

The Community Post

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Cub Scouts sit in on council meeting

By Allison Roorda
Community Post

The Village of Minster Council hosted the 11 members of Cub Scout Troop #44, Webelos 1 at their latest meeting on Tuesday, April 7.

The Webelos were working on their Citizenship Badge and stayed for the entire meeting, sticking around for peanut butter cookies afterwards. John Stechschulte asked the boys what they learned as he passed out cookies after the meeting.

"We learned that roads are doing bad," replied Eric Kitzmiller, fourth grader.

His response may have been provoked by the many plans discussed for various street resurfacing projects to be completed this summer.

"The reason we're plan-



The Minster Webelos sat in on the Village of Minster Council meeting on Tuesday night. Pictured from left is Nick Chalk, Aaron Kitzmiller, Carter Hogenkamp, Bryce Schmiesing, Alex Oldiges, Noah Poeppelman, Ben Stubs, Cody Schlater, Isaac Dorsten, Nathan Schwieterman and Brett Reeves.

ning all of these projects is because it's timely," explained Village Administrator Don Harrod. "We

may see some increase in the cost of asphalt, so we're trying to get this done as soon as possible."

Harrod explained that the council had appropriated \$206,000 from the federal highway fund

and the general fund for several street projects,

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Friends of Library program vital to success

By Jessica Honigford
Community Post

MINSTER - This week marks National Library Week. To commemorate the event the Francis J. Stallo Memorial Library in Minster is taking time to recognize the 80 plus families who make up the Friends of the Library program.

Becky Prenger, branch supervisor, stressed the importance of the Friends of the Library.

"With the economy, our budget has been cut," Prenger said. "The Friends of the Library is very important to us, but especially at this time."

The five original members of the Friends of the library program, which began 15 years ago, were Marie Andree Eiting, Susan Hogeckamp, Laura Becker, Kris Kuenning and Connie Schafer.

The Friends of the Library raise money through dues, book sales and other fundraising activities.

The monies raised make all the programs at the library for children, teens and adults in the community possible.

Some of the activities the program raises money for include holiday parties, Santa's workshop and

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Minster students spend their day off school for Easter to look at the National Library Week display at Francis J. Stallo Memorial Library on Monday.

Two months out, Relay for Life in need of teams

By Jessica Honigford
Community Post

MINSTER - The Relay for Life of Southwestern Auglaize County held its monthly meeting on April 7. At the meeting committee and team members heard updates on team fundraising and activities to take place at the Relay for Life in Minster in June.

During the meeting, attendees heard Chairman of the Relay Matt Dwenger say the event is in desperate need of teams.

"The skinny gets skinnier," Dwenger said. The event is now down to nine teams with the deadline to register teams quickly approaching.

Deadline for teams to receive shirts is May 12 with all registration forms and shirt sizes due then.

The attending team members also gave up-

dates on funds raised thus far. The students at St. Marys schools raised more than \$11,000 total for the Relay for Life.

Other fundraising events planned for relay include a quarter auction at New Bremen High School on April 29. Doors open at 6 p.m. with the auction starting at 7 p.m.

For ticket information contact Sue Kramer at 419-629-3253.

The Buschur Bright Lites team will also be hosting a fundraising as part of Paint the Town Purple weekend on May 2. For \$15 people can buy a ticket to a brunch buffet at Haus Der Eleganz in Minster. The brunch will take place in three different seatings.

The Girl Scouts will

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Ohio National Guard honors Heritage Manor employee

Lindsay Collins of Heritage Manor Nursing Center is holding the center's new Patriotic Ohio National Guard Employer Award. This recognition was presented for outstanding support of a citizen-soldier of the State of Ohio. Lindsay was deployed in Kuwait with her brigade as part of the National Guard. The center re-instated her position as a cook once she completed her tour of duty.

Photo provided

This week in the Community Post



Minster, Loramie meet up on diamond. For this and other sports stories and pictures see pages 15A-16A.



Spring is in the air and golfers are on the course. For the latest news from the green visit the golf section on pages 10A-11A.



Minster FFA competes in district contests. For this and other agriculture stories see pages 8A-9A.

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Locals battle for best wings in MAC

By Katie Yantis
Staff Writer

NEWBREMEN—Equipped with an empty stomach and plenty of napkins, local residents gathered at the New Bremen American Legion for the third annual MAC Wingfest.

A group of 13 restaurants gathered to battle for the title of best wings in the MAC serving a variety of hot, spicy, mild and tangy wings.

Wingfest Chairman Bruce Suchland said the event grew from the 2007 event, bringing in more people. After raising close to \$5,000 at last year's event, Suchland said he was hoping for a good crowd at Saturday's event.

"It's bigger than last year," Suchland said. "It depends on the generosity."

Suchland said Wingfest is a good chance for residents to gather together and have a good Saturday night.

"It gives us something to do," Suchland said. "It gives us a chance to have a big event, give people something to do. It

all goes to charity so that makes you feel good, too."

Proceeds from the event benefit Compassionate Care in Shelby County, Relay for Life as well as helping a young girl in Maria Stein who was recently diagnosed with leukemia.

Those attending the event made their way around the wing table, gathering their favorite flavors before taking a seat to enjoy the variety of wings.

New Bremen residents Dot Scheer and Edith Schwartz talked about the event while trying out their plate full of wings.

"My son works for the Sons of the American Legion, I like to support them and I like chicken wings," Scheer said.

Scheer said she had picked her favorite wings for the year's event.

"So far Dutch Mill and Winners Markets," Scheer said.

Schwartz had a different opinion of the best wings for the evening.

"I like Wagners barbeque," Schwartz said.

The 12 judges were served each set of wings to make their



choice for the champions.

Maria Stein resident Treva Fortkamp judged the event for the third year.

"It's a good cause, the crew does a great job," Fortkamp said of the event. "It's a good chance

to try wings from different bars."

Fortkamp said she didn't know where her favorite wing was from, but did mention that she enjoyed them all.

"All the wings were excellent,

there was not a bad wing in the bunch," Fortkamp said.

Fellow judge Mark Kunz representing WTLW judged the event for his second year.

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Relay

also be participating in Paint the Town Purple. The girls will be hanging purple ribbons and signs around communitites in Southwestern Auglaize County to raise awareness about the relay which takes place on June 12 and 13.

Mother's Day flowers will be on sale at Wagner's IGA in Minster on May 9 and 10 for \$1 per flower.

The next meeting will be May 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Minster Middle School large group meeting room.

Teams are asked to bring in their money envelopes as it will be a bank night.

Anyone interested in joining or creating a team can contact Patsy Ritter at 419-629-1415 or Dwenger at 419-753-3062.

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Library

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breakfast, girl's late nighters and the summer reading program.

Anyone interested in joining the Friends of the Library can stop by the library this week and sign up at the display table.

In honor of National Library Week, the Minster library is also hosting "fine free week." Throughout the rest of the week over-due books can be returned without penalty.

Visitors Bureau hosts annual luncheon, names awards



Jeff Poutzler and Bob Unrast show off the awards they won at the annual Convention Center and Visitor's Bureau convention last week.

By Jessica Honigford
Community Post

NEW BREMEN – While times are bleak throughout the area, state and country, tourism in Auglaize and Mercer counties has continued to grow over the past five years.

The tourism industry in Auglaize and Mercer counties took in a record year in 2008, with a total income of over \$51 million.

In the past five years tourism spending has contributed over \$246 million to the area economies.

Last week the Convention Center and Visitors Bureau held its annual luncheon at Speedway

Lanes in New Bremen to discuss the growing tourism industry in the area.

This year's Stahr Award went to Patsy and Bob Unrast of the Maria Stein Countryfest Committee. The Unrasts have been on the Countryfest Committee for 22 years.

"We wouldn't get it done without our sponsors," Patsy Unrast said.

Jeff Poutzler of the Grand lake Independent won the Ambassador Award for 2008.

The luncheon featured key-note speaker Frank Satullo, publisher of OhioTraveler.com.

"Be weird and different," Satullo said. "Get out of your comfort zone, create your own fun and stand out from everyone

else." The Unrasts spoke about new features at Country Fest this year.

Mustang Sally will be performing at the festival and this year's tractor square dance theme will be "Super Heroes."

The Maria Stein Country Fest offers free admission and parking and runs from June 26 to 28.

Other events include 3-on-3 basketball tournament, a petting zoo, a mini-Indy race, a diaper derby and a SK run.

For more information on the Maria Stein Country Fest call the Unrasts at 419-925-4151, e-mail mscf@mscountryfest.com or visit www.mscountryfest.com.

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Council

including resurfacing Third Street from Paris Street to Hamilton Street, Cleveland Street from Fourth to First, Oakwood Drive and Southgate Drive.

"These are the projects we'd like to do for 2009," Harrod said. "We also have some other things to deal with. We need to deal with Fourth Street. Out by the [Heritage Manor] nursing home, you can see it's breaking up. We're not going to last another winter like that last one."

Since the Ohio Department of Transportation will resurface Fourth Street from Ohio

66 eastward out of town in 2010, council members were hesitant to grind down the entire surface of the road only to have it torn up. The city is also planning on resurfacing Fourth Street west of Main Street as a 2011 project.

Harrod suggested chip sealing the road east of Main Street as a temporary solution, however some council members were displeased with the results of a previous project that involved chip sealing.

"Our other option is to do nothing and have potholes next winter," commented Steve

Kitzmiller. "So that's not an option. We have to do something."

The question of available funds also came into play. Chip sealing Fourth Street would cost an estimated \$25,000 while grinding and resurfacing the road would put the price tag closer to \$85,000. Council passed a motion to seek bids for the street resurfacing projects in 2009.

Council also passed the first reading of a resolution adopting an identity theft prevention program and a resolution adopting Auglaize County's

multi-jurisdictional natural hazard mitigation plan. The natural hazard mitigation plan considers the potential for natural disasters and identifies how the county will handle the aftermath of such disasters.

"Every year the county needs to update this plan," said Harrod. "In order for the county to get any federal money for any natural disasters, we need to update this plan."

Council passed a motion allowing a purchase order for the Shinn Brothers winning bid for construction of a wading pool. Shinn Brothers, together with

Paterson Pools, hope to have the project complete before June 1.

Kitzmiller reported the finance committee will be meeting on a monthly basis to check income bases throughout the year due to the economic downturn.

"Based on Don's [Harrod] numbers, we're pretty much on track," Kitzmiller reported. "We're moving in the right direction."

Council went into an executive session to discuss the purchase of land. No action was taken.

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Obituaries

Alma A. Osterfeld

Alma A. (Dues) Osterfeld, 79, of Coldwater, died Sunday, April 12, 2009 at St. Rita's Medical Center in Lima.

She was born Jan. 23, 1930 in Saint Henry to the late William J. and Anna (Ahlers) Dues. On July 5, 1950 she married Thomas L. Osterfeld in St. Henry, and he died Oct. 5, 1992.

She is survived by children: Mary (Joe) Braun of Coldwater, Robert (Susan) Osterfeld of Celina, Barbara (Theodore) Bergman of Fort Recovery and Rita (Patrick) Hogan of Celina; as well as 10 grandchildren and five great grandchildren. She also leaves behind brothers: Edgar Dues of Saint Henry and Mark (Shirley) Dues of Saint Marys; sisters: Alice Cromwell of Gahanna, Florence Snider of Coldwater and Elvira Meuret of Dayton; and sisters-in-law: Geneva Dues of Saint Henry, Kate Dues of Saint Henry and Mary Katie Dues of Saint Henry. She is preceded in death by a daughter Ruth Dixon, a great grandchild and brothers: William, Cyril and Carl.

She was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Coldwater, the St. Ann's Rosary Altar Sodality, Coldwater V. F. W. Auxiliary, American Legion Auxiliary and Coldwater Eagles Auxiliary.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Holy Trinity Catholic Church on Wednesday, April 15, 2009, with Rev. Richard Walling officiating. Memorials can be made to Cancer Association of Mercer County P. O. Box 624 Celina, OH 45822. Hogenkamp Funeral Home of Coldwater handled the arrangements.

Luella B. Gagel

Luella B. Gagel, formerly of Maria Stein, died on Sunday, April 12, 2009 at Otterbein in St. Marys. She was 93 years old.

She was born June 19, 1915 to William and Thecla (Nau) Hemmelgarn of Burkettsville. On Feb. 9, 1946 she married Wilbert Gagel, who preceded her in death on Nov. 26, 1981.

She is survived by her children: Donald (Janice) Gagel of New Bremen, Roselyn Mercuri of Centerville and Janet (Mark) Dilley of Bradenton, Fla.; as well as five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She also leaves behind a brother-in-law Bob Zimmer of Beavercreek and a sister-in-law Kitty Hemmelgarn of Dayton. She is preceded in death by a son-in-law Joe Mercuri and siblings: Eleanor Schenking, George Garn, Frances Severt, Mary Grilliot, Ursula Barga, Alfred Hemmelgarn, Agnes Zimmer and Hilda Catanzaro.

She was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, the Ladies Sodality of the church and American Legion Auxiliary Post #571. She was the first president of the American Legion Auxiliary and co-founder of Gagel Plumbing and Heating in Minster.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 16, 2009 at St. John Church with Rev. Gene Schnipke officiating. Calling hours will be on Wednesday, April 15, 2009 from 4 to 8 p.m., and on Thursday, April 16, 2009 from 9 to 10 a.m. at Hogenkamp Funeral Home in Minster. Memorials may be donated to Otterbein in St. Marys.

Lillian Mary Dues

Lillian Mary (Wenning) Dues, 88, of Coldwater, died Friday, April 10, 2009 at Community Hospital in Coldwater.



She was born Jan. 28, 1921 in Coldwater to the late Frank and Frances (Staggeman) Wenning. On Feb. 13, 1943 she married Norbert Dues in Coldwater, and he died Oct. 26, 1991.

She is survived by her children: John (Kathy) Dues of Brookville, Tom (Helen) Dues of Saint Henry, Betty (Ken) Kahlig of Celina, Deb (Guil) Bergman of Saint Henry, Pam Kaiser of Fort Recovery, Cindy (Randy) Kaup of Saint Henry and Kathy (Bill) Kanney of Coldwater; as well as 23 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren. She also leaves behind a brother Paul (Cam) Wenning of Coldwater, sisters-in-law Margaret Wenning of Coldwater and Linda Wenning of Coldwater and a sister Lucille Ontrop of Coldwater. She is preceded in death by a daughter Linda Dues-Hart, a grandchild, a son-in-law Keith Kaiser, sisters Evelyn Wint-Kaucher and Lucille Ontrop and brothers Lester and Francis.

She was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Coldwater the St. Ann's Rosary Altar Sodality, St. Cecelia Knights of St. John Auxiliary and volunteered at Community Hospital, Briarwood Manor, Maria Stein Retreat Center and Coldwater Schools cafeteria.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Holy Trinity Catholic Church on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at 10:30 a.m., with Rev. Richard Walling officiating. Memorials can be made to Alzheimer's Association West Central Ohio Chapter Lima, OH 45805. Hogenkamp Funeral Home of Coldwater handled the arrangements.

Thomas A. Jansen

Thomas A. Jansen, 74, of Dayton, died Thursday, April 9, 2009 at his residence.

He was born Feb. 2, 1935 in Saint Henry, to the late John and Margaret (Schuh) Jansen. On May 8, 1965 he married Mary Jo (Beyke) Jansen in St. Francis Church, Cranberry.

He is survived by children: Theresa (Jeff) Grieshop of Dayton, John Jansen of Dayton, Anne Jansen of Dayton and Joe Jansen of Miamisburg; brothers and sisters: Dennis (Lucy) Jansen of Coldwater, John (Pat) Jansen of Celina, Paul (Judy) Jansen of Saint Henry, Margaret Stammen of Coldwater and Lucy (Bob) Link of Celina and a sister-in-law Betty Jansen of Florida. He is preceded in death by a daughter Mary Ann Jansen, sisters: Clara Lauber, Isabelle Heinke and Mary Hemmelgarn and brothers: Clarence, Bill, Louis, Bob and Henry.

He was a member of St. Anthony Church in Dayton and a veteran of the US Army. He retired from U S Postal Service in Dayton.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Henry Church on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at 10:30 a.m., with Rev. Tom Hemm officiating. Burial followed at St. Henry Cemetery in St. Henry. St. Henry American Legion conducted military rites at the cemetery. Contributions may be made to St. Vincent DePaul in Dayton. Hogenkamp Funeral Home in St. Henry handled the arrangements.

Legion Auxiliary chicken dinners

The American Legion Auxiliary #387 will be providing carry-out chicken dinners on April 19 at the American Legion Post in Minster from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dinners include four large pieces of deep fried chicken, applesauce and a dinner roll for \$6.

This fundraiser supports the following programs: Nursing Scholarship, Minster High School Scholarship, Buckeye Girls State, Children & Youth Project, After Prom Party and Community Service Projects.

This past year, the Auxiliary gave \$1,500 to the programs. The Auxiliary asks the community to support to continue the programs and would like to thank every who has supported the Auxiliary in the past.

For tickets, call Martha Arling at 419-628-2675 or Sally Thieman at 419-628-6930.

Precious Blood Sisters to host open house

The Sisters of the Precious Blood cordially invite area residents to an open house on Sunday, April 26, from 2-4 p.m. at Salem Heights, the Dayton motherhouse. Guests are welcome for all or part of the afternoon, which includes guided tours of the convent and chapel, a chance to meet and mingle with the sisters, and enjoy refreshments. Attend a concert of sacred music at 4 p.m. and, if you wish, join the sisters following the concert for evening prayer to close the day.

All are welcome. Come as a family, come with a friend; come and make new friends or renew old friendships with the Sisters of the Precious Blood.

The open house is one of several events planned in 2009-2010 to mark the 175th anniversary of the founding of the Precious Blood Sisters. Sisters first

arrived in Ohio from Switzerland in 1844; they began serving in other areas of Ohio and Indiana from the mid-1800s. The motherhouse was relocated from Maria Stein, Ohio, to Dayton (Trotwood) in 1923. Since that time hundreds of Sisters of the Precious Blood have gone forth from this location to serve God's people in dozens of U.S. states and internationally.

Salem Heights is located at 4960 Salem Avenue; entrance on Denlinger Road just past Salem Avenue intersection (third driveway on left after crossing Salem). Fully handicapped accessible with ample parking. For more information, contact Sister Beverly at (937) 278-0871, or visit the website at www.PreciousBloodSistersDayton.org >News & Events >News; click on anniversary logo for details.



VHCC hosts chili cook-off

In honor of National Occupational Therapy month, the rehab team at the Versailles Health Care Center held a chili cook-off. The occupational therapists had the residents assist in publicizing the event by making signs to post around the facility. On the day of the event the therapy staff and residents were divided into four teams, each was lead by a member of the OT staff. The teams spent the morning chopping ingredients, stirring the soup, and adding just the right amount of seasoning to make their chili special. The chili was judged by Amy Carroll, Administrator in Training, Ed Bruns, VHCC resident, Larry Pierron, Maintenance, Paula Varvel, Dietary, and Helen Fullenkamp, VHCC resident. When the scores were added up, the blue team lead by COTA, Julie Cunningham, was announced as the winner. More than 50 bowls of chili were served to residents, visitors, and staff members. The recipes remain a secret but rumor has it that there was a vegetarian chili and one with a chocolate bar added for flavor. Thank you to everyone that helped to make this event a huge success and honor our OT staff for their hard work and dedication to the residents of VHCC.


Staff Appreciation Luncheon attendees to hear story of miraculous recovery

NEW BREMEN – Those who attend the annual Staff Appreciation Luncheon sponsored by the Southwestern Auglaize County Chamber of Commerce will hear from a couple who have faced tremendous odds and not only survived, but are now thriving. Jamey and Molly

French of Greenville will speak at the South Branch YMCA Wednesday, April 22. The annual Staff Appreciation Luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. to honor the core staff employees who help to make area businesses and organizations successful. Attendees will hear

about the couple's unbelievable journey and Molly's miraculous recovery from a life-threatening illness. According to Molly's husband, Jamey, "We faced many days that were bad, some really bad, and knew that the days to follow would be worse yet. Now we want to give others hope to face their

bad days." The popular Staff Appreciation Luncheon offers loaded "goody bags" for each guest, exhibits and displays by area businesses, a delicious gourmet buffet by Howell's Market, and valuable door prizes. The cost is \$15 per person. Reservations are being taken through this week at the Chamber of Commerce. Call 419-629-0313 or email info@auglaize.com for details.




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Poetry Corner

Today's Poet: Edna Wise

Another Path

Did you ever think about if you had taken another path in your life?

You may have had a different husband or a different wife.

When I was in the eighth grade, I seriously thought about becoming a nun.

But then I wouldn't have had my three daughters and a son.

I could have quit school when I was sixteen years old.

Quite a few did this, to go to work and bring in some gold.

What if I had gone to college instead of joining the work force?

With the extra education, my life would have been different, of course.

What if I had gone to Dayton to work, like my sisters did?

I might have been a pot with another lid.

Or maybe I would have learned a good trade,

And I would have decided to become an Old Maid.

One night my sisters and their men asked if I wanted to go with them to a dance.

I went to the dance with them when I had the chance.

They called it The Log Cabin and there was a real cute guy in the band.

They played country music and I wasn't much of a country fan.

He noticed me too, and asked me for a date.

He sang in the band and I did think he was great.

But when he asked me for a date, I told him no.

I wasn't going to go out with someone I didn't even know.

A few weeks later, my sisters asked me if I wanted to go to the Log Cabin with

them.

I went with them, hoping this guy would ask me for a date again.

I took another path and this time I said yes.

If I had said no, he wouldn't have asked me again, is my guess.

On TV, "Another Path" what a weekly serial that could be.

Just take one person and write about another path he took each week.

You could write one story when he ran away from home at fifteen.

The next week you could write about another path he took, married to someone

mean.

You could make up any kind of stories that you wish.

I think if someone wrote a story about this, they could become rich.

I think I could write stories about Another Path and not be poor.

But I really don't want to work that hard anymore.

The Community Post invites all budding poets to submit their poems for publication in the Community Post. This new feature is designed to showcase the talents of local amateur poets of all ages. Poems may be sent via mail or email at publisher@nktelco.net.

This week in history

A column gleaned from the archives of *The Minster (Community) Post*, present by the Minster Historical Society.

90 years ago

Get your spring suits, dresses and coats dry cleaned at Fred Dorsten's barber shop.

Mr. Bernard Wehrman of Egypt received word Thursday of last week that his son Joseph has arrived at Camp Mills, NY form overseas. Mr. Wehrman was for some time in a base hospital in France having been wounded in one ear.

John Evans, an incorrigible tramp from Decatur, Ind., who repeatedly sojourned here, was arrested Tuesday by the marshal and locked up. Later he was given order to leave town and not to return.

While Mr. August Luckman who is employed at the Minster Machine Co., was on duty at his machine a small piece

From out of our past

BY BOB LAMMERS

of steel flew into his eyes injuring the eyeball. It was at first considered quite serious but after a careful examination and given it prompt medical treatment, it was soon learnt that the eye will regain its usual strength and condition again.

The Ohio House defeated the bill of Senator Ake requiring teachers to take an oath of allegiance when certificates are granted them. The vote was 51 for and 20 against, or 12 short of enough to pass the measure which had been indorsed by Gov. Cox.

Representative Fouts of Morgan introduced a

resolution condemning Governor Cox for having taken part June 28, 1917 in approving "Heir und Dort" a German textbook, which the governor condemned recently in a message to the assembly.

50 years ago

Thomas Kuehner, Thomas Feldman and Kenneth Heitkamp attended the opening ball game between the Cincinnati Redlegs and the Pittsburgh Pirates at Cincinnati last Tuesday.

A miscellaneous bridal shower was held Sunday afternoon at Rulmann's Restaurant honoring Shirley Anderson. Miss

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Ask the Professional

Spring mulching, do's and don't's

As temperatures rise, so do we see layers of mulch piling up in residential landscapes around Ohio. At a proper depth, 2-3 inches, mulch can have many benefits to the landscape. At 4-6 inch depths, the benefits are turned into a big problem.

Mulch applied at correct depths can prevent weed growth, conserve moisture in the soil, stabilize soil temperatures and can add organic matter to the soil as the mulch decomposes. When mulch is applied too deep around plants and trees, problems will start to compound. Moisture is captured by the mulch that will cause the bark of the trees and shrubs to be in a constant state of wetness and dampness. This can cause the bark to decay and leads to insect, fungi and bacteria feeding on the damaged tissue. Whether the plants and trees are young or older

this mulching can cause plants to decline and die. Always keep the mulch pulled back from the trunk of trees and shrubs to eliminate any problems.

There are many types of wood mulches available. Bulk mulches usually have a finer texture and are a great organic matter for soils. The recycled mulches are usually a little coarser and many times may be dyed. You can find dyed mulch in a rainbow of colors that hold their color well. Also, there is a cypress mulch, which will typically last longer. It is usually the most expensive of the wood mulches. For more information, you can go to: ohioline.osu.edu/hyg-fact/1000/1083.htm.



STEVE STONE

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What's the difference between real estate tax credits and tax deductions?

Wachovia Securities does not provide tax or legal advice. Please consult with your tax advisor before taking any action that may have tax consequences.

When you think about your home in relation to taxes, you probably consider deductions for property taxes and mortgage interest. Over time, your property taxes will probably rise, while your interest deductions will get smaller as you pay down your mortgage. As a result, you may be looking for additional tax savings. Making home improvements may be one way to find them.

Taking out a home equity loan to pay for adding a driveway, a new room or deck to your house may create a tax deduction for the interest paid and may increase your home's resale value. But other home-improvement opportunities can give you a tax break — and help the environment at the same time. The federal government and many states offer incentives for investments in alterna-

tive energy systems. Moreover, adding features such as weatherization and energy-efficient heating and cooling systems to your home can reduce your ongoing costs.

Tax Credits vs. Deductions

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London travel: sharing a love affair with the fine arts

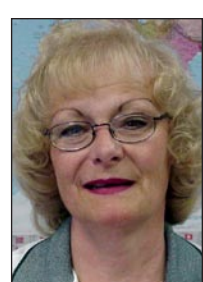
Go behind the scenes and tour London in style — discovering the true beauty of the European city you thought you knew. Travel to London, a unique destination with a rich, royal history and a creative charisma that lures all kinds of world travelers with a common love for its unmatched arts scene. Take a break from touring Buckingham Palace and the iconic abbeys and cathedrals — and experience the very soul of English culture.

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The golden stage for many performers and composers, London has an unbelievably rich musical history. Follow the Elgar Route, a 40-mile drive through the countryside that is dotted with tributary sites recognizing Sir Edward Elgar. Perhaps England's best-known

modern composer, Elgar created several classical works that have become national anthems. The Handel House Museum recaptures baroque composer George Frideric Handel's legendary career — which included composing "Messiah," one of the greatest works in history — and continues to be filled with finely restored Georgian interiors and live music.

Speaking of music, don't forget that London is also the world-famous home of great rock 'n roll legends. Consider one of the many London tours that take you to famous gig locations, recording studios, homes and local hangouts of musicians such as the Beatles, the Rolling Stones, the Who, Eric Clapton, Pink Floyd, Queen and Jimmy Hendrix. You'll get a sense of nostalgia as you travel through Soho, the famous quarter that was home to many thriving painters, philosophers, essayists, poets and musicians in the '50s and '60s. Stroll down Carnaby Street, known as "Swinging London," which is now is one of the city's trendiest shopping quarters. If you're a Beatles fan, take a walk down the famed Abbey Road in Camden.



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Responding to Accidents

Although this may sound outrageous I think we all need to consider our response to accidents we may observe. If it is a home accident or helping pick someone up off the sidewalk after a fall or coming upon an accident, there are several items we must consider.

First and foremost we must ascertain that the area is safe for us to be in. There is no need to have extra victims because we were careless in trying to help someone else.

Dependent on the severity of the incident we must then determine what help we can be. Remember if there is blood you must protect yourself from the possible transfer of viruses, etc. If you are cleaning up after an incident be

sure to wear gloves or use tongs or forceps to pick up the debris. Dust pans and brooms for pieces of glass or bloody clothing and packing them in plastic bags for disposal.

If the blood touches your skin or exposed areas be sure to wash quickly with soap and water.

You are never required to act as an accident. As a good Samaritan your liability is limited as long as you are not intentionally trying to hurt someone.

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Letters to the Editor

Calling all cancer survivors

Dear Editor,

The survivorship committee for the S.W. Auglaize County Relay For Life would like to invite all area cancer survivors and their caregivers to join us for a celebration in your honor. Opening ceremonies will begin at noon on Saturday, June 13, at Minster Memorial Stadium. Shortly after will be the Survivor's Lap. The Survivor's Lap is perhaps the most cherished part of Relay in which cancer survivors, no longer victims, step forward to share hope with others on the same journey. It's an emotional moment as the survivors kick off Relay, sometimes walking hand-in-hand with a caregiver or friend surrounded by a cheering crowd. If you are a survivor and want to join us but did not

receive an invitation in the mail, please call the number below to get registered.

Local businesses & organizations are generously contributing to the survivor's banquet which will be held in the Min-

ster Middle School following the Survivor's Lap. Mrs. Aurora Bushman, former Minster school teacher, will be joining us as a guest speaker to share her story of survivorship.

We would also like to encourage the area communities to come out to Relay and take part in the fundraising and cancer awareness activities. This is a family friendly event with live entertainment and plenty of games and raffles.

2009 marks the 25th anniversary of Relay, uniting millions of people worldwide against this disease. This disease is expected to claim the lives of 2,600 Ohioans this year. Please join us on Saturday, June 13, to celebrate, remember & fight back against cancer. By giving something small of ourselves, together we can save lives.

Michelle Heckman, Chairman, 419-628-4278

Mag Dues, Marlene Hoying, Jamie Mummey, Liz Mescher & Amy Winner

Calendar of Events

WAPAKONETA – The Auglaize County Veterans Service Commission will meet at their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, April 16 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. Any change in the above schedule will be posted.

NEW BREMEN – The New Bremen Public Library Book and Bake Sale will take place April 17-18.

MCCARTYVILLE – The McCartyville-St Patrick K of C will be holding its annual Sausage Fry and Vegas Night on Friday, April 17 in the McCartyville School Gymnasium. The all you can eat meal of sausage, saurkraut, beans and chips will cost \$8 per person at the door. Serving of the meal will be from 5:30 to 10 p.m. The evening will also include food, refreshments, wheels, games and Bingo. There will be a raffle ticket available for cash prizes. The cost of the raffle ticket is \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

NEW BREMEN – The 17th Annual New Bremen Community Garage Sales will be on Friday, April 17 and Saturday, April 18. This community wide event will include fundraisers, bake sales, food stands and restrooms available throughout the community. Listings/maps will be available for \$1 starting April 14 at Schwieterman's, Howell's IGA, Minster State Bank (New Bremen Branch), library, and Village Office.

BOTKINS – The God Rocks live tour will be in Botkins at Only Believe Ministries Christian Center on Sunday, April 19 at 6:30 p.m. God Rocks live events are professionally produced family concerts for children of all ages. Utilizing large screen animation, state of the art digital playback, and a professional ministry performance team, the tour has been experienced by over 500,000 children across North Ameri-

ca. The God Rocks concert is free, and no tickets or reservations are required. Childcare for infants through age two will be available. For more information you may visit obmcc.org or call 937-693-3554.

MARIA STEIN – The next Catholic Faith Rally will be held April 19 at the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein, 7-9:30 p.m., ground floor. The Catholic Faith Rally is an opportunity for Catholics to come together to experience God and to be opened to find God very personally and powerfully present in the Word (Bible), in praise and worship, music, prayer, dynamic preaching, in sacraments and one another. The Rally Team consists of Rev. Jim Trick, catholic adults and some young adults. For further inquiry, call the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein at 419-925-7625.

CRIDERSVILLE – The next scheduled meeting of the Book Discussion Group facilitated by Cridersville Public Library will be on Monday, April 20 from 12:45-1:45 p.m. at Otterbein Cridersville to discuss Little Heathens: Hard Time and High Spirits on an Iowa Farm During the Great Depression by Mildred Armstrong Kalish. To register for this program, please call 419-645-5447.

NEW BREMEN – A representative of the Alzheimer's Association will be at the New Bremen Public Library on Tuesday, April 21 at 6:30 p.m. for a program on keeping your memory sharp. Plan to attend this approximately one hour program and learn how to rev up your memory.

DAYTON – The American Czechoslovakian Club in Dayton will host a dance on Sunday, April 26 from 3 to 7 p.m. Ethnic Jazz Polka Band will provide the music with polkas, waltzes and favorite musical selections. Cost is \$14 per person and includes beer, wine, soft drinks and snacks. For more information or reservations call Frank Orehowsky at 937-879-0940 or Pat O'Brien at 937-321-9331.

Remembering the quake

By **Joyce L. Alig**
President, Mercer County Historical Society

"Heart is torn from great city of San Francisco, It looks now as if the entire city would be burned, following the great quake of yesterday," read the Los Angeles Daily Times newspaper, Thursday morning, April 19, 1906, the day after the infamous April 18 earthquake.

Mercer Countian Elizabeth (Woeste) Ensign and her husband Charles, survived the April 18, 1906 San Francisco Earthquake. Elizabeth wrote her brother, Frank Woeste, Jr. (1884-1961), St. Rose. Those letters covered a time span from February 19, 1901, through Elizabeth's residence in San Francisco, during the Great Earthquake of 1906, their removal to Montana, and their return to San Francisco in 1907.

Frank Woeste's son, Clete Woeste, was born in 1916, but he remembers his father's stories about their family of two boys and four girls being separated, due to the deaths of his grandfather Frank Woeste, Sr., at age 37 and his grandmother who died four months later, about 1891. The oldest daughter Elizabeth went with relatives to Kansas, and then to California. After the letters of the earthquake, Frank Woeste, Jr. did



Standing: Clete Woeste and his wife Evelyn, Elizabeth (Woeste) Ensign, who survived the April 18, 1906, San Francisco Earthquake. Front row: Karen (Woeste) Scheer, Janice (Woeste) Broering, Frank Woeste. (Joan (Woeste) Hegemier, absent).

not hear from his sister for 49 years, until 1958, when she wrote that she would come to Dayton on a train. Frank and his son Clete picked her up, and she stayed about three weeks. Clete remembers her visiting her other brother and sisters, but she always returned to Frank's home, which was part of the original farm of their homeplace. Clete recalls how Elizabeth and Frank stood at the back fence and looked at the old farm house. Clete recalls that they later received a phone call that she had passed away, at Tacoma, Washington.

Elizabeth Woeste Ensign wrote to her brother Frank, on April 24, 1906: I suppose you read about the awful disaster that happened here. We lost everything except a few clothes. I wish you would send me \$50 at once, for we can't get our money out of the bank for quite a while. We have to get a room on account of the rain. We are sleeping out in the park and all our bedding got wet last night. The whole town very near burned up. Charley is going to work on the street to help clear away the debris."

Elizabeth's next letter to Frank was dated May 5, 1906. "San Francisco had an awful destruction. First the earthquake, and then the fire. The fire raged two days and two nights. The earthquake was bad enough but the fire was worse. It buried lots of people alive and those that were buried in the ruins and not killed, were burned up afterwards. The main water pipes were broken by the earthquake and they had no water to fight the fire. Oh, Frank, you can't imagine what a thing it was to go through. It is too horrible to describe. It happened at 5:13 in the morning of the 18th of April and lots of people ran out on the streets without any clothes on and they couldn't get back in their house to get them. The fire was within a block from our house when we went in and got some of our clothing and fled to Gold Gate Park. Thousands of people are camping in the parks now. They blew our building up to check the fire. It burned up 450 blocks. We are still in the park, but I think we'll get away from here by Monday or Tuesday. We are going to Butte, Montana to Charley's brother. He is going to send us some tickets. We can't get our money out of

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Celebrations

Gehrets celebrate 50 years

Urban and Irene Gehret of Versailles will celebrate their 50th anniversary in May. On Wednesday, May 6, 1959, Irene Albers married Urban Gehret in St. Joseph Catholic Church in Egypt, with Father Martin Rosen-garten as the pastor.

Witnesses were Sister Martha Bertke, Lillian (Jutte) Albers, Wilma (Holdheide) Albers, Joseph Gehret, Jr., Ed Gehret, Wilferd Albers and Tony Albers. The couple has six children: Pat and Virginia (Fullenkamp) Gehret of Ft. Recovery, Kathy and Brian Pinchot, Judy and Steve Cordonnier of Versailles, Theresa and Mark Lefeld, Jan and Jim Broering of St. Henry and Sharon and Dave Holdheide of Ft. Loramie. They also have 19 grandchildren.

Siblings of Irene include Norbert and the late Lillian (Jutte) Albers and Jeanette (McElvoy) Albers of Carthage, Wilferd and Wilma (Holdheide) Albers of Celina, Sister Regina Albers of Chickasaw and Tony and Martha (Bohman) of Minster. One sister-in-law, Lillian (Jutte) Albers, is deceased.

Siblings of Urban include Mildred and Virgil Bensman, the late Vernon Gehret and Mary Ann (Broering) and Louis Grieshop, the late Joseph and Eva (Piekenbrock) Gehret Jr., Ed and Mary Lee (Abels) Gehret, Tony and Madonna (Thobe) Gehret, and Cyril and Marjorie (Fiely) Gehret all of Versailles, Lawrence and Fran (Lange) of Ft. Loramie, Alfred and Rose (Albers) Gehret of McCartyville, Paul and Bernice (Fullenkamp) Gehret of North Star, Emma Rita and Dennis Heitkamp of New Bremen, and May Ann and John Kuether of Minster. Two brothers, Vernon and Joseph Jr. are deceased.

Urban is a retired farmer and school bus driver for the Versailles school district. Irene is a homemaker



and retired seamstress from Duraseam. Urban enjoys woodworking. Irene enjoys quilting. Together they enjoy spending time with family and friends, fishing, and traveling. They are members of Holy Family Catholic Church in Frenchtown.

They will celebrate their anniversary with an 11 a.m. Mass on May 3 at St. Denis Catholic Church, hosted by their children and grandchildren. An open house will be held at the K of C hall in Versailles from 2 to 4 p.m.

Birth Announcements

Heidi and Mike Bardonaro of Vandalia announce the birth of their daughter Dillan Augustina Bardonaro. She was born Feb. 27, 2009 at 8:38 a.m. at Kettering Hospital in Kettering.

She weighed 8 pounds and 15.9 ounces and was 20 inches long.

She was welcomed home by her big sister Samantha, age 4.

Her maternal grandparents are Jack and Bonnie Busch of Minster. Her paternal grandparents are Gus and Marcia Bardonaro of Vandalia. She also has a great grandfather, August Bardonaro, of Cincinnati.

Her mother is the former Heidi Buschur of Minster.

Ted and Maria Oldiges of Minster welcomed home a new son, Brandon Edward Oldiges, on March 30, 2009. He was born at 1:21 a.m. at Joint Township District Memorial Hospital, weighing 9 lbs., 6 oz., and measuring at 21 inches. Also at home are his two siblings, Nathan, age 5, and Hannah, age 3.

Maternal grandparents are Louis and Pat Siegrist of Fort Loramie. Paternal grandparents are Gary and Mary Oldiges of Minster. Maternal great-grandparents are Jerome Siegrist of Fort Loramie and Marie Mienerding of Fort Loramie.

Rhodes announces honor roll

LIMA – The 2009 Winter Quarter Dean's List for full-time students at Rhodes State College has been announced. To be eligible for this full-time dean's list, a student must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours and earn a 3.5 grade point average or higher.

The following students were among those named to the dean's list: Catherine Geise of Fort Loramie, Lynn Hartke of Maria Stein, Eric Hoying of Minster, Brandon Hoffman of New Bremen and Sarah McFarlin of New Bremen.

Music recital benefits Shriners Hospitals for Children

Seventeen young Shelby County musicians came together to perform at Gateway Arts Council's first ever Music Matters Recital. The recital took place Saturday March 21 at the Masonic Lodge in Sidney to an audience of more than 150. The talented students ranging in age from 12 to 18 performed vocal and instrumental solos to help benefit the Shriners Hospitals for Children. The students performing from Anna High School were Renelle Adams, oboe; Donnie J. Day, baritone saxophone; Seth Hulsmeyer, tuba; Josh Swieterman, snare drum and Jordan Unverferth, snare drum. The per-

formers from Sidney High School were Lauren Stearns, piano and vocal; Jalee Clendenin, vocal; Harry Kearns, vocal; Tristine Toves, piano; and Grady Hoellrich, vocal. Russia Local School representatives were Greg Cottrill, baritone saxophone; Shelby Langenkamp, piccolo and piano and Mason Hoying, piano. Jeremy Hamilton, french horn and Jessica Wells, vocals were from Fairlawn High School. Eric Barnes, on piano, was from Sidney Middle School, and Joey Skelton, on piano, was from Holy Angels Catholic School.

Music Matters is a Gateway Arts

Council program that gives area youth the opportunity to create music and demonstrate their talents. The goal for the program is to not only provide instruments to those in need, but also provide additional music education and performance outlets. As a benefit event for the Shriners Hospitals for Children, this concert was not only an opportunity for your young musicians to perform for the community but was also a chance for them to give back to other children. Gateway Arts Council was proud to present this recital and looks forward to doing it again next year.



The Music Matters Recital included 17 musicians from Shelby County.

Crown retirees gather at Speedway Lanes



Photo provided

The 23rd annual Plant 1 Crown Retirement Party was held on April 2 at Speedway Lanes Bowling Alley.

Those attending were as follows: Martha Bielefeld, Mary Drosch, Phoebe Houseworth, Lorraine Nolte, Joann Luebke, Marietta Holthaus, Mrs. B. Mertz, Rita Pohl, Dorothy Otting, Irene Schluete, Helen Wissman, Nelva Smith, Dolores Vandemark, Edna Tontrup, Vern Harting, Arlene Harting, Mary Brunswick, Bernard Mertz, Mary Hespe, Norma Beuning, Alfreda Dirckson and Marie Wentz.

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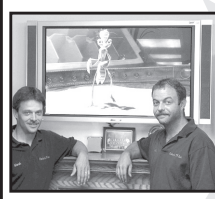
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Rotary hears SARA report on San Salvador projects

John and Joyce Gilberg of New Bremen reported on the ongoing work of SARA (Sharing America's Resources Abroad) in San Salvador at the April 14 meeting of the New Bremen-New Knoxville Rotary Club.

Joyce Gilberg narrated a short slide program and showed the impoverished conditions in the Central American country of San Salvador. John Gilberg noted that the projects that are undertaken by SARA are not intended to take work away from the local people, but to help in ways that would not be possible without outside support.

The Gilbergs showed pictures of medical, dental, and eyecare equipment that has been donated and is being used by doctors

and dentists in San Salvador. Some items have been contributed by Midmark Corporation in Versailles. SARA supports a clinic and two doctors in a community near the capital city of El Salvador.

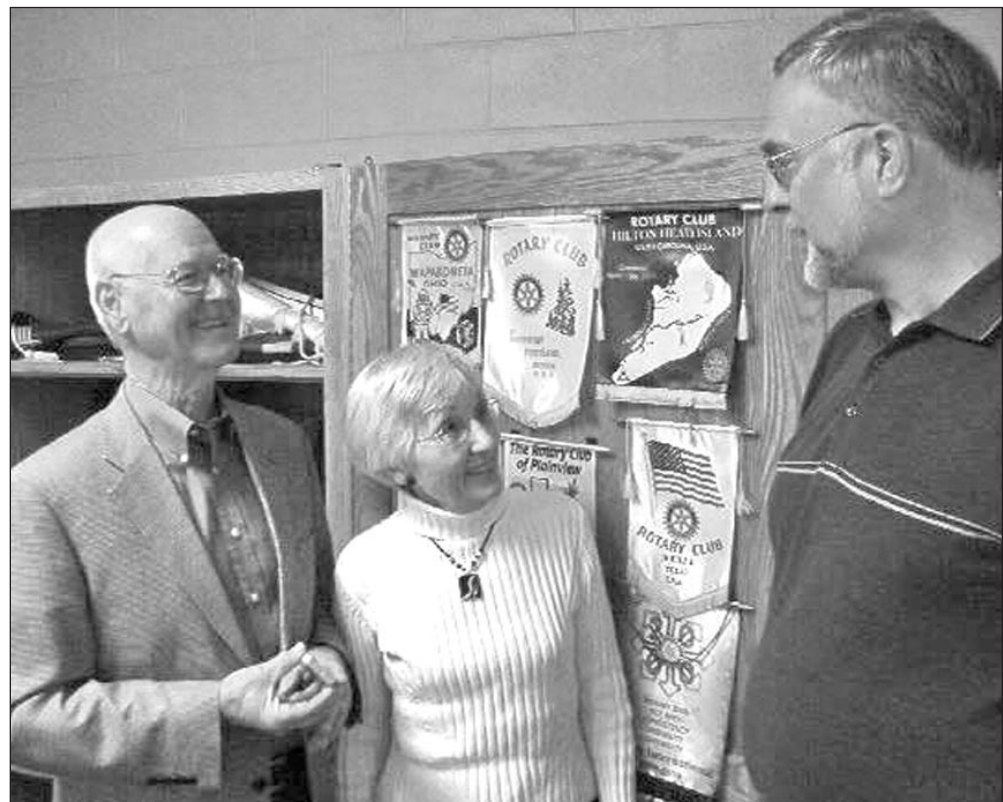
SARA teams of about a dozen people are organized through a relationship with the United Church of Christ, but the groups are ecumenical and involve people from many denominations and locales. A group of youth from Ohio traveled to San Salvador in January of this year.

The Gilbergs noted that construction of a vocational center and supplying equipment for training has been the most recent project. John Gilberg said that training young men in wood- and metal-working

trades and computer skills keeps them from becoming involved in gangs that are prevalent in the country. Young women also have the opportunity to learn sewing and other useful skills.

The Rotary Club of Findlay recently assisted in the construction of a dining hall at an MRDD Center. Other Rotary Clubs from the area - including Greenville, Versailles, and the New Bremen-New Knoxville club - have discussed collaborating on projects in San Salvador.

Each Tuesday morning brings a different program of interest to the New Bremen-New Knoxville Rotary Club. Meetings are held at Speedway Lanes in New Bremen, beginning at 7:30 am, and guests are invited to attend at any time.



John and Joyce Gilberg of New Bremen talk with Chris Killian about their involvement with SARA, at a recent New Bremen-New Knoxville Rotary Club meeting.

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Bicycle Museum adds Beijing Olympic icon

The Bicycle Museum of America recently acquired a new addition to its holdings. During the closing ceremonies in Beijing for the 2008 Games of the XXIX Olympiad, about 30 Chinese military police rode usual monocycles. These 7', one wheeled vehicles were lighted and decorated to make a stunning and magical addition to the already amazing closing ceremonies.

The museum was able to purchase

one of these unique vehicles. Visitors can experience the intricate design and the internal lighting system of this piece of Olympic and bicycle history.

The Bicycle Museum of America is located in New Bremen and has more than 600 bicycles plus many bicycle related items in the collection. For more information contact the museum at 419-629-9249 or visit the website at www.bicyclemuseum.com

Wings

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"This is a great event, it's a chance to taste something a little different from what you are use to and try some wings from different places," Kunz said.

The time came for the winners to be announced. Third place was presented to Patricks Pub in Anna, second place went to Dutch Mill in Minster and first place went to Joe and Jean's Town Tavern out of

Chickasaw.

Joe Puthoff of first place winner Joe and Jean's Town Tavern said he believes the event is just a good chance for everyone to get together.

"It's just fun, good competition," Puthoff said. "There are no bad wings here."

Puthoff said the tavern placed in the first year of Wingfest, and they also

won best in Marion Local last year.

It may not have been a surprise to many the Puthoff's received first place. He had to travel back to the tavern to get more wings during the event after running out.

"Everyone seems to like them," Jean Puthoff said.

"When people come back and get more it's always a good thing."

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Agriculture Today

Loramie State park ready for spring, summer season

By Jessica Honigford
Community Post

Now that Mother Nature has finally decided to rid the skies and ground of snow and ice, it is starting to feel like spring again.

With spring comes all the wonders that the outdoor brings, including fishing, swimming and camping, something Lake Loramie State Park is prepared to offer its guests during the upcoming camping season.

The first weekend in May the park will offer a spring camp-out, the unofficial opening to the camping season, according to Joe Reineke of the Lake Loramie Improvement Association.

Ham and bean soup will be served on Saturday, May

2 as part of the spring kick off.

The Lake Loramie State Park will also offer a fishing derby on May 2.

Interested participants can pre-register at main office, camp office or register the day of the event.

The event is free and open to the public. Location of the fishing derby is at the west bank boat ramp and there will be prizes for the following categories: largemouth bass, saugeye, crappie, bluegill, catfish and carp.

Door prizes will also be awarded after all fish have been checked in.

To contact the Lake Loramie State Park call 937-295-2011 for more event and camping information.



Lake Loramie State Park will be open for camping beginning the first weekend in May. The park offers swimming, fishing, camping and other outdoor activities during the spring, summer and early fall.

Photo by Jessica Honigford

FFA competes in Outdoor Power Skills competition

Minster FFA members competed at the Outdoor Power Skills Career Development Event on Thursday April 2. The purpose of the outdoor power equipment CDE (formerly the small engine) contest is an educational activity designed as a practical method of teaching students to properly disassemble, repair and perform preventative maintenance skills on small gasoline engines. Some of the skills include: figuring engine displacement, installing pistons, measuring valve stem clearances, measuring ring

end gap, identifying engine parts and using micrometers just to name a few. The team consists of three members that work individually at six different stations, five skill stations, one troubleshooting station and a team station. The team of Josh Tipton, Curt Muhlenkamp, and Dustin Goubeaux placed third in the district contest.

Photo provided

Dustin Goubeaux, Josh Tipton and Curt Muhlenkamp display their plaque from the Outdoor Power Skills competition



Global warming will cost \$50 million for Ohio corn

ZANESVILLE - Global warming could cost corn growers in Ohio \$50 million a year, according to a new report by Environment Ohio. Ohio ranks 8th for highest damage estimates. Nationwide, the damages to America's #1 crop total more than \$1.4 billion annually. Environment Ohio expects these costs to go up unless Congress and the president take decisive action to re-power America with clean energy and reduce global warming pollution.

"Corn likes it cool, but global warming is raising temperatures in Ohio and across the nation," said

Environment Ohio Field Organizer Katy Kiefer. "Hotter fields will mean lower yields for corn, and eventually, the rest of agriculture."

Scientists expect that temperature increases due to global warming will hurt corn production. In fact, research from the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and the Carnegie Institution shows that temperature changes consistent with global warming are already harming corn production worldwide relative to a world without global warming.

Environment Ohio, the Ohio Farmer's Union, and local producers at Paul's Farm Market in Zanesville, Ohio, pointed out that transitioning to a

clean energy economy will help rebuild our economy and stop the worst effects of global warming.

"Agriculture has a huge opportunity to be part of building a clean energy economy," said Marvin Paul, of Paul's Farm Market. "Wind turbines, solar panels, environmentally sustainable biomass, and climate friendly farming practices on agricultural land can help break American dependence on fossil fuels."

Clean energy sources, including wind turbines and distributed generation such as on-site solar panels, can provide farmers an independent source of electricity or income while reducing global warming pollution. Wind developers, for example,

are offering \$4,000 to \$8,000 a year per turbine to farmers that allow them to be installed on their land.

With the report, Hotter Fields, Lower Yields, Environment Ohio analyzed the expected future impacts of global warming on America's corn growers. The analysis draws on a 2008 study by the United States Climate Change Science Program, a joint project of the United States Department of Agriculture and 12 other federal agencies. The report pairs the government estimates of the relative loss in corn productivity in major U.S. corn-producing areas due to global warming with USDA data on the size of the corn industry to esti-

mate the financial impact from global warming.

The analysis considers the combined effect of increasing temperatures and increasing levels of carbon dioxide but assumes that crops get sufficient water and does not include other negative effects of global warming, such as more frequent extreme storms, higher levels of ozone, and the spreading of diseases, pests and weeds.

This spring, the House Energy and Commerce Committee, of which Representative Zack Space and Representative Betty Sutton are members, will consider a bill answering President Obama's call for comprehensive clean energy and global warming legislation. The full House of Representatives is expected to consider the bill this summer.

In addition to capping global warming pollution at science-based levels, the American Clean

Energy and Security Act would require that the nation obtain 25 percent of its electricity from renewable sources, like wind and solar power, by 2025. An analysis by the Union of Concerned Scientists estimates that such a renewable electricity standard would generate \$13.5 billion in new income for farmers, ranchers, and rural landowners.

Kiefer said, "Big Oil, Dirty Coal, and other polluters are fighting to maintain the status quo, but now is the time for change. We need to unleash the power of clean energy to rebuild our economy and solve global warming."

"Environment Ohio encourages Representatives Space and Sutton to vote for a strong bill that maintains science-based pollution reduction targets and speeds the transition to a clean energy economy."

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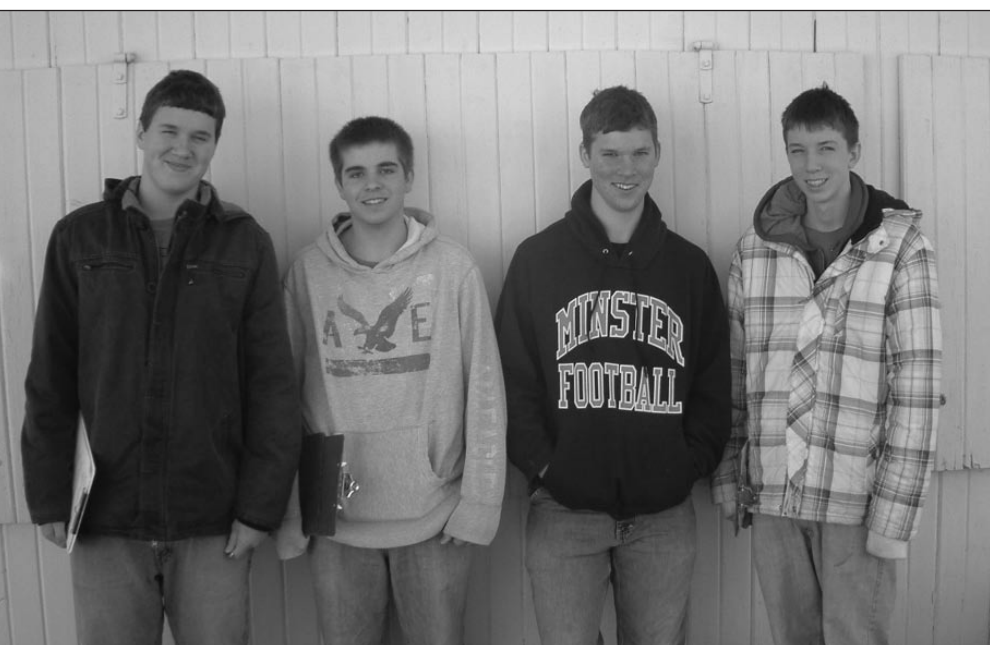
Agriculture Today

Minster FFA competes in district Agronomy CDE

The agronomy career development event is designed to assess the student's knowledge of agronomic practices for the production of field and forage crops. A practical examination requires the student to identify specimens of crop and weed plants and seeds, diseases, and insects or their damage. Students must take a written test covering the use of soil test analysis and County Soil Surveys, current agronomic prac-

tics, and fertilizer, pesticide or sprayer calibration problems and their solution and a team evaluation problem consisting of an applied field management problem.

A great practical career development event that is a very challenging contest. The team of Sam Schroeder, Ryan Albers, Josh Tipton and Josh Wendeln, pictured below, competed in the district contest by placing fifth in district five.



Dairy cattle judging

Minster FFA members competed in the district five dairy cattle judging career development event on Saturday March 28th. The dairy cattle judging career development event is an educational activity designed as a practical method of teaching students to select quality dairy cattle. Students are

challenged with pedigree evaluation, sire selection, linear evaluation, a written test on the business of dairy management, milk production, processing and marketing, placing classes of animal and written class reasons. The team can consist of unlimited members with the top four scores resulting in the team score.

The 2009 team of, Adam Poepelman, Maria Bruns, Jacob Dirksen, and Matt L. Albers placed 3rd in our district contest. Individually, Adam Poepelman placed 1st out of 67 in the district contest. The team will compete at the state contest this Saturday at the Ohio State Exposition Center in Columbus.

Local FFA Wildlife teams compete in tournaments

Minster FFA members competed in the District 5 Wildlife Career Development Event on Saturday March 28.

The purpose of this CDE is to stimulate interest and promote instruction in the areas of fish and wildlife management, as well as, to provide recognition for those who have demonstrated skills and competencies as a result of natural resources. Team members need to identify mammals, game birds, fish, food and cover by live specimens, skin, skull, track or actual mount. In addition, equipment identification and map reading are also a part of this career development event.

The team of Brendon Conrad, Dustin Goubeaux, Dean Bornhorst, Josh Watercutter, and Scott Borges placed sixth in our district contest.

This weekend, the St. Henry FFA Wildlife Management team placed eighth in the state judging contest. Jacob Rindler placed 20th, Cody Rammel placed 21st, and Ethan Tobe placed 34th. Also participating in the state contest was the Poultry team. They finished 5th in the state, and will receive an award banner at the state convention. Jake Marchal placed fifth, and Dillan Schulze placed 11th.



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Dustin Goubeaux, Josh Watercutter, Scott Borges, Dean Bornhorst and Brendon Conrad competed on Minster FFA's wildlife team at districts.



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Golf

Local golf courses doing well despite economy

By Jessica Honigford
Community Post

Despite the struggling economy, local golf courses are doing well.

Ashley Wilt, head golf professional at Arrowhead Golf Course said that so far business has been booming at the golf course.

"We're actually doing very well," Wilt said.

"We lowered rates to the 2007 levels and sales actually went up, but we won't know the effect of the rate change until we get to the end of the selling season in mid-May."

The nice weather has helped area golf courses' business this year as well.

"Last year we opened the season late and finished early," Wilt said.

This year Arrowhead was able to open on March 6.

Kelly Norris, clubhouse manager for Stillwater Valley Golf Course says the

nicer weather has helped them this year too.

"We had a good March finally," he said. "It was a lot better than it was last year this time."

Norris says Stillwater Valley Golf Course will have a few special events coming up this spring.

On Mother's Day, May 10, guests can attend a buffet from 10:45 to 2 p.m. Guests can make reservations and pre-purchase tickets for a lower rate. Women golf free on Mother's Day.

While he's optimistic about this year, Norris says he expects the economy to have some effect on the golf course.

"We're just going to be creative this year to see what we can do to get people in here," he said.

"We're going to come up with some sort of stimulus package ourself I assume."

In Minster, Arrowhead features many of the same activities it holds every



These men pack up their clubs after an afternoon of golfing last Thursday at Arrowhead Golf Course in Minster. Arrowhead was able to open up 18 days earlier this year due to nicer weather compared to 2008.

year. The 100 Club will be giving away \$1,000 and raffle off memberships throughout the year

and the club will be offering five free clinic days in May and June to offer free lessons.

Wilt reminds customers to stop in to the pro shop to purchase all their golfing supplies.

"We'll get you whatever you need and usually meet or beat the big box store prices," Wilt said.

Achieving pure golfing perfection with a few simple steps

Golf enthusiasts know that all it can take is one missed stroke to lose a game. While skill on the course is one factor in a great game, the equipment used is another major contributor to performance.

It is essential for golf clubs to

perform consistently and correctly, which is why many avid players and professionals look to technological advancements in their quest for perfection.

Every golf club created is unique to itself. Regardless of material manufacture and out-

put, the shaft cannot be perfectly round, straight or stiff throughout its length. SST PURE Shaft Alignment is a technology that analyzes golf shafts after manufacture and locates the most stable orientation of any golf shaft to

minimize off-line bending and twisting. The system places all of the shafts in a set of clubs into the same orientation for a more consistent game.

The technology behind the system is simple but revolutionary to the golf game. The

shaft is first removed from the head and placed in a computer-driven machine. This machine checks for irregularities in straightness, roundness and stiffness that are inherent to the manufacturing

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Explore the health benefits of golfing

Some people bill golf as the "lazy man's sport."

Absent of running, catching, or throwing as is par for the course with many other popular sports, it's easy to see why it would be perceived in that way.

But playing a round of golf can actually be very good exercise. So if you need any other excuse to hit the links, going with the health benefits of golf is something that can't be refuted.

One of the primary benefits of golf is the fact that if you forego the golf cart to travel from hole to hole, you're actually walking several miles around

the course. Playing 18 holes of golf can involve traversing 3 to 5 miles. And as any avid golfer knows, most courses have a varied topography, meaning you could be climbing uphill and downhill, working several muscles in the process.

Walking is a low-impact cardiovascular activity that gets the heart pumping. Many doctors advise walking over jogging because it isn't jarring on the knees and feet. Walking is often an important part of a workout routine and can promote weight loss and a healthier heart. For golfers who do not have a

caddy, carrying a bag full of clubs adds some resistance while walking.

Research has indicated that playing a round of golf has the same health benefits of a full 45-minute fitness class. It will burn fat and also improve your good cholesterol levels. Some estimates suggest that playing a round of golf and carrying your clubs can burn over 400 calories, while walking with a pull cart can burn over 300 calories.

Swinging clubs and putting are also physical workouts. Repetition can help tone muscles in the arms, back and shoulders. It may also improve flexibility and range of motion. Golf also helps to strengthen hand-eye coordination and balance.

It can be a great way for

older players to remain spry and active in a low-impact way.

Apart from the apparent physical benefits, playing golf also has some mental health benefits as well. Simply being outdoors on a beautiful day can boost a person's spirits. Provided you're not caught up with the competition aspect and gunning to win, golf can also be a relaxing endeavor that helps stress melt away. There's also the camaraderie of golf: spending time with friends and other players and engaging in conversation.

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Golf

Tea time turns to tee time: women increasingly lured by golf

It wasn't too long ago that men were the only golf enthusiasts hitting the links. However, women have been breaking down the barriers of all-boys sports clubs lately (think auto racer Danica Patrick or boxer Laila Ali), and golf is no exception.

In recent years, research conducted by the PGA, National Golf Foundation, Executive Women's Golf Association, and other groups indicates an increase in the number of women playing golf and an increase in the amount of money they spend on the game, merchandise and lessons. In fact, this research shows that women represent the most significant opportunity for growth in the industry.

Golf not only presents a way for women to use golf to their advantage in the business world, but many women are finding that golf outings are

the perfect way to spend social time with their girlfriends, too. Whether it's just for a weekend or a week, women are breaking away from the hectic pace of jobs and families and recharging their batteries with golf-centered getaways with their girlfriends.

The concept of women-only golf getaways began in 1960, when Peggy Kirk Bell and Ellen Griffin established the Pine Needles Ladies Only Golf in North Carolina (so-named because it is "a safari of golf"). Bell wanted to attract more women to the game. Since then many other enterprising organizations have catered to the female golf client, packaging time out on the green with ample shopping and opportunities to be pampered through spa services.

And these getaways can occur all around the world. Women can stay close to home and



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Many women find that golf vacations are the perfect girls' getaway. play a few holes coast-to-coast, from California to South Carolina. Or they can venture over-

seas and tour the courses of Europe --it all depends on the package and the price desired. Talk to a travel agent about what courses and clubs offer women's golf getaway packages

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ball until their clubs have gone through the analysis.

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Apart from using technology to improve your golf game, here are some other strategies you can employ.

* Invest in a good set of golf shoes that will provide the right level of traction and comfort.

* Improvements in your golf game will come from plenty of practice on the course and at the driving range. Frequent practice is valuable in lowering your handicap and taking strokes off of your game.

* Improved attitude can also go a long way toward a better golf game. Learn from setbacks and don't get discouraged.



Arrowhead announces ladies' opening day

Opening day for the Arrowhead Ladies Golf Association will be Wednesday, May 6 with a shotgun start at 5:30 p.m. Ladies are asked to arrive at 5 p.m. to pre-order dinner from the menu. Draw is set for 5:15 p.m. Play of the Day is Blind Partners. Dinner and a meeting

will follow.

Dues for the 2009 season are \$20 for Arrowhead members and \$30 for non-members, and are due by June 17, 2009.

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SRT squad responds to domestic dispute in Minster

By Mike Burkholder
Staff Writer

MINSTER — A Minster man is charged with two criminal counts, including one felony, for his alleged role in a domestic dispute Sunday morning.

Timothy J. McVety, 44, 141 E. Sixth St., Minster, was charged with one count each of felonious assault, a second-degree

felony, and domestic violence, a first-degree misdemeanor, during a court appearance via video in Auglaize County Municipal Court Monday. McVety was ordered held on a \$25,000 bond with a 10 percent cash provision with the stipulation that he consume no drugs or alcohol and have no contact with the alleged victim in the

case.

The charges against McVety stemmed from his alleged role in a dispute that took place at 1:23 a.m. Sunday at the residence. According to a report from the Minster Police Department, officers were called to the scene where a female reported she was involved in an altercation with McVety. The woman also

told authorities McVety was inside the home with a handgun.

Officers reportedly attempted to make contact with the man, but were unsuccessful. The Auglaize County Special Response Team (SRT) as well as hostage negotiators from the St. Marys Police Department and sheriff's office arrived on the scene to provide as-

sistance.

After another failed attempt to make contact, members of the SRT made entry into the residence and took the suspect into custody. Officers recovered a handgun from the residence.

Since McVety is charged with a felony, further prosecution must be done in Auglaize County Common Pleas

Court. A case can make it into Common Pleas Court if a grand jury issues an indictment in the matter or a Municipal Court judge rules there is enough evidence to bind the case over following a preliminary hearing.

If convicted on the felony charge, McVety faces a maximum of eight years in prison and a \$15,000 fine.

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Anderson will become the bride of Ronald Olding, May 9 at 9 a.m. in St. Augustine Church. Hostesses were Mrs. Bertha Axe, Berverly and Joyce Olding, and Carol Anderson.

Sp/4 Roland J. Hausfeld of here and Sp/4 Lane Johnson of Sears, Mich., both stationed at Fort Sill, Okla., spent last week touring Mexico.

The Auto Vue Drive In in Sidney was advertising "Onion Head" starring Andy Griffith; and a triple feature of Jules Verne's "From Earth to The Moon; Elvis Pres-

ley in "King Creole" and George Montgomery in "Toughest Gun in Tombstone".

Current news:

A big thank you to all who have recently donated historical items of interest to our society. We are currently looking for artifacts for our first exhibit, "A Salute to the WWII ERA" beginning May 19th. Please donate your military artifacts or items from that era. Our museum on West Fourth Street is open on Tuesdays from 10-3 and Saturdays, 10-1. Stop by to see what's new in old stuff!

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the bank for awhile, for they are afraid to open the vaults. The safes are still hot from the fire. Charles was working when the shock came. I was home all alone. When the shock was over I dressed and went down to see if Charles was alive. He came very near getting buried in the place. The sidewalks were covered with glass and bricks. People had to walk in the middle of the streets. The street cars are running now, some of them. Well, Frank, we can be thankful that we are alive. I will write you as soon as we get to Butte. I remain as ever your Sister Lizzie. P.S. The earthquake hasn't stopped yet, we felt one today. Everybody is working out on the streets. In her May 6 letter to Frank, she wrote, "I managed to save my silver tea set you gave me. I wouldn't lose that for anything."

Elizabeth's letters share history about the San Francisco earthquake, as well as the gentle home sickness of a Mercer Countian who "went west," when her family was separated. Cleto Woeste's son Frank Woeste, St. Henry, has preserved these letters and shared them with me, for this story.

There was some discussion about how to bring more members into the club and to keep them coming. Some ideas included planning another special program like the very successful 25th anniversary legacy program the club held last year or possibly inviting in a special speaker/author and reaching out to the public to attend.

Sue Miller and Gretch-

Stateline Writer's Club announces meeting

At the March meeting of the Stateline Writer's Club, members read their assignments of writing an article suitable to be published in a newspaper. Included were an announcement, a report of a momentous meeting in Celina, a poem for the

en Bollenbacher were given the go-ahead to contact people and investigate the possibilities. More ideas will be discussed at the next meeting.

The assignment for the April meeting is to do a profile of someone, living or dead or make-believe, and member Eileen Whittsett will also have a special activity - with pictures of particular scenes and of a person or people to put into that scene and then to write a short article about the resulting combination.

Members meet the 3rd Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. at the Celina Mercer County Library. The next meeting will be April 18. Anyone interested in coming to a meeting or becoming a member is cordially invited to attend.



Winner Meats wins seven awards

Winners Meats located in Osgood and Greenville, brought home a total of seven awards for their homemade products submitted in the products competition. Taking Grand Prize with both the Wieners and Smoked Bacon "rind on", Reserve Champion with Smoked Beef Loaf and Beef Smokey Sticks, and three First Place Awards with our Bologna, Sausage Brats, and Smoked Bacon

"rine off". This is the fifth consecutive year Winners Homemade Wieners have won the Grand Champion Award at this show.

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The New Anti-Semitism

Who are its advocates? What are its goals?

The Holocaust, in which over six million Jews were brutally murdered by the Nazis and their enthusiastic collaborators, happened over 60 years ago. So terrific were the events that - even today, about two generations later - nobody would wish to identify himself with them. Yet, a new anti-Semitism is now rearing its head. It is important to be aware of it.

What are the facts?

Who are the new anti-Semites? The new anti-Semites do not publicly proclaim their desire to bring about a second Holocaust or to subject the Jews to mass murder or annihilation. The hatred is aimed against the state of Israel, which, according to the new anti-Semites, represents all that is evil in the world and which is the main violator of human rights and guilty of virtually every other abuse that can be conceived. This poison is now so widespread that a poll taken in Europe not too long ago found Israel to be the greatest menace to the peace of the world - far ahead of such murderous regimes as those of Iran or of North Korea.

The leaders and instigators of this new anti-Semitism are concentrated on the political left, its most active and vocal spokesmen being found in our prestige universities. Such is the anti-Zionist (anti-Semitic) focus of the left that, almost incomprehensibly, it includes a fair number of Jewish professors and other "intellectuals," not just here in the United States, but even in Israel itself.

Those on the extreme left call for the abolition of the State of Israel outright, although they do not tell us what they propose to do with the five million Israeli Jews. They would presumably be left to the tender mercies of the Arabs, who would, of course, have no greater joy than to emulate or perhaps even to "improve" on the Nazi model and to give "final solution(!)" to the Jewish problem" once and for all. That isn't going to happen, of course, not because anybody in the world would lift a finger to prevent it, but because, fortunately, Israel is a very strong and most capable nation.

A death wish for Israel. In deference to "world opinion" and also to the wishes of the United States, Israel has allowed itself to be pressured into innumerable concessions to those who are sworn to destroy it. But it seems clear that, when the chips are really down, a most decisive

response on the part of Israel can be expected. With the possible exception of Carthage during the Punic Wars, almost 2500 years ago, no country in the world, no country in recorded history, has ever been threatened with extinction. Israel is the one exception. Fueled by the extreme left, the "legitimacy" of Israel is a constant topic of discussion. The abolition of the "Zionist entity" gets serious attention, even in the hallowed halls of the United Nations.

Iran feverishly pursues the Holy Grail of atomic weapons. Its president has publicly declared - not once, but repeatedly - that Israel is a "tumor" that must be excised and that it must be wiped off the map of the world. Medium-range missiles (so far, fortunately without atomic warheads) are being paraded through the streets of Teheran, with signs attached to them, shamelessly giving their destination as Jerusalem. A few eyebrows are being raised around the world, but otherwise nothing is being done about it.

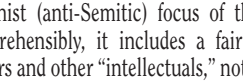
Because the memory of the Nazi Holocaust still lingers after all these years, the new anti-Semitism is disguised as the socially more acceptable "anti-Zionism." It is pursued and propagated by the radical left. Every leftist demonstration - be it about the war in Iraq, against globalization, for or against whatever else - does inevitably include appeals against "Israeli subjugation of the Palestinians," the "occupation of Palestinian lands by Israel," or simply asks for the elimination of Israel. Sadly, quite a few Jews, having been saturated with leftism from their early years, participate in such demonstrations.

While the propagation of the new anti-Semitism by prestige universities started in Europe (mostly in England), it has found fertile ground in the universities of the United States. The active participation in the new anti-Semitism by the American clergy (beginning with the Presbyterians) is a scandalous reality.

"...the viciousness, volume and consistency of this criticism against Israel is such that it cannot be considered as anything but anti-Semitism..."

Surely, not everybody who criticizes Israel is an anti-Semite. The actions of Israel, just as the actions of any other countries, are subject to examination and criticism. But the viciousness, volume and consistency of this criticism against Israel is such that it cannot be considered as anything but anti-Semitism - the new anti-Semitism, disguised as anti-Israelism or anti-Zionism. The foolish professors and the hypocritical preachers are besotted by their leftism and by their hatred against Israel and America. Overt vilification of America has to remain muted - it's somewhat dangerous to be too outspoken about it - but Israel, perceived as the satrap and the handmaiden of the United States in the Middle East, is an easy target. Nobody should be fooled. Anti-Semitism is anti-Semitism in whichever way it may be disguised.

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First Financial Bank donates to Lake Campus

Wright State University-Lake Campus recently received another donation from First Financial Bank. The recent contribution was a \$700 donation to the Academic Excellence Scholarship Fund, which is in addition to the \$2500 amount given for a scholarship in the bank's name. Ken Goettmoeller, center, vice president and city manager of First Financial Bank's Celina location, presents Lake Campus Dean Jim Sayer and WOE Development Officer Tom Knapke with the donation. For more information about the Academic Excellence Fund, please contact Knapke at 419-586-0389.

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Academic competition held at Urbana

URBANA - Urbana University is pleased to announce the hosting of an Academic Scholarship Competition for qualified students to be held on Saturday, April 18, 2009 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Students competing at the competition will have the opportunity to win a full-tuition scholarship or one of three half-tuition scholarships being awarded on this date.

Urbana's 128 acre campus offers the safety of a small town with the convenience of being less than an hour's drive from Dayton and Columbus. For more than 150 years, Urbana University has been preparing students for the world of work and life. Here, students have the opportunity to choose from approximately 35 majors and pre-professional preparation. In addition, there are over 30 clubs and organizations, performing arts groups, intramural and intercollegiate athletic teams from which to choose. In other words, Urbana University has so much to offer academically, socially, and professionally.

Students with a minimum academic criteria of a 3.0 GPA and a 21 ACT composite score or a 980 SAT score (critical reading and math sections) and who have applied for admissions are eligible to register for this event. The Academic Scholarship Competition will consist of a mathematics test and English composition. Students interested in registering for the Academic Scholarship Competition are asked to visit www.urbana.edu to reserve their spot.

Those with questions about the competition or on applying to Urbana University are asked to contact Rob Cowles, assistant director of admissions at (937) 484-1350 or by emailing rcowles@urbana.edu.

School lunch menus for the week of April 20

Fort Loramie
Monday: Sloppy Joes, french fries, pineapple and a no bake cookie.

Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, peaches, breadsticks w/ sauce and peanut butter graham.

Wednesday: Soft taco, seasoned corn, cinnamon pear and pretzel w/ cheese sauce.

Thursday: Shredded chicken sandwiches, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, mixed fruit and a baked item.

Friday: Pizza, green beans, applesauce and breadsticks w/ pizza sauce.

Marion Local
Monday: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, lettuce, pears and breadsticks.

Tuesday: Chicken fajita, cheese & lettuce, peaches and an iced graham.

Wednesday: Sausage link sandwich-

es, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, fruit and string cheese.

Thursday: Chicken patty sandwiches, corn, celery sticks and fruit crisp.

Friday: Hotdog sandwiches, potato chips, baked beans and applesauce.

Minster Elementary School
Monday: Chicken nuggets, green beans and Pineapple Delight.

Tuesday: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, pears and a dinner roll.

Wednesday: Mini corn dogs, baked beans, applesauce and a brownie.

Thursday: Pizza Hot Pockets, corn and peaches.

Friday: Ham, egg & cheese sandwich, hash brown, orange juice and a donut.

Middle School
Monday: Hamburger or hot dog

sandwich, potatoes, mixed fruit and a brownie.

Tuesday: Salisbury steak or popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes, pears, a cookie and a roll.

Wednesday: Chili soup, peanut butter or grilled cheese sandwich and applesauce.

Thursday: Chicken nuggets or fish sticks, peas and fruit cobbler.

Friday: Hot Pockets, corn and peaches.

High School
Monday: Meatball or steak sub, carrots, applesauce and a brownie.

Tuesday: Sausage, egg & cheese bagel or Ham, egg & cheese bagel, French toast, mixed fruit and orange or apple juice.

Wednesday: Popcorn chicken or chicken nuggets, corn, blueberry cobbler

and a cookie or Crispy chicken salad.

Thursday: Spaghetti w/ meatballs or Chicken parmesan, salad, pineapple or pineapple delight and garlic toast.

Friday: Cheese quesadilla or Hot Pocket, green beans, pears and cinnamon toast.

New Bremen
Monday: Hotdog sandwiches, baked beans, banana and teddy graham.

Tuesday: Tacos w/ lettuce, salsa, wheat bread and pineapple.

Wednesday: Salisbury steak w/ gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed fruit and fruit snack.

Thursday: Stuffed crust pizza, applesauce, green beans and a snickerdoodle.

Friday: Sloppy Joe sandwiches, corn, apple crisp and ice cream.

Eldora News

Coons outsmarts tough USAC field

ROSSBURG - It may have been a night of bone-chilling temperatures, but the action on the track Saturday night at Eldora was hot enough to warm up the massive throng of fans that braved the temperatures to see Jerry Coons, Jr. outsmart the USAC (United States Auto Club) Sprint Car field, while Jesse Bitterling followed suit in the UMP (United Midwestern Promoters) Modified finale. Originally scheduled for day number two of the Coca-Cola Spring Classic, Saturday contest actually kicked off the 2009 Eldora season as Friday's

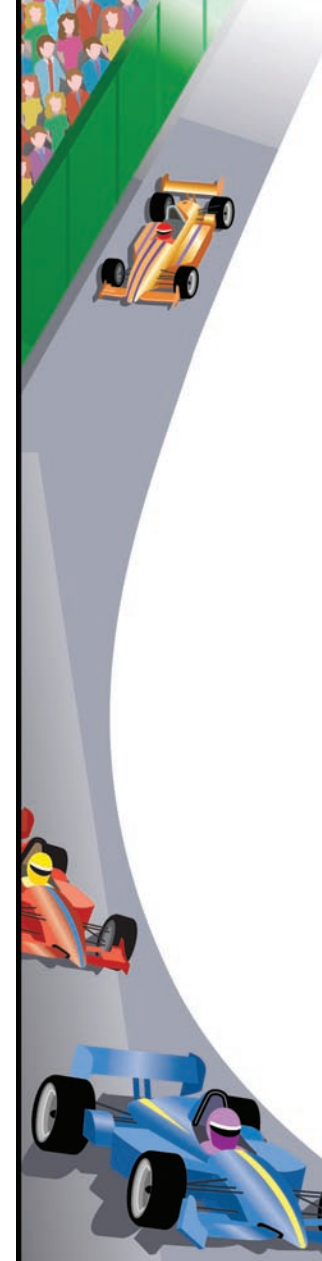
chase fell victim to the elements. As expected, with 34 USAC National Sprint Cars on hand, the qualifying heat races were intense and competitive on one of the raciest surfaces to greet USAC in several seasons. Brad Sweet and Brady Bacon captured the first two 8-lap affairs, while the Tony Stewart team cars of Tracy Hines and Levi Jones were victorious in the final two. Stewart, with an off-NASCAR weekend was on hand the entire weekend to oversee the activity at the track he purchased from Earl Baltes in 2004.

The fourth heat was marred with a vicious crash involving Darren Hagen. Hagen was removed from the car conscious but air-lifted to Miami Valley Hospital for further observation and evaluation. Although not victorious in heat race competition, Coons' time trial run, coupled with a transfer position in his heat race lined him up in pole position for the 30-lap finale. Driving for the fabled Hoffman Racing Team, Coons felt comfortable going into the chase, but that comfort zone didn't last long. Coons led the first lap, but before another lap could be completed, a four car crash on the back stretch brought out the red flag to halt the action.

On the restart, Jones surprised Coons with an 'Eldora slide job' going into turn 3. Jones has able to make the slide stick and he powered into the lead, with Sweet gaining quickly on Coons. Meanwhile, another pre-race favorite, quick qualifier Dave Darland was holding steady after dropping one spot from his sixth place start position. Eleven laps into the chase, Sweet duplicated Jones' slide job on Coons and moved into second and on the next tour of the one-half mile clay

oval was about to execute the same move on Jones, when the red bunting appeared again, this time for a Damion Gardner flip on the back stretch. Gardner suffered no injuries in the melee, but the car was out for the remainder of the event. When the green reappeared, Jones, aware of Sweet's position, protected the groove and pulled out a 4 car-length lead. Sweet rapidly reeled in Jones and before another lap could be entered into the record book, did a turn 3 slide job on Jones to become the new race leader. Coons, still holding down third must have seen the Sweet move and decided to give it a shot three tours later. The move worked and with half of the race completed, Sweet held down the top spot, while Coons was runner-up and the Stewart team cars of Jones and Hines completed the top four. Hines got by the somewhat faltering Jones on lap 17 as Sweet began to enter lapped traffic. This allowed Coons to move a little closer. Yet another red flag on lap 24, for Brett Burdette brought the field to a halt. This restart found the determined Coons doing the necessary slide job to take the lead, which he made stick. Sweet tried to return the favor on the next lap, but couldn't get

the job done. With two laps remaining Sweet was again within striking distance and with the white flag in the air, a move of desperation failed. Sweet tried a slide out of two that didn't work and contact with the retaining wall send Sweet flipping violent. He was not hurt in the incident, but it spelled an end to his otherwise thrilling night. A steady Darland had moved into third just prior to Sweet's flip, and with the flip, inherited the runner-up position. A last lap effort fell short for Darland, as he settled for second before Coons as Jesse Hockett, Jones and Brady Short completed the top five. Doug Adkins beat Gary Richard into turn one to take the early lead in the Modified finale, and the determined Adkins looked to be the man to beat as he powered into a commanding lead. Mark Anderson, after a strong heat race win, soon took over second spot and set his sights on Adkins, as Bitterling entered the foray by lap three. Five laps of hounding Anderson paid off, as Bitterling moved into second on lap 10. Time was beginning to a foe for Bitterling and an ally to Adkins, but with three laps remaining, Bitterling powered to the low side coming off of turn four and that momentum carried him into the lead he was to hold to the finish, to score his first-ever Eldora win. Adkins hung on for second, followed in order by Jason Wheatley, Anderson and Davey Gantt.



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SPORTS

Flyers at St. Henry Invitational



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The Marion Local Flyers played in the 2009 WCSM/St. Henry Bank Invitational Tournament on Saturday, April 11. In the opening game, Marion Local defeated the Botkins Trojans 30-1 after five innings. They went on to play the St. Henry Redskins in the Championship Game, ending after five innings with a score of 13-3, St. Henry.

Line Score	R	H	E	
Marion Local	0	3	0	0--3
St. Henry	1	0	5	16--13



Photo by Fred Kremer

Jake Bertke reaches for the ball as a St. Henry runner crosses first base safely.



Lady Wildcats fall to Roughriders

By Brian Smith
Sports Correspondent

The Minster Wildcats traveled to St. Marys to face the Lady Riders in a double header on Saturday, April 11. The Riders collected a combined 21 runs and 26 hits while picking up a pair of wins over the Minster Wildcats in run-rule fashion to move to 7-0 on the season on Saturday. The 10-0 and 11-0 wins have St. Marys feeling like it is starting to hit its stride.

St. Marys jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the second inning when four of the first six Riders to go to the plate got a hit. Macy Ferrall started the rally with a double, followed by an RBI double by Erika Thornsberry to open the scoring.

Kayla Thornsberry singled in another run two batters later, and Kendra Soloman singled to left field. When the ball went through the legs of the left

fielder, the third run came around to score.

St. Marys busted the game open with a seven run third inning in which the Riders sent 11 hitters to the plate.

Sam Davenport led off the inning with a lined shot over the centerfield fence for a solo home run to make it 4-0.

Two batters later, Bailey Smith started a one-out rally. After Smith singled, Ferrall doubled to put runners at second and third bases. Erika Thornsberry delivered her second RBI hit in as many innings with a two-run single through the box to make it 6-0. Carrie Schalter singled, followed by a two-run double by Kayla Thornsberry to make it 8-0.

Two batters later, Davenport got her second run-producing hit of the inning with a two-run double to make it 10-0.

Erika Thornsberry pitched the final two innings for the Riders, strik-

ing out two and giving up one hit in relief.

St. Marys added a single run in the fourth inning on an Erika Thornsberry RBI single to make it 11-0.

In the opening game, St. Marys scored five runs in the fourth to break open the game before getting a single run in the bottom of the fifth to make it a 10-run advantage and end the game.

Rachel Wale hit a home run, had two hits and drove in a pair of runs for St. Marys in the first game. She was joined by Erika Thornsberry's two hits and three RBIs. Kendra Soloman tripled as part of a two-hit game. Sam Davenport had three singles. Megan Schlater singled twice. Macy Ferrall doubled and had two RBIs. Bailey Smith doubled. Tasha Fowler had a single.

Kayla Thornsberry went five shutout innings in the opener, striking out three and walking two, while giving up three hits.

Minster track takes first at Anna

Minster boys and girls took first place at the Anna Rocket Invitational on Saturday while New Bremen took second in both boys and girls. Minster boys won with a score of 129.5 while New Bremen scored a 122. Minster girls pulled in 199 points with New Bremen in second with 80. The following are the results from the track invitational.

- Boys**
- 4x800 meter relay
 1. Jordan Boeke (MN) - 16.0,
 2. Zach Speckman (NB) - 16.1,
 4. Matt Sindelar (NB) - 16.7,
 - Tyler Richard (MN) - 17.2
 - 100 meter dash
 4. Jon Hamilton (NB) - 12.05,
 5. Dillon Otting (NB) 12.33
 - 4x200 meter relay
 1. Minster 1:34.5,
 3. New Bremen 1:35.7
 - 1600 meter run
 3. Joby Stechschulte (MN) - 4:44.9,
 5. Justin Eilerman (NB) - 4:45.7,
 11. Josh Borges (MN) - 5:04,
 - 19 Robert Franks (NB) - 5:23.2
 - 4x100 meter relay
 1. Minster 45.0,
 3. New Bremen 45.8
 - 400 meter dash
 2. Alex Abbott (MN) - 54.1,
 7. Elliott Westerbe (NB) 56.8
 - 300 meter hurdles
 2. Zach Speckman (NB)

- 43.8,
- 3. Jordan Boeke (MN) - 43.4,
- 8. Tyler Richard (MN) - 47.2
- 800 meter run
 1. Jeff Kremer (NB) - 2:02.8,
 2. Joby Stechschulte (MN) - 2:04.6,
 7. Oliver Barga (MN) 2:10.8,
 15. Kyle Knpake (NB) - 2:20.3
- 200 meter dash
 1. Albert Barga (MN) 23.5,
 4. Michael Travis (NB) - 24.7,
 6. Scott Lambers (NB) - 25.2
- 3200 meter run
 3. Justin Eilerman (NB) - 10:38.2,
 7. Jack Olding (MN) - 10:53.8,
 12. Kaleg Swiger (NB) - 11:16.5,
 17. Peter Blanco (MN) - 12:00.1
- 4x400 meter relay
 1. New Bremen 3:37,
 2. Misnter 3:38.8
- Discus throw
 2. Brendon Conrad (MN) - 149'04",
 4. Jake Phlipot (MN) - 133'05",
 9. A.J. Schmitmeyer (NB) 116'02",
 11. Adam Bushman (NB) 106'04"
- High jump
 1. Justin Eilerman (NB) - 6'02",
 2. Matt Sindelar (NB) 6'02",
 4. JeffKaiser (MN) 5'10"
- Long jump
 2. Jon Hamilton (NB) - 19'11.5",
 4. Derek Collins (MN) - 19'07.25",
 8. Richard Bell (NB) - 18'04",
 10. Bryan Phlipot (MN) - 17'10"
- Shot put
 1. Jake Phlipot (MN) - 51'03.25",
 3. Brad Sekas (MN) - 43'10.75",
 4. A.J. Schmitmeyer (NB)

- 43'02.5",
- 7. Adam Bushman (NB) - 41'06"
- Pole vault
 8. Adam Will (MN) - 9'06",
 11. Jay Schwartz (NB) 9'00"
- Girls**
- 4x800 meter relay
 1. Minster 10:06.0,
 3. New Bremen 19:43.9
- 100 meter high hurdles
 4. Kayla Wuebker (MN) - 18.0,
 5. Stacey Sherman (MN) - 18.0,
 8. Elaynne Speckman (NB) - 19.4
- 100 meter dash
 4. Kyleigh Suchland (NB) 14.5,
 5. Kelly Mueller (MN) - 14.9
- 4x200 meter relay
 1. Minster 1:54.2
- 1600 meter run
 1. Bernadette Burke (MN) - 5:30.82,
 5. Lauren Fausey (MN) 5:58.13,
 10. Alexis Niekamp (NB) - 6:19.53,
 14. Jill Rhoades (NB) 6:28.62
- 4x100 meter relay
 1. Minster 53.5,
 6. New Bremen 57.9
- 400 meter dash
 1. Taylor Jones (NB) - 1:02.8,
 2. Maria Dahlinghouse (MN) 1:02.8,
 4. Samantha Hoelscher (MN) 1:04.6
- 300 meter hurdles
 2. Stacey Sherman (MN) - 52.9,
 4. Elaynne Speckman (NB) - 53.2,
 8. Kayla Wuebker (MN) - 56.4
- 800 meter run
 1. Jessica Albers (MN) - 2:27.8,
 3. Caitlin Chaney (NB) 2:33.2,
 5. Sophia Richard (MN) - 2:35.5

- 200 meter dash
 2. Alyssa Kemper (MN) - 27.8,
 3. Kyleigh Suchlan (NB) - 29.5,
 5. Dana Stucke (MN) - 30.2
- 3200 meter run
 1. Lei Bornhorst (MN) - 11:51.7,
 3. Averie Bornhorst (MN) - 12:14.6,
 8. Alexis Niekamp (NB) - 14:04,
 13. Chynna Shurelds (NB) - 16:15.1
- 4x400 meter relay
 1. Minster 4:20.2,
 2. New Bremen 4:26
- Discus throw
 2. Jaclyn Dabbelt (NB) - 109'10",
 4. Becca Steineman (MN) - 98'01",
 5. Kelly Dahlinghaus (MN) - 75'11",
 11. Jessica May (NB) - 80'06"
- High jump
 1. Heather Schmiesing (MN) 4'10",
 2. Emily Barhorst (MN) 4'06",
 4. Bethany Webster (NB) - 4'06",
 5. Leann Topp (NB) - 4'06"
- Long jump
 2. Kelli Kemper (MN) - 14'09.5",
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 2. Becca Steineman (MN) - 35'07.25",
 5. Holly Brandewie (MN) - 29'03.5",
 7. Sarah Kaiser (NB) - 28'11.25",
 8. Jessica May (NB) - 28'05.5"
- Pole vault
 1. Kayla Wuebker (MN) 9'09",
 3. Sarah Huelsman (MN) - 9'00",
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SPORTS

Redskins trounce Wildcats in double header

By Allison Roorda
Community Post

The Fort Loramie Redskins proved their ability to capitalize on opportunities on Saturday afternoon, winning both games of a double header against the Minster Wildcats.

The Redskins started out the first game with a two-run lead in the first inning. Mitchell Boerger slammed a home run over the left field fence in the third inning, and Jake Boerger hit a double RBI to bring Jay Schulze home for a 4-0 score after three innings.

Southpaw Mitch Ahlers walked Brian Muller to start the top of the fourth. Austin Baumer hit a single to put runners on the corners, and Tim Brown was up next with a single RBI for Mueller. Baumer ended Minster's run on an RBI by Sam Otting.

But it was the bottom of the fourth, with the Redskins at bat,

that clinched the game's outcome. With Ahlers, Justin Hoying and Alex Wolf all on base, Coach Bill Sturwold lingered behind third base and encouraged Mitchell Boerger.

"Gotta go on the ground!" he instructed his batter.

Mitchell Boerger responded with a single that brought home two runners. Ahlers was tagged out at home, but Hoying slid into base for an earned run. Schulze's single brought Wolf home for a score of 6-2, Redskins. Max Dues took over the mound for the Wildcats with two outs and runners on third and second. Mitch Raterman walked to first, then Dues walked two batters for two free runs by Redskins Mitchell Boerger and Schulze. Raterman stole home on a wild pitch and pushed the total number of runs for the inning to five. Coach Mike Wiss for the Wildcats came onto the mound and handed the ball over to Robert Gruber. But Minster's pitchers



Alex Wolf nabs the ball as a Minster Wildcat leaps back to first base.

Photo by Jake Stephens

continued to struggle as Gruber walked Ahlers to first, letting Schieltz come home. Then Hoying came back up to bat and slammed a double to center field, bringing home all three runners on base. Wolf's single let Hoying come home and brought Fort Loramie's runs up to 14 before the Wildcats earned their final out of the inning.

After a painful inning by the Wildcats, the fifth passed quickly with one hit and no runs by the Wildcats, ending the first game at 14-2, Fort Loramie.

In the second game, Jacob Maurer was on the mound for the Redskins and walked Mueller to start. Mueller stole second and advanced to third to come home on a wild pitch. Baumer walked to first then stole second. Jake Boerger took over pitching for Maurer. Griner drove a single to bring home Baumer before Fort Loramie took their turn at bat. Baumer started out pitching for Minster and only allowed one run when Schieltz

hit an RBI for Mitchell Boerger.

However, the Redskins caught up in the second inning, starting when Zach Eilerman came home on a forced out at first to tie the game at 2 up. Wolf and Mitchell Boerger got



on base for bases loaded. Ahlers came home on Schulze's fly out. Then a wild pitch allowed Wolf to steal home, followed by Mitchell Boerger when Baumer lost the ball over home plate. With a score of 5-2 for the Redskins, Mueller took over the mound for the Wildcats and got the third out to end the inning.

The third inning started with a single by Adam Sherman. Then Brown knocked off a home run for two runs for the Wildcats. A double play shifted the batting duties to the Redskins. Eilerman earned the first run of the third inning on an RBI by Hoying, followed by a single RBI by Mitchell Boerger to bring Ahlers home. Schulze flied out but brought home Hoying. Wolf and Mitchell Boerger earned the last two runs of the third on Raterman's double for a score of 10-4 for the Redskins.

The fourth inning had one run by the Redskins by Jake Boerger. Brown slammed another home run after one out in the fifth, but Minster had no other runs. Fort Loramie earned two more runs in the bottom of the inning as Schulze stole home and Raterman tagged home on an RBI. The two teams held the score of 13-5, Redskins, for the next two innings, and ended the game with an eight-run lead by the Redskins.



Redskin Mitchell Boerger gets congratulated by his teammates after crossing home plate.

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Kayla Wuebker of Minster vaults over the 10-foot bar at New Bremen's track meet against Minster.

Cardinal boys earn victory on home track

From Staff Reports

The Minster and New Bremen boys and girls track team met on April 9. The New Bremen boys won in 17 events with a score of 71 to Minster's 66. New Bremen took first place in 11 events. Matt Sindelar jumped 6-04 in the high jump, Jon Hamilton snagged 20-00.25 in the long jump, the New Bremen A 4x800 relay team came in with a time of 8:29.18, Zach Speckman completed the 110 meter hurdles in 15.36, Hamilton recorded 11.79 on the 100 meter dash, New Bremen A relay team for the 4x200 meter relay came in first with 1:36.13, Justin Eilerman completed the 1600 meter run in 4:47.86, Speckman came in at 42.64 for the 300 meter hurdles, Jeff Kremer finished the 800 meter run in 2:03.7, Michael Travis won the 200 meter dash with a time of 24.08 and the New Bremen A relay team scored five points with its 3:36.06 finish in the 4x400 meter relay.

The Minster girls won all but two of the 17 total events, defeating New Bremen 103 to 34.

Heather Schmiesing took home first in the high jump with a height of 4-10, Kayla Wuebker completed a 10-00 vault in the pole vault, Schmiesing finished first for Minster in the long jump with 14-10.5, Becca Steinemann recorded a distance of 34-11 in the shot put. Minster won the 4x800 meter relay with a time of 10:14.83, Stacey Sherman won the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 17.76, Minster won the 4x200 meter relay in 1:54.3, the 1600 meter run was won by Lauren Fausey in 6:02.54, Minster's team won the 4x100 meter relay with a time of 55.06, Maria Dahlinghaus completed the

400 meter dash in 1:05.45, Sherman ran 52.61 in the 300 meter hurdles, Jessica Albers won the 800 meter run for Minster in 2:28.14, Alyssa Kemper ran 27.73 in the 200 meter dash, the girls 3200 meter run was won by Lei Bornhorst in 11:47.27 and the Minster girls won the 4x400 meter relay in 4:22.74.



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