2 p.m., at First English Lutheran Church, at the corner of Mechanic and Blackhoof Streets, in Wapakoneta. The event is open to the public; a free will offering will be accepted to benefit the anniversary.

Doenges is well known to area residents as former county auditor, professional musician and

local historian. He is also compiler of the popular "Looking Backward" column in the Wapakoneta Daily News. For many years, Doenges played bass and sang with prominent local bands. At the April 13 event, Doenges will entertain the crowd with some of his all-time favorites songs and will also share a bit of his own story as musician and historian.

The all-volunteer Wapakoneta Anniversary Committee was created

by act of Wapakoneta City Council. The group has met since mid-2006 to plan Wapakoneta's yearlong anniversary celebration. Its members include Ellie Archer, Sandy Brading, Vern Doenges, Jo Derryberry, Julie Miers Golden, Vanessa Lee, Becky MacWhinney, Diana Schneider and Rachel Barber, chair. For more information about the April 13 concert or any other anniversary event, call Rachel Barber at 419-738-4924.

St. Rochus Auxiliary meeting minutes

The regular meeting of the St. Rochus Auxiliary #288, of the Knights of St. John, was held on March 24.

Mary Ann Pohl replaced Millie Broering as trustee. Mary Ann Wenning volunteered to fill Broering's office until further notice.

The rosary was recited for all in nursing homes, John Poepelman and Christy Shaner. Mary Link reported that 270 rosaries were made and sent out this month.

The president thanked

all who helped with the CountryFest mailing. Group 1 will work at the April chicken fry. Members should check their schedules.

The spring district meeting will be in Botkins on April 15. The American Red Cross invited all who helped at the blood drives this year for to an appreciation party, which will be held on April 17. This will be held at the Celina Eagles.

A motion was made to give a \$500 donation to the

food pantry.

Door prizes were won by: Judy Hilgefert, Donna Stachler, Tammy DeVall, Fritz Albers and Martha Albers. Lunch was served and cards played.

The next meeting will be the spring party, which will be held on April 28, beginning with a social gathering at 6 p.m. and dinner served at 6:30 p.m. The lunch committee for the April 28 meeting will be: Elsie Winner, Joannn Homan, Karen Wendel, Mildered Winner and Verlina Ahrens.

Calendar of Events

COLDWATER – Catholic Adult Singles Club will host their Time for Spring House Party in Coldwater on April 12. For more information, please call 419-678-8691.

MINSTER -- Art show at Heritage Manor Nursing Center on April 12, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Minster, New Bremen and Fort Loramie high schools will be displaying their art projects. There will be two categories and cash prizes awarded to the top three in each group.

FORT LORAMIE – Round and square dancing will be held at Walkup Country Club on April 12, 8:30-11:30 p.m. Casual dress and public welcome. Music provided by Fred Bruns. This will be the last dance until the fall.

GREENVILLE – Darke County Singles will be hosting their monthly dance featuring music by "Dueces' Wild." The dance will be held on April 12 from 8:30 p.m.-12 a.m. at the VFW Hall. The dance is open to all singles 21 and older. Admission is \$5. For information, call 937-968-5007 or 937-901-3969. Check out www.darkecountysingles.org.

WAPAKONETA – The regular Auglaize County Board of Health meeting will be held on Monday, April 14, at 12:30 p.m. at the Auglaize County Health Department in Wapakoneta.

CELINA – First aid class at American Red Cross Mercer County Chapter on April 15, 6-9 p.m. Class held at 117 S. Main St., Suite B. Pre-register for class at 419-586-2201.

WAPAKONETA – The Auglaize County Crisis Center will hold their 20th Anniversary Benefit Auction on Thursday, April 17, starting at 5 p.m. at the junior fair building at Auglaize County Fairgrounds.

WAPAKONETA – The Auglaize County Veterans Service Commission will meet on April 17 at 6 p.m., at the Veterans Service Commission Office in the Auglaize County Administration building in Wapakoneta. All future meetings are scheduled for the third

Thursday of each month at the same time at the Veterans Service Commission.

PIQUA – The Catholic Adult Singles Club will go to the movies at the Piqua Mall on April 20. We will go out for supper afterwards. For more information, please call 419-678-8691.

COLDWATER – Blood drive at American Legion, 12-6 p.m. on April 21.

CELINA – Blood drive at Celina Manor, 12-5 p.m. on April 22.

MINSTER – F.O.E. #1391 Auxiliary will have a benefit card party at the Eagles Hall in Minster on April 23. Doors will open at 6 p.m. Dessert and smörgåsbord will be provided, and there will be a baked goods raffle, a 50-50 drawing and door prizes. Admission is \$3 per person.

CELINA – CPR/PR Recertification with AED class at American Red Cross Mercer County Chapter on April 23, 7 p.m. Class held at 117 S. Main St., Suite B. Pre-register for class at 419-586-2201.

MINSTER – Community garage sales April 25 and 26.

NEW KNOXVILLE – The American Red Cross invites the community to celebrate National Volunteer Week, April 27 – May 3, by giving blood on Friday, April 25, from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the American Legion in New Knoxville.

BURKETTSVILLE – Blood drive at shelter house, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. on April 26.

VAN WERT – The YMCA of Van Wert County and the ANDY Program will be holding a 5K run/walk on April 26, at Camp Clay in conjunction with Kites and Kids Activity Day, at 12 p.m. with a fun run following at 12:45 p.m. Age group awards will be given. Call YMCA at 419-238-0443 for more information. Pre-registration fee of \$10 at the YMCA, up to the day of the race.

Health

Minster Eye Care encourages infant program

By Laura Mazur
Community Post

Prevention at an early age.

This is what a vision program hopes to bring about for infants with free screenings.

InfantSEE, an initiative by the American Optometric Association and the the Vision Care Institute of Johnson and Johnson Vision Care, is a way for parents to get their infants' eyes checked early to catch problems before it's too late.

"If you start kids off right, you can make sure their eyes are healthy," said Minster Eye Care's Christa Bornhorst Heckman, OD.

Minster Eye Care is one of several local optometrists to offer this program for young patients between 6 and 12 months old. The center has offered InfantSEE since 2005 when the program started.

Optometrists are required to attend training to perform the screenings, telling a doctor what

can be done to test vision in a patient so young, as well as what can be checked and what to look for.

General eye health concerns congenital cataracts, tumors, glaucoma, eye turns and high refractive errors or near and farsightedness, for instance. If these eye problems are not caught at early stages, they can sometimes lead to double vision or even loss of vision, and some children do run these risks because many children are not screened for vision until they are 5 or 6, before they enter school.

But Heckman adds that the procedure is sometimes difficult for the child.

"It's challenging sometimes because they don't understand we're helping them," she said.

A series of tests, using patterned lea paddles and movement of objects, can be used to show an eye care professional how a child's eyes move and how much of a difference in prescription there is in eyes. The most difficult part, sometimes, for a child during the

screening is the use of pupil dilating drops, which are used to further look at the eye.

Heckman sees about one child for the InfantSEE program per week. The other affiliations of the office, in Wapakoneta, Lima, Bowling Green and Pemberville also see young patients on a regular basis.

Signs that children may have a vision problem before being taken to an eye doctor include squinting, running into things, tilting of the head and covering one eye. Another sign that there may be problems is the color reflex that can be seen in a person's eye in a photograph after the picture is taken. Having a red eye reflex is healthy, but having a white reflex in the eye can show the sign of congenital cataracts.

Family history also plays a part, says Heckman, stating that there is a 50 percent higher risk of a problem if a first-degree relative has an issue of an eye health concern, such as eye turns or high refractive errors, as well as if a child

is born premature, he has a risk of eye problems.

Results from each InfantSEE screening become part of a national study for the program to track eye health trends and see how many cases are caught early.

Patience with these young patients is something that eye doctors have come to practice with the vision program. But it helps doctors, as well as children, if patients arrive for their InfantSEE screening happy, well rested and well fed.

Parents can schedule an InfantSEE screening just as they would a normal eye appointment at Minster Eye Care by calling 419-628-3017.

For more information on the InfantSEE program, log onto www.infantsee.org.



Photo by Laura Mazur

Christa Bornhorst Heckman, OD, one of a number of eye care professionals in the area who conducts the InfantSEE program, a free vision screening system for infants 6 to 12 months old. Sitting with her is daughter, Keri, 11 months.

Curves hosts food drive

By Laura Mazur
Community Post

More than a ton of groceries filled Curves in March as part of the workout center's annual food drive.

The Minster location of the women focused facility brought in 2,463 pounds of non-perishables this year, surpassing last year's total of 1,385.5 by more than 100 pounds.

"I'm amazed at the turnout of how much more we collected than last year," said owner Linda Rohr.

Not knowing what to expect last year, Rohr just encouraged donations, which went to Agape Food Pantry, in St. Marys, last year and this year. But having a base to go from, she decided to establish a goal for this year, which was even surpassed, having been met at 2,000 pounds.

"I think the goal helped, along with the different incentives and winning prizes," said Rohr.

When members donated food items or answered healthy food trivia questions, they could enter into

a drawing held at the end of the month for bags, T-shirts, gas cards and other prizes. Members brought in canned goods and other items based on themes each week, which included, "Empty Your Pantry," "Around the World," "Souper Suppers" and "Family Friendly" foods.

And the pounds of food added up in the back area of the facility, then extended out to become part of the decor of the workout area as the items kept being collected. But not all of the donations came from Curves members; some came from community members. Rohr said some of the items were dropped off by local people who weren't even members but wanted to help out a good cause.

Rohr said, "Everything that's collected stays local. I think this helps people donate because they're helping people in their own community."

The Minster location also went head-to-head with other Curves clubs, or locations, in which could collect the most. Top col-

lecting clubs can earn \$500 or even \$1,000 from the corporate office toward equipment for the facility. These numbers are currently still being tallied by the corporate office.

The corporate Curves goal for food collections

this year was 15 million pounds. Having collected more than 11 million pounds last year, and with the growing enthusiasm of communities helping each other like Minster has, this goal may have been met, as well.



Photo by Laura Mazur

Boxes and bags totaling more than 2,000 pounds of food pantry items line Curves, in Minster.

Free nursing seminar available at VHCC

The Versailles Health Care Center is sponsoring a free seminar for area nurses in honor of National Nurses Week, May 5-9.

The topic of the seminar is Essentials of Ohio Nursing Law: Update 2008. The facilitator is Pamela S. Dickerson, PhD, RN-BC and the objectives will be to define scopes of practice for nurses as identified in the Nurse Practice Act and to discuss selected components of Ohio Board of Nursing rules.

Those who participate in the entire event will earn

one (1) category A (law/rules) contact hour.

The seminar will be held on Wednesday, May 7, at 7 p.m. The event will be held at the Versailles Health Care Center, Activity Room, 200 Marker Road, in Versailles.

Refreshments and dessert bar will be provided from 6:30 to 7 p.m. A limited number of seats are available. Reservations must be made in advance of the seminar.

Contact Barb Westgerdes at 937- 526-5570 to make reservations.

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Health

Lefeld family contribute to State of the Heart Hospice

For the second year in a row, a St. Henry family is contributing to State of the Heart Hospice and its summer bereavement camp for children. The Lefeld Family Foundation, called Jerry and Charlie's Helping Hands Foundation, recently donated \$1,000 to the non-profit agency to help with expenses for Camp BEARable, which will be held June 20-22.

Cindy Lefeld, whose husband, Jerry, died in a work-related accident in 2000, explained that she and her family have witnessed first-hand the benefits for children attending the camp. Lefeld and her daughter, Kayla, 19, were camp specially trained "buddies" last year and will be again this year. Her son Evan, 10, and daughter Sara, 15, attended the camp two years in a row. The foundation was named in honor of Jerry and his brother, Charlie, who also died in 2000 in a separate work-related accident.

"By my attending the camp myself, I was able to see the tremendous benefit not only to my own children but to others as well," Lefeld explained. She said she was able to bring back to the Lefeld family what she had witnessed at the camp.

The biggest benefit, she noted, was that her children "opened up" about their feelings of the

loss of their father.

"They realized they were not the only ones with feelings of loss; others experienced the same feelings they had," she added.

"It is hard for my friends to understand my feelings," explained Evan, "since they have not lost their dad. I found that at camp, everyone understood what each other goes through over losing someone."

Patti Stahl, bereavement specialist for State of the Heart, said that Evan was only 2 when his father died.

"Not having memories of time with his father is one thing he struggles with."

Stahl and Marlene Black, another hospice bereavement specialist, serve as co-directors of the camp.

For Evan's sister, Sara, "Hearing the stories from others helped me," she said. "I realized that there were others who were struggling with loss as much, if not more than I was, and that helped."

She said she also formed friendships at camp and keeps in touch with her camp friends.

The Jerry and Charlie Helping Hands Foundation was started in 2001 and gives primarily to single parent families with needs and to children with special needs.

"I think it is wonderful that



Pictured, standing, is Patti Stahl. Seated, from left, are Evan Lefeld, Cindy Lefeld and Sara Lefeld.

so many people from our community recognizes the value of the children's camp," said Stahl. "From a personal family tragedy has come a gift which will have long-lasting, positive effects."

Approximately 50 youth have attended the camp in recent years. It is held at the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein. There is no cost for a child to attend the camp, which is open to all youth experiencing grief issues, regard-

less of association with hospice.

"Interestingly enough, the majority of youth attending the camp have no connection with our hospice program," said Stahl.

As a camp buddy, Lefeld said the experience was a "healing experience for me also. I was experiencing what many of the children were feeling. It is wonderful that the children are willing to share their stories and talk openly."

Stahl explained that children feel the camp, which mixes fun activities along with grief work activities is a "safe" place for them to discuss their inner-most feelings about their loss. "The youth feel a certain comfort level. They have all the permission in the world to talk about their feelings. Having the opportunity to talk and share is a precious gift to them."

Lefeld added that attending the camp as a buddy was "revitalizing."

"There is a sense and source of strength there. It is a good feeling to know that you are helping someone else who is grieving the loss of someone."

State of the Heart has served area communities for more than 25 years. The locally-based agency has offices in Greenville, Portland and Coldwater and serves families and patients in western Ohio and eastern Indiana.

"We rely on community financial support to help with the camp," Stahl explained. "It costs about \$100 per child for the weekend."

For more information about the camp, to register or to make a contribution, contact Stahl at 419-678-4808 in Coldwater or 260-726-3220 in Portland or Black at 937-548-2999 in Greenville.

— News briefs from JTDMH —

Diabetic support group to meet

The diabetic support group sponsored by Joint Township District Memorial Hospital will meet on Monday, April 14, at 7 p.m. in conference room #1 at the hospital. The morning class will be held on Tuesday, April 15, at 10 a.m.

The program is titled, "Oral Pills and Injectables," by Krissy Mullenhour,

RN, BSN, diabetic educator. This is part one of two and the program will discuss the various oral pills and injectable medications currently available for diabetes. Participants will discuss the different target areas, action, timing, effectiveness and possible side effects for each medication. Next month,

the group will discuss the different insulins available.

All diabetics, family members and anyone else interested are invited to attend. For more information concerning this program or any of Joint Township Hospital's diabetic services, contact the hospital at 419-394-3335, ext. 2147.

Hospital hosts Senior Supper Hour

Joint Township District Memorial Hospital will present its Senior Supper Hour program on Thursday, April 17, at UAW Local 200 Union Hall.

Dinner will begin at 5

p.m., and the program will follow at 5:45 p.m.

The program for April will be, "Wright State Lake Campus – 40 Years of Excellence," presented by Tom Knapke, WOEF De-

velopment Officer.

For more information about the Senior Supper Hour program, contact Anne Larger at the hospital at 419-394-3335, ext. 1128.

Prize winners recognized from seminar

Door prize winners at the recent "Hormone Balance and Heath" seminar sponsored by Schwietzerman Pharmacies and Compounding Center on March 10 are as follows:

Barb Doherty-gift certificate from Kimberly's Studio, in Minster; Donna Pape, gift certificate from Kimberly's Studio, in Minster; Christine Wentegift certificate from Arbonne,

Betty Will consultant, in Minster; Sheryl Gray-gift certificate from Longaberger, Julie Jacobs consultant, in St. Marys; Lynette Squire-gift certificate from Wagner's IGA, in Minster; Martha Geiger-gift certificate from Curves, in St. Marys; Susan Powers-gift certificate from Curves, in St. Marys; Ann Green-gift certificate from Curves, in St. Marys; Deb

Bornhorst-gift certificate from Curves, in Minster; Betty Will-gift certificate from New Bremen Coffee Co. and Books, in New Bremen; Teresa Wentegift certificate from New Bremen Coffee Co. and Books, in New Bremen and Shirley Grevenkamp-gift certificate from Pampered Chef, Chris Muhlenkamp consultant, in St. Henry.

Health

Wii Therapy now offered at JTDMH

Joint Township District Memorial Hospital and Grand Lake Health System are happy to announce the introduction of Wii Therapy to the Inpatient Rehab Center.

“In our ongoing commitment to innovation, we are very pleased to bring this fun, new and engaging form of therapy to our inpatient rehabilitation program,” said Kevin Harlan, president and CEO of Grand Lake Health System and Joint Township District Memorial Hospital.

Through the use of the Nintendo Wii video game console’s unique, motion-sensitive controller, therapy patients admitted to the In-

patient Therapy Center play sports games like bowling, golf, baseball, tennis and boxing. Patients exercise cognitive skills to press the buttons and use similar body movements found in traditional therapy exercise.

These have been shown to improve dynamic standing balance, gait balance and trunk coordinator as well as reduce emotional stress and aid in building patient/therapist relationships.

“For patients recovering from serious injuries due to an accident or illness, the Wii provides a welcome change from traditional therapies, has many potential therapeutic benefits



Rehab patient B.J. Swonger using the Wii system while Gwen Bertke, rehab assistant, looks on.

and is just plain old fun,” explained Amy Wellman, occupational therapist of the Inpatient Rehab Center at Joint Township District Memorial Hospital.

As the only hospital in the area to offer Wii Ther-

apy, the Inpatient Rehab Center at Joint Township District Memorial Hospital is proud to make this new therapy available, as an inpatient service, to the people of the Grand Lake region.

New hours for Urgent Care

The Grand Lake Health System announces new hours for the Urgent Care service at Joint Township District Memorial Hospital. The hours for Urgent Care located adjacent to the hospital’s Emergency Center will be 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, effective May 5. The Grand Lake Health System also plans to soon open an Urgent Care service at the Wapakoneta Medical Center on Redskin Trail in Wapakoneta.

Urgent Care performs a valuable healthcare service that’s positioned between the doctor’s visit and the hospital ER. Visit JTDMH Urgent Care for treatment of the following:

- *Abrasions, cuts, bumps or bruises,
- *Sore throat or eat infections,
- *Cough, cold symptoms or fever,
- *Nausea and vomiting that’s not severe or debilitating,
- *Sprains or muscle strains,
- *Minor burns,
- *Urinary tract infections,
- *Minor eye injuries,
- *Small bone fractures.

Dr. McNaughton joins Grand Lake Health

Dawn P. McNaughton, M.D., has joined Grand Lake Primary Care, in St. Marys, in practice with Cynthia Gaerke, M.D.

“We welcome Dr. McNaughton back to the area and Grand Lake Health System,” said Kevin Harlan, President and CEO of Grand Lake Health System and Joint Township District Memorial Hospital.

McNaughton is a native of New Bremen, but has been in Cold Spring, Ken., in family practice.

She is board certified in family practice and was a family practice resident at the University of California Davis David Grant Medical Center. McNaughton received her doctorate in medicine from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine and her bachelor’s of science in biology from Bowling Green State University.

“I look forward to moving back to the area and seeing family and friends on a day to day basis. I am excited to begin working with the Grand Lake Health System, Dr. Gaerke and her amazing health team,” stated McNaughton.

Grand Lake Primary Care is located at 1040 Hager St., in St. Marys, and has

been the established practice of Cynthia Gaerke, M.D. since 1999.

Grand Lake Primary Care is an affiliate of Grand Lake Health System and Joint Township District Memorial Hospital.



Dawn P. McNaughton, M.D.

Food safety training and certification course

Ohio State University Extension is offering the ServSafe® food safety certification course. The ServSafe® program, sponsored by the National Restaurant Association, has become the industry standard in food safety training and is accepted in almost all United States jurisdictions that require employee certification.

The program is open to all food service employees at all levels of the food service industry; however, it targets food service managers who wish to become certified in food safety.

This in-depth program provides accurate, up-to-date information on all aspects of handling food, from receiving and storing to preparing and serving. It is designated so that the

principles can be easily applied and practiced.

The objectives of the course include identifying the principles of food microbiology, becoming aware of the standards enforced by the regulatory agencies and learning to implement and monitor measures for prevention of food-borne illnesses.

Upon successful completion of the ServSafe® course and exam, participants receive a Certificate of Completion from ServSafe®.

The ServSafe® course will be offered on the following four consecutive Tuesdays, May 13, 20 and 27 and June 3, from 12:30-4:30 p.m., at the Auglaize County Administration Building, 208 S. Blackhoof Street, in Wapakoneta.

The exam will be given on Tuesday, June 10, at 8 a.m. at the same location. Participants must attend all four sessions to be eligible to take the exam.

The cost of the course is \$150, which includes the course book and certification exam. Course books will be distributed during the first class session.

For more information or to register, call the Auglaize County Extension Office at 419-738-2219 or send name, address and registration fee to Ohio State University Extension, Auglaize County, 208 S. Blackhoof St., Wapakoneta, Ohio 45895.

Make checks payable to Ohio State University Extension, Auglaize County.

The deadline for registration is Monday, May 5.



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Teams get a wet start

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Both teams lead victorious match-ups

The New Bremen Lady Cardinals triumphed over Bradford in their first game of the season, winning 7-1.

The Cardinals scored four runs with two outs in the first inning when Becca Dwenger hit a single up the middle to score Morgan Russel and Michelle Griesdorn. Leann Thieman followed with a single to score Becca Dwenger.

Stacy Timmerman pitched a complete game to earn her first victory at the varsity level.

The Cardinal baseball team dominated the home game against Bradford with a score of 18-1 after five innings.

New Bremen's Corey Barlage went the distance on the mound for the Cardinals, throwing a one-hitter with no earned runs.

Anthony Moeder batted two for four, and Barlage hit three for four.

The Lady Cardinals prevailed yet again against the Sidney Lehman Cavaliers, 10-3, on Thursday. The Cardinals had four hits in the first inning to score two runs.

Emily Phlipot had a two-run double in the fourth to expand the lead. Amy Elking pitched for six innings to earn the win.

With this victory, the Lady Cardinals are 2-0 for the season.

Photos by John Zwez

Left: Lady Cardinal Tracy Jacoby defends home plate in New Bremen's game against St. Marys on Friday. Below: Pitcher Stacy Timmerman has been pitching for the New Bremen Lady Cardinals.



Photo by Fred Kremer

Marion Local Flyer Jace Homan readies himself for a catch as New Bremen Cardinal slides for the plate.



Cardinals dominate Flyers in non-league face-off

By Randy Wilker
Sports Correspondent

The New Bremen Cardinal baseball team started hitting the ball from the first inning and didn't stop until the seventh inning and coasted to a 13-5 victory over the Marion Local Flyers in a non-league contest played at Marion Local.

"We came out strong in the first three innings," Cardinals head coach Greg Cox said. "We hit the ball well and Corey Jutte leading off with a double set the tone for us in the game. We also ran the bases well tonight."

Jutte led off the game with a double to left field and came home on a single by Anthony Moeder to right field. Matt McCollum reached on a fielder's choice as Moeder was retired at second base and McCollum scored on a double to right by Brad Wendel.

Cory Barlage reached on a hit batter and both runners came home on a triple to center by Derek Bruggeman. Spencer Rohr and Curt Brown grounded out to end the inning with a 4-0 lead.

In the second inning, New Bremen continued to swing the bats. Chris Heitkamp led off and reached on an error and advanced

to third on a pair of wild pitches. Jutte drew a walk and both runners connected on a double steal with Heitkamp coming home to make the score 5-0.

Moeder flied out for the first out, but Jutte advanced to third on a wild pitch. After a walk to McCollum, Jutte scored on a single by Wendel.

Barlage reached on a hit batter causing a pitching change.

Charlie Schwieterman replaced Chris Stucke and he struck out Bruggeman for the second out. A walk to Rohr drove home McCollum to make the score 7-0, but the inning ended on a force out at home on a fielder's choice by Brown.

The Flyers broke up the shutout with a run in the bottom of the second. Jason Wolters drew a walk and went to second on a ground out.

After a fly out, Jared Prenger reached on a hit batter and Schwieterman drew a walk to load the bases. Wolters came home with the run on a single by Stucke.

The Cardinals (2-0) continued their hitting in the third inning.

Heitkamp led off with a walk and he promptly stole second. Jutte followed with a single and Moeder

reached on a bunt single to score Heitkamp. McCollum followed with a single to drive home Jutte and Wendel singled to drive home Moeder and make the score 10-1.

Marion Local cut the lead in half with four runs in the third inning on two hits.

"We went through a little bit of a lull in the fourth and fifth innings," Cox said. "We didn't hit the ball quite as well, but we got the bats back out in the sixth inning."

"You have to give Marion Local credit," Cox said. "They battled back and

made a game of it. The elements got a little nasty midway through the game."

New Bremen concluded the scoring in the sixth inning. With one out, Rohr and Adam Meyer drew walks and Heitkamp reached on a bunt single to load the bases.

Rohr and Meyer came home to score on a double to right and Heitkamp scored on a sacrifice fly to left by Moeder to make the final 13-5.

"The key for us was Barlage came in to pitch in the third inning," Cox said. "He picked up Anthony (Moeder) and got his sec-

ond win of the season. In the third inning it started to get nasty and Anthony was throwing a lot of pitches so we wanted to get him out. I can't say enough about Cory coming in those conditions and getting the outs we needed."

Several Cardinal hitters had good games.

"Jutte had two doubles, a single and a walk," Cox said. "Moeder had a couple hits and Wendel hit the ball well with three hits and Heitkamp reached on all four at-bats."

The Cardinals entertain St. Marys on Thursday at an away game.



Photo by Fred Kremer

New Bremen's catcher dives to tag out a Marion Local Flyer. The Cardinals scored a 13-5 victory after seven innings.

Minster Wildcats sweep first double header

By Brian Smith
Community Post

Mike Wiss stalked the dugout after a bases loaded opportunity slipped by his team.

“You have to get those runs in. Those runs will be important in late May,” Wiss yelled out, pausing. “And into June.”

It’s that long-term vision that keeps Wiss’ team on track.

The Wildcats swept a double header with 10-2 and 7-4 victories at St. Marys on Saturday.

“We pitched with the lead all day,” Wiss said. “We scored in the first inning of both games. We were in the lead for 14 innings. That makes a big difference.”

Minster improved to 3-0 on the season, while St. Marys fell to 0-4.

“I complimented all our pitchers today. We threw strikes. We kept some of their 2, 3 and 4 batters off the bases. Especially since they batted three straight lefties. Those guys didn’t have guys on base for the bottom of the order.”

In the first game, Aaron Heit-

brink and Andrew Baumer had back-to-back RBI doubles into the gaps to give Minster a 4-0 lead in the top of the third inning.

Vince Fullenkamp’s RBI single made it 5-0 in the third.

Minster scored enough runs to win twice on Saturday, but Wiss knows his team has to do better in RBI situations.

“We left 23 runners on base today,” Wiss said. “Three or four times we left them with the bases loaded. It’s one thing to leave people on base when you put the ball in play, it’s another thing when you leave them on base with a strikeout.

“You want to make the other teams make plays. When we did that, we were successful.”

Baumer made it 7-0 in the fourth with a single.

Tyler Norton collected the lone RBI for the Riders in the opening game on a fourth inning single. The other run scored on a wild pitch.

Andrew Baumer had to leave the second game after a collision at home plate that left Baumer wincing.

St. Marys’ Sam Rammel barreled into the Minster catcher on a play at the plate. Rammel was ejected from the game for the collision.

“(Baumer) made the decision (to exit the game),” Wiss said. “He felt that after he caught that last batter he was not going to be able to squat the way he was going to need to.”

Both players shook hands, smiling after the game.

“Then all of a sudden there goes a good stick out of your order and your defensive catcher. Brian Phlipot came in and did a nice job at catcher, though.”

Baumer batted .406 last season with a .640 on-base percentage. The Minster clean-up hitter.

St. Marys was in the game until the end. Minster scored the first five runs of the second game until St. Marys scored two runs in the fourth on a two-run single by Justin Frey.

A Norton single in the fifth pulled the Riders to within 5-3 with a single to drive in Jeremy

Frey in the fifth inning.

Aside from those key hits, St. Marys coach Dennis Pfeffenberger said his team had to make more contact in key situations.

Pfeffenberger said the pitching in game two from Norton was solid.

An odd play in the top of the seventh sealed the win for Minster, though, when with the bases loaded and one out, Minster’s Robert Gruber hit a pop up just into the outfield grass at on the left side of the infield.

Jake Taylor had the ball drop, before throwing home.

The home plate umpire ruled that the catcher had his foot on home plate for the second out without a run scoring.

The umpires then talked and ruled that the infield fly rule was in effect. Gruber was out, but the run scored because there was no tag on the runner.

That made the game 7-4 in favor of Minster.

Minster plays Houston on Thursday in a home game.

Boys’ track teams travel to Versailles



Photos by John Zwez

Above: Minster Wildcat Ben Sekas placed seventh in the shot put for the White Division.

Right: Marion Local placed first in the 4 x 400 m. relay with a time of 3:41.2.

Below: The 2008 Versailles Invitational Boys Track Meet took place on Saturday.

From Staff Reports

The Minster boys track team won the white division title at the Versailles Invitational on Saturday.

The Wildcats scored 144.5 points, while New Bremen came in second with 129 points.

St. Marys finished seventh in the black division.

The Minster 4x100 team won the white division with a 45.8 second finish. New Bremen came in second in 46 seconds.

Scott Schnelle took first in the high jump (6-2).

Scott Kinkley took first for St. Marys in the black division 400 meter dash (53.1 seconds).

The Cardinals’ Bryce Bergman took first in the 300 meter hurdles (39.6)and the 110 meter hurdles (15.2). He was second in the long jump (19-6.25).

New Bremen’s Jeff Kremer took second in the 400 meter dash (52.4 seconds).

Minster’s Kregg Olding was third in the boys mile run (4:42.6) and second in the 2 mile run (10:22.2).

Jacob Phlipot took first in the shot put for Minster with a throw of 46-10.25.

Minster’s Zac Boeke was third in the 300 meter hurdles (44.1).

Alex Barga, of Minster, took first in the 200 meter dash (23.1 seconds) while Brandon Spackman took second for New Bremen (23.2).

Spackman was first in the 100 meter dash (11.3 seconds).

Barga took third in the pole vault (11-0).

Minster’s 4x800 team took first (8:33.9), as did New Bremen’s 4x400 team (3:33.7).

The St. Marys 4x100 relay team took third in the black division, with a 46.6 second finish.

St. Marys’ Kinkley also took third in the black division high jump (5-8) and third in the 200 meter dash (23.6).





Race to the Eldora Speedway

Ollie's heads back to the track this summer

Ollie's Bargain Outlet last week announced that it would sponsor the Ollie's 360 Challenge, a three-race series pitting NASCAR drivers Tony Stewart, Kasey Kahne and Dave Blaney against some of the nation's top 360 sprint car drivers. And there's nothing "cheap" about this tournament -- Ollie will dig deep into his pockets to award the winners with a potentially record-breaking purse. With race dates set for June, July and August, the Ollie's 360 Challenge will feature a total three-event purse of more than \$80,000, with \$6,000 going to each A-main winner. Additionally, a bonus of \$50,000 will be offered to any driver who can win two of three A-main features.

"Taking part in the Ollie's 360 Challenge, with confirmed entries already from drivers like Kasey Kahne, Dave Blaney and Tony Stewart, is a thrill for the entire Ollie's family," said Mark Butler, president and CEO of Ollie's Bargain Outlet. "The Ollie's 360 Challenge will give us another opportunity to offer 'Good Stuff, Cheap' -- top-quality racing at a great value to fans across several states this summer. And I encourage people to stay tuned for news about an exciting sweepstakes all race fans will want to enter."

The challenge will kick off with a race at the 3/8-mile Sharon

Speedway on June 17. Owned and operated by Blaney and a group of local partners, Sharon Speedway is one of the country's leading short tracks and hosts several 410 sprint car events throughout the season.

"I am really pleased that the Ollie's 360 Challenge will make a stop at Sharon Speedway," said Blaney. "My family and business partners have put a lot of time and effort into making Sharon Speedway one of the best dirt tracks in the country and it's a privilege to welcome a marquee event such as this into our facility. I'm also looking forward to getting into a 360 sprint car again this year."

The second round of the Ollie's 360 Challenge will take place at Stewart's Eldora Speedway, in Rossburg, on July 8. The high-banked, half-mile oval has a storied history that spans more than 50 years and is a staple in the sprint car universe. Two-time NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Champion Stewart competes in a handful of dirt track racing events each season.

"Any time I can race a dirt sprint car or late model I'm excited about it," said Stewart. "I've always said that open-wheel racing is like a reset button for me and the fact that I'm going to get to race my 360 sprinter at least three times this summer is some-

thing I'm really looking forward to. We're very proud to be able to offer our fans a variety of quality racing and I'm sure this event will be one of our biggest this season. It will be fun to mix it up with Kasey, Dave and the top 360 sprint car drivers in the country."

The third and final round of the Ollie's 360 Challenge will be hosted by Kahne and wrap up at Williams Grove Speedway in Mechanicsburg, Pa., on Aug. 19. The facility, a favorite of Kahne's, boasts a half-mile speedplant and one of the most loyal sprint car racing fan bases in the country. In 2007, the Ollie's Bargain Outlet Shootout event hosted by Williams Grove Speedway raised more than \$75,000 for the Kasey Kahne Foundation. It's a favor that Kahne is eager to reciprocate in August.

"Williams Grove Speedway is one of my favorite tracks to race on," Kahne said. "I grew up racing sprint cars around the country and I always enjoyed racing at 'The Grove.' Last year, we worked with Ollie's and the track to help raise \$75,000 for the Kasey Kahne Foundation and I really appreciated all of the effort the facility and staff put into the event. We're looking forward to working with Ollie's Bargain Outlet again this year, and I'm happy to announce that the proceeds from the Grove

event will go to support the Kasey Kahne Foundation this year, as well. It will be great to get to compete in these three events with Tony and Dave, as well as race against the drivers who run 360 sprint cars each week. All three races will be great for the fans, especially if someone can pull off winning the \$50,000 bonus."

The Williams Grove race not only culminates the series, it solidifies Ollie's Bargain Outlet's commitment to charity.

"Having a charitable tie-in is extremely important to Ollie's," said Mark Butler, a newly appointed member to the Kasey Kahne Foundation Chairman's Board. "We, as a company, strive to give back to our community in any way we can. Being able to connect with the community in an exciting way via the 360 Challenge and charitably through the Kasey Kahne Foundation gives us the best of both worlds."



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Wet grounds force cancellation

Reschedule set for May 10

Heavy overnight rains last Thursday inundated an already saturated surface and in the interest of safety and concern for the race teams, Eldora Speedway officials reached a decision to postpone April 5's planned race meet.

On the agenda was the annual Jud Larson/Don Branson Classic for non-winged USAC (United States Auto Club) Sprint Cars, Moser UMP (United Midwestern Promoters) Modifieds and Advance Auto Parts Stock Cars. The en-

tire program has been moved to Saturday, May 10.

With the postponement, Eldora's 2008 slate will kick off this weekend, April 11 and 12, with a double-header for the traveling World of Outlaw (WoO) Sprint Car tour.

Prom court announced for Fort Loramie



Kreg Albers

By Thomas Teckman
Correspondent

Court for the 2008 Fort Loramie High School Junior/Senior Prom has been announced. Prom will be on Friday, April 11, at St. Michael's Hall.

Vying for the title of Prom Queen are: Kelly Hoehne, daughter of

Charles and Carol Hoehne; Jessica Meyer, daughter of Tony and Lois Meyer and Kelsea Otis, daughter of Troy and Laurie Otis.

Candidates for Prom King are: Kreg Albers, son of James and Amy Albers; Josh Hilgefert, son of Nick and Peg Hilgefert and Kyle Turner, son of

Joe and Ann Turner.

Theme for this year's prom is "The Land of Sweet Adventures," and music will be performed by the band Renegade. Crowning the 2008 Prom King and Queen will be the 2007 King and Queen, Jay Hoying and Ashley Koverman.

The Junior/Senior

Prom begins this year with dinner at St. Michael's Hall.

Officers for the junior class are: Justin Lehmkuhl, president; Kayla Quinter, vice-president; Andrea Holthaus, secretary; Kelly Seger, treasurer and Tori Holthaus, historian. Advisor is Ellen Wehrman.



Jessica Meyer



Josh Hilgefert



Kyle Turner



Kelsea Otis



Kelly Hoehne

New Bremen High School announces honor roll

New Bremen High School has released the honor roll list for the third nine-week period of the 2007-2008 school year.

High Honor Roll (4.0)

Seniors: Alex Bergman, Matt McCollum, Anthony Moeder and Scott Schnelle.

Juniors: Jeffrey Kremer

Sophomores: Renee Dicke, Teri Ewing, Beth Grevenkamp, Jackie Niekamp, Spencer Rohr and Michael Travis.

Honor Roll (3.5 – 3.99)

Seniors: Abby Anderson, Hannah Ankrom, Jason Baker, Brock Bergman, Bryce Bergman, Bethany Bertke, Lauryn Bertke, Curt Brown, Melissa Bruggeman, Lanae' Caudill, Chris Heitkamp, Lana Hoffman, Tracy Jacoby, Sara Jarvis, Aaron Linniman, Billy Moser, Jordi Nagel, Philip

Niekamp, Adam Quellhorst, Dana Rhoades, Brittany Russell, Diana Sadler, Courtney Schmackers, Leslie Schmiesing, Leann Thieman, Lori Timmerman, Mark Travis, Abby Wenthe and Emily Young.

Juniors: Andy Bundy, Lindsay Burkard, Drew Davis, Bethany DeGrandchamp, Becca Dwenger, Tyler Eiting, Ryan Evers, Emily Gilberg, Michelle Griesdorn, Jarod Hemmelgarn, Taylor Jones, Kyle Knapke, Josh Kremer, Jessica May, Adam Meyer, Emily Rutschilling, Scott Thiemann, Stacy Timmerman, Matt Zirkle and Hank Zwiép.

Sophomores: Marcus Bergman, Brianna Bertke, Logan Bronkema, Adam Bushman, Caitlin Chaney, Justin Eiler-

man, Jessica Feltz, Andrea Flaute, Aaron Freeman, Mark Freije, Shelby Frideger, Leann Heitkamp, Nick Hess, Kimberly Homan, Brice Imwalle, Nick Jones, Stephanie Kemper, Rachel Kramer, Sara Luebke, Spencer Minnich, Sarah Niekamp, Paul Rauh, Morgan Russell, Marissa Sharp, Kaleb Swiger, Kayleigh Thiel, Andy Timmerman, Ashley Wenthe, Caleb Williams and Robert Young.

Freshmen: Megan Broerman, Calib Cox, Kyle Evers, Shelby Hagan, Jodi Heitkamp, Alexis Niekamp, Taylor Schmit, Jordan Schott, Jeffrey Smart, Tom Staton, Cody Topp and Emily Topp.

Merit Roll (3.0 – 3.49)

Seniors: Julia Adams, Brian Ahrns, Paul Bailey, Bill Baker,

Cory Barlage, Kyle Bensman, Danielle Bronkema, Keith Clune, Dave Dennings, Karla Eilerman, Jasmine Freije, Brittany Frey, Amy Grevenkamp, Molly Grilliot, Jamie Heitkamp, Jacob Kemper, Cassie Maurer, Mary Schulze, Austin Speelman, Nathan Steinke, Danielle Thatcher and Nick Wendeln.

Juniors: Richard Bell, Philip Borkowski, Josh Collins, Jared Cox, Kyle Craft, Jaclyn Dabbelt, Lan Nhi Dam, Danielle Douglas, Nicki Evers, Kristine Flaute, Corey Jutte, Rebecca Niekamp, Emily Philpot, Gracelyn Roediger, Jackie Scheer, AJ Schmitmeyer, Jay Schwartz, Alicia Sprague and Lindsay Warner.

Sophomores: Derek Brus-

sell, Allison Buschur, Lindsay DeGrandchamp, Chris Dues, Amy Elking, Robert Franks, Amanda Frey, Sallie Harrell, Tayla Haynes, Martin Holdren, Neil Homan, James Lampert, Aaron Rochotte, Rita Schulze, Alexis Schwartz and Bethany Webster.

Freshmen: Lindsay Ahrns, A.J. Anderson, Brittani Blaine, Tony Brown, Cody Bruggeman, Kaylyn Clint, Kristen Dahlinghaus, Matthew D'Allura, Morgan Fair, Katie Heitkamp, Joel Hemmelgarn, Lauren Hohler, Nick Homan, Austin Luedeke, Lisa McGregor, Joel Miller, Tyler Millhouse, Ariel Nagel, Hollie Parsons, Brent Paulus, Zach Siegel, Dillon Webster, Betsy Wendel, Hadley Williams, Suzi Wint and Trevor Wynk.

Fort Loramie cheer squads selected

By Thomas Teckman
Correspondent

Fort Loramie High School varsity and reserve cheerleaders for basketball and for football for the 2008-2009 school year were recently selected, according to advisor Penny Heckathorn.

On the varsity basketball squad are juniors Holly Aselage, Megan Fullenkamp (co-captain), Tori Holthaus, Kelly Motter, Ally Puthoff, Kayla Rethman (co-captain), Faith Anne Roche and sophomore Brittany Bollheimer. Mascot is freshman Hanna Goubeaux.

Junior varsity basketball cheerleaders are sophomores Brooke Albers, Katie Hoehne (co-captain),

Meghan Luthman (co-captain), Beth Poeppelman and Jill Theis; freshmen Danielle Boerger and Kortnee Poeppelman and eighth grader Morgan Rethman.

Varsity and junior varsity cheerleaders are also participating on the competition team.

Football cheerleaders include juniors Holly Aselage, Tori Holthaus (co-captain), Kelly Motter, Kayla Rethman (co-captain) and Faith Anne Roche; sophomores Chelsea Alexander and Jill Theis; freshmen Danielle Boerger, Hana Goubeaux and Kortnee Poeppelman and eighth grader Morgan Rethman.

Junior high cheerleaders have also been an-

nounced by advisor Stacey Hilgefert.

For football, cheerleaders include seventh graders Logan Albers, Lexie Rindler and Selene Waters and eighth graders Maddie Geise, Abby Goubeaux and Ellen Turner.

Junior high basketball cheerleaders are seventh graders Logan Albers, Lindsey Hilgefert, Lexie Rindler, Tori Rosengarten, Katelyn Seger and Selene Waters and sixth graders Maddie Geise, Abby Goubeaux and Ellen Turner.

Junior high competition cheerleaders include Logan Albers, Lindsey Hilgefert, Lexie Rindler, Tori Rosengarten, Katelyn Seger, Selene Waters, Maddie Geise, Abby Goubeaux and Ellen Turner.

FL speaker talks decisions

By Thomas Teckman
Correspondent

"Be good to yourself," Mike Cooper told Fort Loramie Junior/Senior High School students during an all-school assembly recently.

A motivational speaker, Cooper told students about the various bad decisions he had made in his life, including a divorce and three jail sentences.

"I was not being good to myself," he said.

Cooper explained how he stopped drinking, started running, and began speaking to teenagers about his experiences making bad judgments. He hopes listeners will learn from his actions.

Fort Loramie participates in WSU Scholastic Bowl

By Thomas Teckman
Correspondent

Fort Loramie High School participated in the recent Wright State University—Lake Campus Scholastic Bowl.

The double-elimination tournament, involving teams from 30 area schools, began with 15-minute preliminary matches between four students from two dif-

ferent schools. Questions ranged from arts and literature to the social sciences.

The Fort Loramie team competed against Bluffton and Elida.

Members of the team included senior Zach Bollheimer; juniors Sarah Barhorst and Nathan Brandewie and sophomores Jacob Bowles, Kelsie Moore and Jake Stephens.

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Is Israel an asset or a burden to our country?

The United States is without question Israel's most important ally. Also, without question, Israel is the staunchest and most reliable friend of the United States. But there are some who believe and vigorously advocate that Israel is a burden to the United States and that, were it not for Israel, peace would prevail in the Middle East.

What are the facts?

The "Israel lobby." A patriotic-named foundation urges, in full-page ads in national newspapers (very expensive – who pays for it?), to influence Congress to withhold support for Israel. Professors from prestigious universities write essays in which they aver that the United States is in thrall to the "Israel lobby." This lobby is said to pull the strings of American policy. Its supposed main promoters are AIPAC (American Israel Public Affairs Committee) and the so-called "neo-cons," some of whom are indeed Jewish. They are said to exert an almost magical spell over policy makers, including the leaders of Congress and the President. Some even say that the Iraq war was promoted by this omnipotent "Israel lobby," that the President was flummoxed into declaring war on Saddam Hussein, not in order to defend the United States or to promote its interests, but in order to further the interests of Israel.

Israel is indeed a major recipient of U.S. aid. Israel receives yearly \$1.8 billion in military aid and \$1.2 billion in economic aid, a substantial portion of our yearly aid budget. Almost all of the military aid is spent in the United States, making Israel one of the major customers of the U.S. defense industry. Virtually all of the economic assistance goes for repayment of debt to the United States, incurred from military purchases dating back many years.

America's staunchest ally. A good case can be made that aid to Israel, certainly the military portion, should be part of the United States defense budget, rather than of the aid budget because Israel is, next only perhaps to Britain, by far the most important ally of the United States. Virtually without exception, Israel's government and its people agree with and support the foreign policy objectives of the United States. In the United Nations, Israel's votes coincide with those of the United States over 90% of the time. The Arabs and other Moslem countries, virtually all of them recipients

of American largess, almost reflexively vote against the United States in most instances.

Israel is the major strategic asset of the United States in an area of the world that is the cradle of Islamo-fascism, which is dominated by tyrants and permeated by religious obscurantism and shows almost total disregard for human rights. During the decades-long Cold War, Israel was America's indispensable rampart against the inroads of the

Soviet Union. It is now the bulwark against the aggressive intentions of Iran. During Desert Storm, Israel provided invaluable intelligence, an umbrella of air cover for military cargo, and had personnel planted in the Iraqi deserts to pick up downed

American pilots.

Gen. George Keagan, former head of U.S. Air Force Intelligence, stated publicly that "Israel is worth five CIAs," with regard to intelligence passed to our country. He also stated that the yearly \$1.8 billion that Israel received in military assistance was worth \$50 to \$60 billion in intelligence, R&D savings, and Soviet weapons systems captured and transferred to the Pentagon. In contrast to our commitments in Korea, Japan, Germany, and other parts, not a single American serviceman needs to be stationed in Israel. Considering that the cost of one serviceman per year – including backup and infrastructure – is estimated to be about \$200,000, and assuming a minimum contingent of 25,000 troops, the cost savings to the United States on that score alone is on the order of \$5 billion a year.

Israel effectively secures NATO's southeastern flank. Its superb harbor, its outstanding military installations, the air and sea lift capabilities, and the trained manpower to maintain sophisticated equipment are readily at hand in Israel. It is the only country that makes itself available to the United States in any contingency. Yes, Israel is not a burden, but a tremendous asset to the United States.

Israel is indeed America's unsinkable aircraft carrier in the Middle East and the indispensable defender of America's interests in that area of the world. The people of the United States, individually and through their Congressional representatives, overwhelmingly support Israel in its seemingly unending fight against Arab aggression and Moslem terror. But that support is not based on the great strategic value that Israel represents to the United States. It is and always has been based on shared values of liberty, democracy, and human rights. America and Israel are aligned by their shared love of peace and democracy. Israel and the United States stand together in their fight against Islamo-fascist terrorism. These shared values, these common ideals, will bind Israel and the United States forever.

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School lunch menus for week of April 14

Fort Loramie Monday: Cold hoagie, tortilla chips w/ cheese sauce and salsa, applesauce and a peanut butter cookie. Tuesday: Spicy chicken strips, broccoli w/ cheese sauce, pineapple, wheat bread and a baked item. Wednesday: Manwich, French fries, mandarin oranges and a baked item. Thursday: Chili soup w/ crackers, cheese sandwich, fresh fruit and a baked item. Friday: Manwich, tater tots, pears and a baked item.	Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, applesauce and a dinner roll. Thursday: Pizza pocket, lettuce, pineapple and a cookie. Friday: Breakfast sandwich, hash browns, mandarin oranges and yogurt.
Marion Local Monday: Ham sandwich, curly fries, fruit and a fruit snack. Tuesday: Hot dog sandwich, baked beans, potato chips and peaches.	Minster Elementary School Monday: Domino pizza, peas and peaches. Tuesday: No School Wednesday: Walking taco, corn, apple sauce and bread. Thursday: Sausage, egg and cheese sandwich, pancakes, juice and a banana. Friday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, mixed fruit and bread.

Middle School Monday: Turkey, ham and cheese club sandwich or Domino pizza, peas and applesauce. Tuesday: No School Wednesday: Sausage, egg and cheese sandwich, breakfast pizza and sausage patty, French toast sticks, juice and fruit. Thursday: Hamburger or chili dog sandwich, potatoes and peaches. Friday: Pizza bites or taco bites, carrots and pears.	Krispie Treat. Thursday: Meatball or chicken sub, potatoes, applesauce and Cheetos, or a chicken fajita salad. Friday: Cheese quesadilla or maxi cheese sticks, corn, mixed fruit and a brownie.
High School Monday: Domino pizza or tenderloin sandwich, broccoli and peaches. Tuesday: No School Wednesday: Grilled chicken sandwich or BBQ rib sandwich, green beans, pineapple or Pineapple Delight and a Rice	New Bremen Monday: Toasted cheese, apples w/ caramel, peas and a Twix bar. Tuesday: Submarine sandwich, Sun Chips, corn and peaches. Wednesday: Stuffed crust pizza, baby carrots, applesauce and a cowboy cookie. Thursday: Chicken patty sandwich, potato deluxe, a turnover and assorted snacks. Friday: Sausage, French toast sticks, potato triangle and juice.

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Marion Local announces nine week honor roll

Marion Local High School has announced the honor roll for the third nine week period.

First Honors
Seniors: Amy Droesch, Daniel Huelsman, Nick Wolters, Lisa Bergman, Chris Stucke, Jay Homan, Jennifer Frey and Jordan Brunswick.
Juniors: Ariel Puthoff, Nicole Goettemoeller, Tara Hartings and Katherine Garmann.
Sophomores: Tori Puthoff, Garret Homan, Ben Fortkamp, Jessica Huelsman, Kayla Schwieterman, Ashley Lochtefeld, Katrina Brand, Megan Schaefer, Nicole Otte, Stephen Huelsman and Rachael Puthoff.
Freshmen: Darion Ziegler, Nicole Schwieterman, Heather Brunswick, Natalie Bruns, Stephanie Mescher, Jodi Otte and Gina Heitkamp.

Second Honors
Seniors: Nichole Eilerman, Megan Barhorst, Stephanie Lochtefeld, Kevin Hess, Kayla Winner, Amanda Puthoff, Travis Kremer, Kevin Pleiman, Katie Schulze, Leah Winner, Kelly Heitkamp, Charles Schwieterman, Ryan Albers, Luke Schwieterman, Ben Schaefer, Daniel Kuether, Amber Hartke, Curtis Frilling, Stephanie Heitkamp, Michelle Fleck, Derek Poeppelman, Dan Fortkamp, Justin Fleck, Kelsey Mescher, Dustin Heitkamp, Kevin Schlارman, Abby Staugler, Erika Brookhart, Justin Jones, Michelle Lochtefeld and Amanda Fleck.
Juniors: Jenny Zumwald, Nathan Tangeman, Luke Bertke, Justin Hartings, Jason Homan, Megan Bohman, Kensey Schwieterman, Annette Bruns, Katrina Frey, Tyler Thobe, Erica Schmackers, Elizabeth Reichert, TJ Bernard, Alex Kemper, Amber Griesdorn, Jace Homan, Matt Behr, Andrew Hemmelgarn, Laura Bertke, Jason Wolters, Breet Hartings, Troy Prenger, Tyler Mescher, John Broering, Eric Heitkamp, Jacob Arling, Josh Heitkamp, Cassie Schemmel and Adam Fortkamp.
Sophomores: John Will, Shelby Moeller, Abby Schmitmeyer, Lindsay Moorman, Stephanie Lochtefeld, Michelle Thobe, Todd Heitkamp, Jordan Bertke, Jacqueline Jones, Allison Bruns, Heather Obringer, Amber Fleck, Megan Hardesty, Zeb Homan, Leah Rosenbeck, Eric Schwieterman, Kevin Homan, Kylee Bergman, Abby Heitkamp, Adam Schulze, Chessey Brodbeck, Holly Bruns, Andrea Mescher, Brian Heitkamp and Melissa Kramer.
Freshmen: AJ Homan, Alyssa Winner, Janel Schulte, Brie Jutte, Casey Heitkamp, Lauren Brunswick, Kelly Schlارman, Kristina Jones, Kayla Hemmelgarn, Tom Lange, Stacey Huber, Ellis Pohlmann, Grant Lochtefeld, Rachel Hess, Emily Zizelman, Kendra Kremer, Kelly Garman, Margaret Schwieterman, Mitchell Bergman, Jessica Homan, Ashley Homan, John Elking, Alex Obringer, Samantha Leugers, Claire Schwieterman, Lauren Subler, Holly Ronnebaum, Greg Wolters, Alyse Bergman, Renee Dirksen, Zach Heckman, Tucker Smith, Adam Muhlenkamp, Ellen Mescher, Dylan Moeder and Ashley Roeckner.

Third Honors
Seniors: Kasey Thobe, Derick Kramer, Kristen Homan, Kristi Shaner, Greg Koesters, Kim Kremer, Kristin Bergman, Nick Schoenlein, Kasarah Bohman, Jessica Albers, Jason Rethman, Mindy Roeckner, Heidi Garman, Mitch Long, Mitch Schwieterman, Justin Kremer, Marie Moeller, Matt Bomholt, Kylie Knapke, Betsy Thobe, Luke Moeller, Brian Schulte, Jessica Kemper, Shane Winner, Tyler Koesters, Kurt Niekamp, Jake Alexander, Alicia Huber, Luke Homan, Katie Kremer, Jordan Schmackers and Mark Prenger.
Juniors: Dillon Kremer, Jake Bertke, Kelly Hartke, Kayla Seitz, Chelsey Berning, Heidi Schemmel, Nathan Thobe, Jessica Schwieterman, Kylee Chrisman, Matt Reichert, Mitch Winner, Brittany Reichert, Brittany Roeckner, Erin Uppenkamp, Brittany Smith, Eric Siegrist, Jodi Rethman, Lisa Gehret, Zach Rengers and Marcus Moeller.
Sophomores: Megan Rutschilling, Jared Prenger, Anthony Oury, Aaron Schwieterman, Chelsie Pleiman, John Minton, Derek Hess, Ben Smith, Rachel Platfoot, Jay Homan, Travis Bruns, Taylor Stucke and Mara Puthoff.
Freshmen: Leah Griesdorn, Kaylee Schaefer, Andrew Bernard, Mitch Eilerman, Nicole Kleinhenz, Jason Zumwald, Nicole Bertke, Alyssa Staugler, Lauren Bruns, Ryan Mescher, Vivian Seger, Jennifer Fortman, Chelsea Basista, Jason Reichert, Josh Berning, Brandon Arling and Niles Keller.

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The Jackson Township Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on April 16, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. at the the Township Hall. The purpose of the hearing is to consider the following:

A variance request from Mr. Brad Eshleman for a rear yard variance of 30 feet and a side yard variance of 15 feet to construct a garage. Present regulations state that the side yard should be 20 feet and the rear yard should be 40 feet.

David Doenges
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held before the Council of the Village of Minster, Ohio, on May 20, 2008, at 6:45 p.m., at the Village of Minster Council Chambers, 5 West Fourth Street, Minster, Ohio, the purpose of which is to consider a request for a change in the zoning classification from Single and Double Family Residential to Industrial on the following described real property:

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