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Community says good-bye to school building

By Jessica Honigford
Community Post

FT LORAMIE – Hundreds of community members gathered in the gym at Fort Loramie Elementary School to bid farewell to the 124-year-old building Sunday.

The crowd, which consisted of multi-generational families and representatives from many of Fort Loramie's graduating classes, listened to administrators reminisce about the old school and watched a presentation by the Old School History Club during the closing ceremony.

"Since 1885 this building has served thousands of students, community members and staff," elementary principal Daniel Holland said.

He went on to read the thoughts of many students



Fort Loramie Elementary principal Daniel Holland gives Supt. Larry Ludlow a hug during the closing ceremony for the 124-year-old elementary building. Ludlow is retiring as Fort Loramie schools' superintendent at the end of the month.

on what they would miss about the old building.

Some students said they would miss the

screaming in the gym, others said they would miss the bats, creaks and cracks that came with the

old building.

Elementary secretary Julie Moeller said she would miss telling for-

mer students how to find a room by saying "well it's

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BOE decide to keep extended service days

By Allison Roorda
Community Post

After waiting through a lengthy executive session, parents, students and community members were invited back into the Minster High School conference room to hear the Board of Education's final decision on the extended service days.

"We had a lot of good discussion," announced board President Dale Sherman. "We went around and around and around, but I think in the end we did the best thing for the school. We feel that taking a year to evaluate the new guidelines would be best, and we plan on keeping the extended service days."

He warned the decision may be a temporary fix, as the school board will be looking more closely at the budget in the coming year.

"We're going to take a good look at all programs across the board," said Sherman. "As we move forward, we're going to have a special session to discuss the budget. We're going to have to be making some tough decisions coming up, and it's going to affect programs across the board. It's going to affect band, athletics, FFA, FCCLA. We're going to have to make some tough decisions, we just don't know what they are yet."

Community members who attended the meeting to hear the final say on this issue gave their input on methods to save or earn money for the programs they were concerned about, specifically FFA and FCCLA. The concessions stand for junior high football games was

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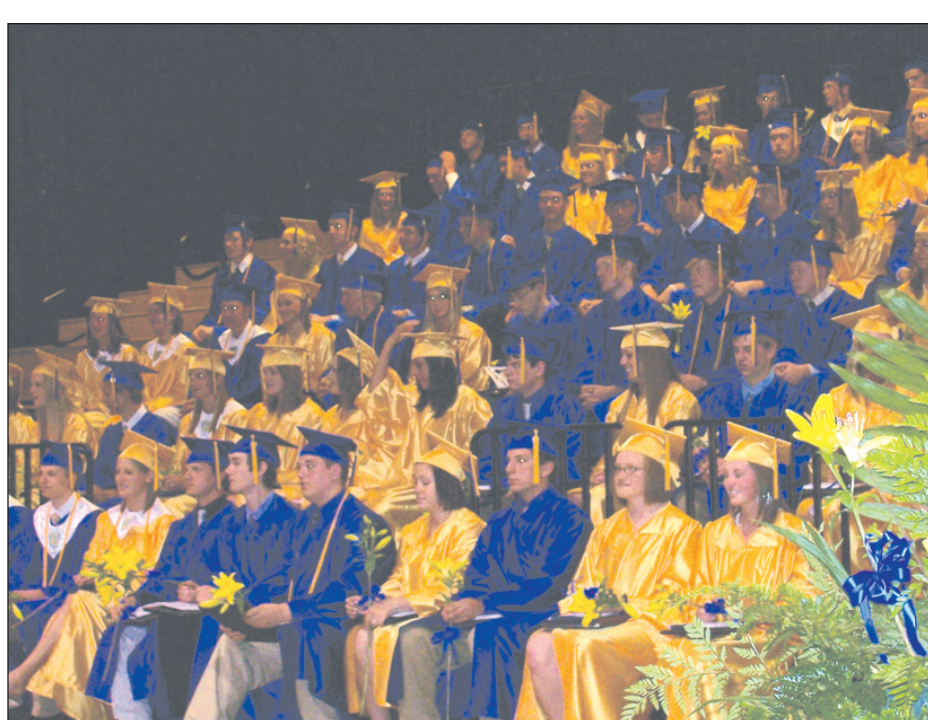


Photo by Danielle Thatcher

Marion Local's class of 2009 graduated 78 students on Sunday.

Marion Local class of 2009

By Danielle Thatcher
Staff Writer

MARIA STEIN – Sunday, May 17, 2009, marked the day that 78 Marion Local seniors became graduates. Among them were valedictorian Tara Hartings and salutatorian Katherine Garmann.

Tara Hartings' valedictory ad-

dress was based on the award winning movie "Slumdog Millionaire." It consisted of five questions that all lead up to the million dollar question: How are you going to choose to live your life? She concluded the address by saying, "Strive for success and take every chance; how you live your life

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Beer tasting draws crowd despite rain

By Angela Weaver
Staff Writer

MINSTER — Despite a few drops of rain, area residents had a chance to sample almost 80 different beers during the second-ever Bock and Rock on Saturday.

At the event, residents had their pick of more than 75 different beers, from German/Bocks to Belgians to Craft beers and two draught beers, to benefit the Minster Civic Association.

"There's about the same amount as last year," Bock and Rock Co-Chair Shawn Sharp said, noting that Cavalier Distributing Company and Premium Beverage Supply were their distributors this

year.

Sharp said the event attracted approximately 900 visitors from all over the state during the first-ever Bock and Rock last year.

"We expect the same this year, despite the rain," he said.

Bock and Rock Co-Chair Jim Stubbs said the event is an opportunity for residents to try something different.

"It's a chance to sample something while helping a good cause," he said.

In addition to tasting beers like the Wooden Shoe Bock — from Minster's Wooden Shoe Inn — and Thirsty Dog Raspberry Ale under the tents in Four Seasons Park,

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Bock and Rock allowed visitor to taste dozens of different types of beer.

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Walk and Talk

What will you miss about the old elementary?



"The playground."
- Amy Eilerman



"The gym."
- Craig Eilerman



"The first day I walked into school."
- C.J. Wray



"Miss Clune's class room. She's always been a nice teacher."
-Cortney Norris

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next to the old home-ec room." During the history club's presentation, students in costume displayed events taking place over the years in Fort Loramie schools including state championships, the advent of girls' varsity sports and the new use of technology in the schools with computers, the Internet and more. After 16 years of service to the school, Ludlow says his motto for the school and the community still holds true. "It's a great place to learn and a great place to live," he said. "In just a few days the doors will be closed for a final time," Holland said. "Today is meant to be about and dedicat-

ed to all who have been part of our story for the past 124 years." The new school is scheduled to be ready for the students to occupy for the first day of school of the 2009-2010 school year on Aug. 31. The school district will be hosting an auction on June 10 at 9 a.m. to auction equipment, furnishings, trophies, banners and other school memorabilia before the demolition of the school. "For site development, the building must be vacated and demolished," Holland said. "Demolition will take place June 22 and anyone interested can pick up old bricks."

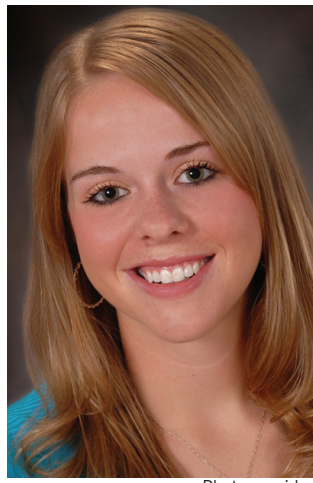


Photo provided
Marion Local salutatorian Katherine Garmann.

affects others, so work hard and live in the moment." Katherine Garmann's salutatorian address consisted of seven songs and the lyrics that shaped her life. "All Star" by Smash Mouth, "Iris"

by The Goo Goo Dolls, "Time of My Life" by David Cook, "Stayin' Alive" by The Bee Gees, "The Gambler" by Kenny Rogers, "Don't Stop Believin'" by Journey and finally, "The Dance" by Garth Brooks. The outcome was, "Be yourself. You control your happiness." Flyer of the Year awards went to Tara Hartings with a 4.012 GPA, and Luke Bertke with a 3.92 GPA.

The graduates chose, "Oh the places you'll go. You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose." by Dr. Seuss as the class motto. The class colors were



Photo provided
Marion Local Valedictorian Tara Hartings.

silver and teal, the class flower was a yellow lily and the class song was "Time of My Life" by David Cook. Congratulations to all the 2009 graduates of Marion Local High School.

Look for the special graduation section in the May 28 edition of The Community Post.

A Word From Rick Green

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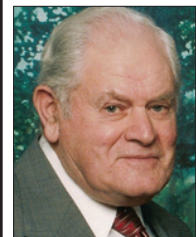
FIVE STAR



Obituaries

Robert P. DeLoye

Robert "Bob" P. DeLoye of Yorkshire died Thursday May 14, 2009 at Wayne Hospital in Greenville after a brief illness. He was 78.



He had been a resident of the Versailles Health Care Center since July 2008.

He was born Oct. 27, 1930 in Yorkshire to the late Gertrude (Eilerman) and Henry L. DeLoye.

On April 21, 1954 he married Rosalie A. Perin at Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Newport and she survives him.

Also surviving are three children Gerald DeLoye of Yorkshire, Deborah (James) Moorman and Karen (Steve) Meier, both of Sidney; three grandchildren Meliisa Moorman, James Robert (Jennifer) Moorman and Stephanie (Ben) Bowsher and three step great-grandchildren; a brother Raymond (Mary Ann) DeLoye; and brothers and sisters-in-law Ester Perin of Fort Loramie, Virginia Forthofer of Russia,, Eileen and Ralph Boerger of New Bremen, the Rev. Glenn Perin of Ludlow Falls and Vee and Art Prefas of Fort Loramie.

Preceding him in death were his brother Carl, his sister Amelia (Norb) Heckman, a daughter-in-law Cynthia DeLoye and brothers and sisters-in-law Carl Perin, Larry Forthofer, Marcel Parin and Paul Perin.

He was a member of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic church where he had received all of his sacraments, the Sts. Peter and Pual Men's Sodality and a former member of the St. Remy Knights of Columbus.

He had been engaged in dairy farming all of his working life and was a fan of Holstein cows and Oliver and White tractors.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Monday May 18, 2009 at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in newport with the Rev. Steven Shoup and the Rev. Glenn Perin officiating.

Burial followed at Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Gehret Funeral Home in Fort Loramie handled the arrangements.

John W. Heitzman

John W. Heitzman, 64, died Friday May 15, 2009 at his residence in Celina.

He was born Oct. 5, 1944 in Dayton to the late Claud and Noveda (Furnas) Heitzman.

Survivors include a brother Robert Brown of Maria Stein and a sister Lynda Lou Brown of Powell, Tenn.

He was a member of Ducks Unlimited, Southshore Sportsmans Club, the Celina VFW Post, the Celina Moose Lodge, the Celina American Legion and the Royal Palm Masonic Lodge.

He was retired from the United States Air Force.

Joan L. Tragesser

Joan "Jo" L. Tragesser, 75, of Beavercreek, died Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at Hospice of Dayton.

She is preceded in death by her husband Kenneth P. Tragesser; her parents Al and Hilda Winner; her brother Orville Winner and sister Rosemary Wood. She is survived by her sons and daughter-in-law Mark and Althea Tragesser of Riverside, Eric Tragesser of Dayton; daughters and son-in-law Amy Anderson of Dayton, Ann and Kevin Cancino of Beavercreek; sisters and brothers-in-law Ginny Thobe of Maria Stein, Marlene and Bob Sanders of Hudson, Carol and Sam Morgan of Centerville; brother and sister-in-law Jerry and Marilyn Winner of Ft. Loramie; as well as five grandsons: Joey Mauro and wife Stacey, Jess Cancino, Vince Cancino, Gabe Cancino and Noah Cancino; great grandson Rocco Mauro; sisters-in-law Esther Winner, Betty Eckert, JoAnn Searce; brother-in-law Joe Wood.

She was a graduate of Minster High School. She retired from St. Helen's Catholic Church after 32 years of service, was a member of the Hilltopper's Garden Club and was a volunteer at Miami Valley Hospital.

Prayers were held on Saturday, May 16, 2009 at the Tobias Funeral Home-Beavercreek Chapel. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 16, 2009 at St. Helen's Catholic Church. Interment Calvary Cemetery. Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, Dayton Area Chapter in Joan's memory.

Richard L. Fuerst

Richard "Dick" L. Fuerst of Minster died Thursday May 14, 2009 as the result of a six-year illness at the age of 54.

He was born March 15, 1955 to Betty J. (Klaus) Fuerst and the late Norbert Fuerst.

On April 29 1975 he married Carol Wendeln in Egypt and she survives him in Minster.

Survivors also include two children Shannon (Aaron) Egbert of Fort Wayne and Matthew Fuerst of Minster. Also surviving are brothers Gordon (Helen) Fuerst of Elida, Louis (Ann) Fuerst of Findlay and Roger Fuerst of Delphos, sisters Judy (Jim) Looser of Ottoville, Connie (Mark) Buettner of Elida and Elaine (Darren) Abram of Delphos. His father and mother-in-law Joseph and Marie Wendeln also survive in Minster.

Preceding him in death were his brother Dennis and an infant sister Denise.

He was a member of St. Augustine Catholic Church and was retired from Minster Machine.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Monday May 18, 2009 at St. Augustine Catholic Church with the Rev. Rick Nieberding presiding. Burial followed in St. Augustine Cemetery.

Hogenkamp Funeral Home in Minster handled the arrangements.

News briefs

New Bremen to hold Memorial Service

The New Bremen Senior Citizens regular monthly meeting will be held at 7:30p.m. on Wednesday, May 27, 2009 at the Senior Citizens Center, 700 E Monroe St., New Bremen. Please note the time change to 7:30pm for the summer months.

A Memorial Service will be held for all deceased members of the past year. A report by the nominating committee will be given. Any senior citizen interested in joining the Senior Citizens organization is invited to attend and join in the fellowship. Guests are always welcome to any of the meetings.

A light lunch will follow the attendance drawing. Bingo with cash prizes will conclude the afternoon of fun and fellowship. For meeting information call Ernie Philpot 419-629-1359 or Sue Heuker 419-629-2206.

Mercer DaD discusses healthy eating

Mercer Health Registered Dietitian Julie Hemmelgarn will be the guest speaker at the next Dine and Discover (DaD) Program sponsored by Mercer Health at Mercer County Community Hospital on Monday, June 1, beginning with a dinner at 5 p.m.

Her topic, "Eating on the Go and Away from Home", will provide tips on how to eat healthy when away from home. Hemmelgarn says, "Whether you are on a day trip or on an extended vacation, there are steps you can take to still eat healthy. I will discuss how to make healthy eating choices when vacationing."

The Mercer Health DaD program began in September 2007 and has continued to grow from there. This will be the ninth presentation in the series.

This program is open to the public. Dinner will be served beginning at 5 p.m. with speaker Julie Hemmelgarn from 5:30 to 6:30. Reservations are required. Persons interested in attending are encouraged to call 419-678-5196 no later than May 20. However, reservations will be accepted after that date as long as there are spaces available. There is a \$5 fee per person for this event.

It will be held at Mercer County Community Hospital, 800 West Main Street, Coldwater, Ohio, in Meeting Room 1.

News from Osgood

By Jude Grieshop
Correspondent

On Sunday, May 10 at St. Nicholas Parish there were 17 seniors honored at the Mass and reception afterward. The seniors who are graduating are Jacob Arling, Cory Bergman, Kristin Bergman, Megan Bohman, Katrina Frey, Ryan Heckman, Jacob Hoelscher, Matthew Kemper, Katie Mangen, Adam Miller, Jason Mowen, Ryan Poeppelman, Brittany Reichert, Cassandra Schemmel, Phillip Tuente, Devin Winner and Mitchell Winner.

The feast of Ascension of the Lord is being transferred to the Sunday Mass-

es on May 24. Therefore May 21 is not a holy day of obligation.

Memorial Day Mass will be on Monday, May 25 at St. Nicholas Church at 9 a.m. There will be a Memorial service afterward. The Legion would appreciate your attendance at the Mass and service following.

The next recycling drive will be held on Saturday June 6, 9-11 a.m. Items taken are papers, cardboard magazines and catalogs. Please place items in paper bags, boxes or tied up. No plastic bags please. Cancellations are aired on WCSM 96.7 FM or WMVR 105.3 or call Jude at 419-582-2554 for any questions or concerns.

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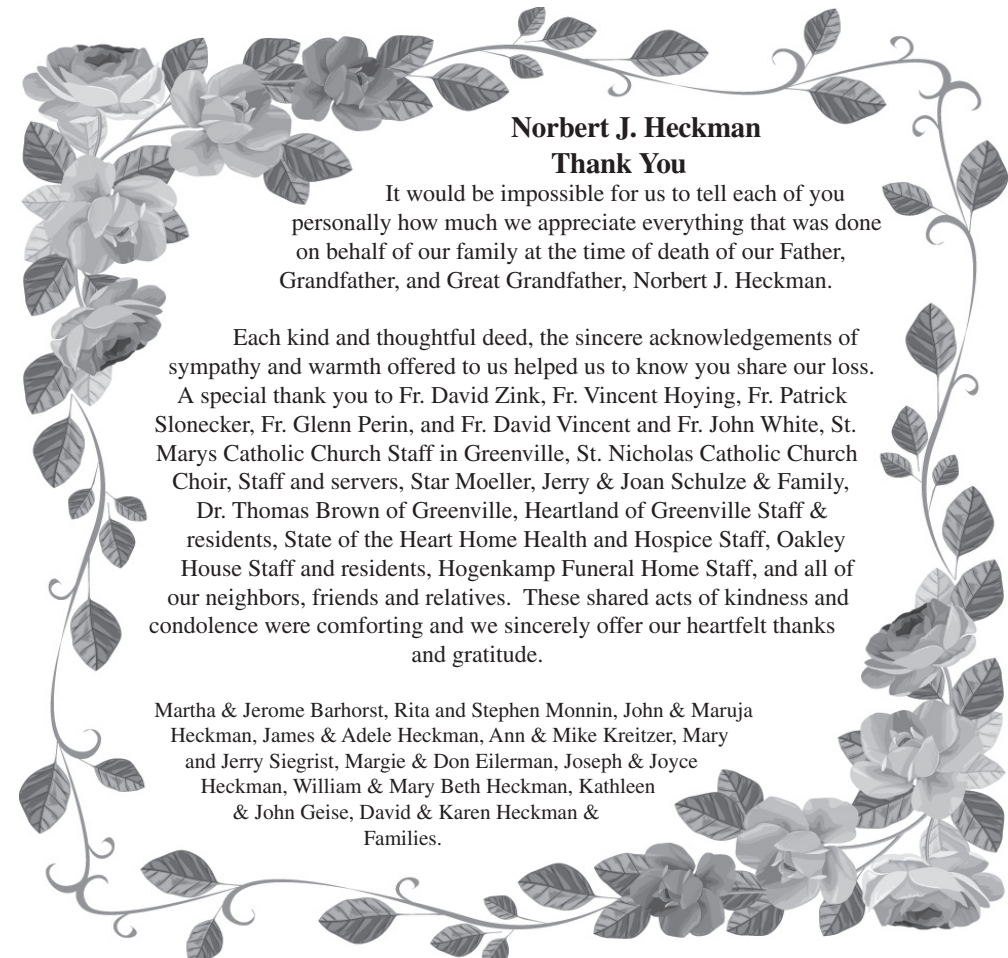
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It would be impossible for us to tell each of you personally how much we appreciate everything that was done on behalf of our family at the time of death of our Father, Grandfather, and Great Grandfather, Norbert J. Heckman.

Each kind and thoughtful deed, the sincere acknowledgements of sympathy and warmth offered to us helped us to know you share our loss. A special thank you to Fr. David Zink, Fr. Vincent Hoying, Fr. Patrick Slonecker, Fr. Glenn Perin, and Fr. David Vincent and Fr. John White, St. Marys Catholic Church Staff in Greenville, St. Nicholas Catholic Church Choir, Staff and servers, Star Moeller, Jerry & Joan Schulze & Family, Dr. Thomas Brown of Greenville, Heartland of Greenville Staff & residents, State of the Heart Home Health and Hospice Staff, Oakley House Staff and residents, Hogenkamp Funeral Home Staff, and all of our neighbors, friends and relatives. These shared acts of kindness and condolence were comforting and we sincerely offer our heartfelt thanks and gratitude.

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Poetry Corner

Today's Poet: Edna Wise

Chopped Liver

This eighty-five-year-old man went to the dentist to get some dental work done.
The dentist gave him some shots and his mouth was all numb.
He has good teeth and still has them all.
At least he never got any knocked out in a bar room brawl.
All his life he only had one tooth that he had filled.
So the only time he had his mouth numbed is when it was drilled.
This time he had a tooth capped so it was numbed a little bit more.
For a couple hours later it wasn't even sore.
The dentist told him to just eat on one side.
After he was home for two hours, he was hungry so to eat he did try.
He ate some bread and milk and I guess that was good.
He was still hungry, so to eat a piece of bologna he thought he could.
He rolled up a piece of bologna and on the good side he chewed.
He actually thought it was pretty good food.
When all at once, he saw from his mouth blood was running out.
He wondered, "What in the world is this all about?"
When you chew on one side you still have other teeth around
And if you chew your tongue or lip, it is sure to be ground.
His lips, face, and tongue were still numb.
After he chewed up his tongue, I'm sure he felt pretty dumb.
I saw him the next day and I asked him, "What is that bruise under your lip?"
He said, "Look in my mouth, that is just a little bit."
There is a lot more damage in my mouth if you want to see."
To look in his mouth, I really didn't want to if it was very messy.
I looked in his mouth, his tongue was black, all chewed up and looked like Chopped Liver.
It made me sick on my stomach and just made me quiver.
His lip was chewed up, and under it, too.
This is where I had first seen the bruise.
I hope I never see anything like this on another.
It was especially hard to see this because he is my big brother.

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.

Chickasaw Auxiliary announces minutes

The Chickasaw VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post 9019 was opened according to ritual by Pres. Susan Wolters with 10 members and two quest present. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The treasurer gave her report. Bills were read and given to trustees to approve. The audit was read. Betty Kremer made a motion to accept the audit seconded by Lucille Droesch. Correspondence was read. The Pilgrimage for World Peace with a Tribute to Veterans will be held on May 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the Shine. Memorial Day Mass will be at St. Sebastian on May 25, at 9 a.m. Karen Schulze made a motion to donate \$1,000 for landscaping for the front of the VFW seconded by Annie Bertke. Lucille Droesch made a motion to buy 16 chairs and six dozen spoons, seconded by Tillie Elking. Karen Schulze made a motion to give \$70 to Lester Kremer for frying the fish at our fish fries during Lent, seconded by Tillie Elking. The newly elected Officers for 2009 and 2010 were instilled by Elsie Balster. With no further business the meeting was closed according to ritual and will reopen June 4 at 7:30 p.m. Pot of gold was won by Tillie Elking, as well as door prizes by Bert Gehle and Doris Fishbaugh. Lunch committee for June will be Cindy Wensing and Martha Thobe.



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Recently the Osgood State Bank donated their former phone system to the St. Peter Neurological Center. NuWave Technology, under the ownership of Don Ballinger, donated all installation fees and labor to get the system up and running. The Neurological Center wishes to express gratitude to both the Bank and Mr. Ballinger for making this contribution.
Pictured from left to right: Jay Hogenkamp, Center president; Lois Snodgrass, Center treasurer; presenting phone are Tammy Alt, vice president of information systems Osgood State Bank, and Don Ballinger, owner of NuWave Technology.

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Ask the Professional

What are financial strategies for women investors?

Today, women are playing an ever-increasing role in making important financial decisions – whether for themselves or for their families. While many of the basic rules of investing hold true for all investors, some life events will affect women differently than they will men, and these can also have an impact on investment decisions. Following are a few areas of special consideration for women investors:

- Longer life expectancy.
- Being on your own.
- Time spent out of the work force.

While these are just some of the many important considerations for women investors, there are also several simple steps women can take to come up with an effective financial strategy.

For starters, you should look for ways to educate yourself about investments. The financial press and financial web sites are loaded with information about investments and alternatives. It's important to remember that not every source is the most reliable, but the bottom line

is that there is plenty of information out there.

You may also want to seek advice from a professional. The act of enlisting a financial advisor to help with your investments does not take away from your ability to make the final decisions. It does, however, provide you with someone you can turn to for guidance as you make those important decisions.

One of the most important things you can do is make a list of your financial goals and then develop strategies to meet those goals. Taking the time to assess your current financial situation will help you get a clear picture of where you are, and then you can envision where you want to go. Keeping in mind the special circumstances we mentioned earlier, you can chart a course of action that will enable you to meet any challenges that may arise in the future.



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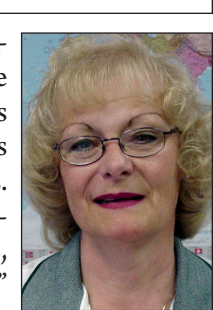
When you try to imagine a South Africa vacation, the wild images of roaring lions and other predators on a humid, adrenaline-rushing African safari probably come to mind first. If the African safari trip is not right for you, consider painting a new mental picture that goes far beyond the wide-open fields of the well-known gaming reserves. South Africa travel means something different for everyone. Featuring attractions that are topping the hottest destination lists — such as Patricia Schultz's popular book, "1,000 Places to See Before You Die" — South Africa is one of the world's most inspiring destinations

South Africa travel adventure could veer off in any set of directions that you choose, whether you're a foodie or spa dweller, novice or master trekker. Perhaps you feel more like yourself as you observe new cultures and surroundings from a distance, or when you take part in the experience up close. The changing landscapes beneath your feet will take you by surprise.

Ease your way into South Africa through Limpopo, the northernmost province containing ancient lands and prehistoric relics from the Stone and Iron Ages. Drive through the dense rainfor-

ests of the Magoebaskloof Mountains, where you'll take in the sounds of mountain streams and roaring waterfalls. Retreat to the Soutpansberg Mountains, or "Mountain of Salt," which is brimming with yellowwood trees, giant cabbage trees, ancient tree ferns and 500 plant species. Hikers and bird watchers are drawn to the many unspoiled plateaus, ravines, valleys and gorges of Blouberg Mountain and Nature Reserve.

Johannesburg, known to the world for its rich mineral veins of gold, also contains an abundance of "green" — the densely populated, verdant forest concealing the burgeoning capital city. You can find a taste of the African safari at the province's top-rated gaming reserve, Pilanesberg National Park. Encounter a variety of wildlife along this rocky, volcanic terrain through a walking, self-drive or balloon safari. However, if a safari makes you skittish, the Johannesburg Zoo offers an alternative way to get up close with more than 3,000 species of animals. In Lesedi, delight your taste buds to an array of traditional cuisine and experience the area's extraordinary melting pot of cultures.



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Watch for lawsuits

It appears that lawsuits and the economy go hand in hand. The worse the economy, the higher the number of lawsuits as well as the demands made by the injured party. We usually think of the Umbrella Policy as coverage for that catastrophic loss. The major auto accident with serious injuries or the attack of a small child by a household pet gone wild are two situations that come to mind.

But what about these:

An individual hires a contractor to remove timber from ground he purchased. A cemetery is found on the property and the claimants allege mental anguish for the destruction of the graves. How much is a grave worth?

Two kids tossing water balloons when one is struck in the eye detaching the retina. The parents of the child tossing the balloon are required to make

payment.

A young driver and her passengers swerve to avoid hitting a dog. The driver loses control and the passengers are killed. Suit is filed and won against the dog's owner for failure to control the animal. That could be huge numbers.

Your son-in-law is cutting lawn on the back of your property when the mower tips and crushes his leg. This one will certainly create a problem and large numbers in payment.

These are real cases. The numbers all exceeded the home owners liability coverage and some exhausted the umbrella limit. Maybe you need to think about this coverage.



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How to grow a green lawn

Mosses are opportunistic plants that will not out-compete a healthy stand of turf. It will usually develop in poorly drained, compact, low nutrient and low light areas. It can be spread by wind blown spores. Mowing can also spread the spores throughout your lawn. Shorter mowing heights will lead to more problems with moss growth.

Chemical control is limited. The best practice is to core aerate to alleviate soil compaction, along with a good fertilization program and proper mowing heights. This time of year that is 3 to 3 1/2 inches.

If you still struggle with growing a nice

stand of grass in shady, moss prevalent areas, try using a ground cover instead. There are many varieties that will work well in those shady areas where turf will not grow. Pachysandra, Baltic Ivy, and Lamium are all ground covers that will thrive in shade. All of these varieties will suppress weed growth and carpet throughout to fill the desired area. None are invasive and will look good through winter, as well as spring and summer.



STEVE STONE

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Calendar of Events

MINSTER – The Minster Historical Society will be hosting its first exhibit "A Salute to the World War II Era," through June 27. Hours will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays along with group tours by appointment. Call 419-628-4600 for more information or stop by the museum at 112 W. Fourth St. in Minster.

MARIA STEIN – The annual Pilgrimage for World Peace sponsored by the Maria Stein Adoration and the Shrine/Convent Preservation Group will be held on Thursday and Friday May 21 and 22 at the Shrine/convent in Maria Stein. Opening Mass will be Thursday at 8 p.m., the Rev. Paul Wohlwend, celebrant, followed by all-night adoration and all day Friday until 7 p.m.

Closing ceremonies and mass on Friday will be on the shrine grounds beginning at 7:30 p.m. with a tribute to veterans, May Crowning, candle-light rosary procession followed by closing Mass in Shrine Patio with the Rev. Tony Fortman, celebrant.

RUSSIA – The Catholic Adult Singles club will be hosting a house party on Saturday May 23. Call 419-204-3013 for more details.

MINSTER – On Sunday May 24, the VFW Post 6432 and the American Legion Post 387 of Minster will have a special Mass in St. Augustine Church at 10 a.m. Veterans should arrive at the church vestibule by 9:45 a.m.

MINSTER – On memorial Day, May 25 at 11 a.m. in St. Augustine Church, there will be a service to honor the deceased veterans. Guest speaker will John Schmiesing. He is a member of both posts and a deacon at St. Augustine. A 21-gun salute will be given by the firing squad after the service.

A dinner at noon will follow for all veterans, their wives and the widows of deceased veterans.

WAPAKONETA – The Wapakoneta Recreation Inc. is organizing a Friday Night League that will run every Friday night May 29, June 5, 12, 19, 26 at Veteran's Memorial Park in Wapakoneta. There are 9-10 and 11-12 year old divisions. If interested contact Mike Short at 419-738-1831 or by e-mail at wriwapak@yahoo.com.

TROY – The Catholic Adult Singles Club will be hosting a nature Walk on Sunday May 31, 2009. Call 419-204-3013 for more information.

MARIA STEIN – June 7, Sunday, 6 pm: Prayer and Benediction. Held in the chapel of the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein.

MARIA STEIN – In honor of their 25th Anniversary the St. Henry Prayer Group is sponsoring Dr. Issam Nemeh, MD from Path to Faith Ministry for a Healing Service on June 7, Sunday, at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. A donation of \$20 per ticket to help defray the costs may be sent along with the specified healing service time, and a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein, 2365 St. John's Road, Maria Stein, Ohio 45860.

MARIA STEIN – From 7 p.m. Monday June 8 to 1 p.m. Saturday June 13 there will be a personally directed retreat with spiritual director: Deacon Tom Huff. Spend the week in quiet contemplation during this personally directed retreat. Those in attendance will meet with a Spiritual Director daily. Liturgy will be celebrated daily. Deacon Tom has served at four parishes during his 26+ years of Diaconal ministry. He has taught high school and served as part of the school's administrative team. He holds a Master's Degree from the University of Dayton in Pastoral Ministry and Counseling and a Doctorate in Theology from the Graduate Theological Foundation. Deacon Tom has been married for 41+ years, has two adult children and three teenage grandchildren. Cost is \$360 per person. Register by May 29.

Our Old Bookcase

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

Richard Kolter, one of Mercer County Historical Society members who now lives in Johnson City, Tenn., alerted me to their 65th class reunion, for the Rockford class of 1944. Kolter also sent me a copy of the class reunion letter, from Paul Sell, at Bluffton, Ind.

I began to wonder, how many people in Mercer County are fortunate enough to celebrate their 65th class reunion.

Three Washington Township High School graduates are celebrating their 71st, 74th, and 75th class reunions this year: Carl Adams, class of 1938; Paul Adams, class of 1935, and Arden Fennig, class of 1934. The class of 1938 had 12 students, and was the last high school graduation class from Washington Township High School, before the jgh school students were sent to Celina.

As my Fort Recovery High School classmates know, our class of 1959 will be celebrating our 50th class reunion in June. I recall when my parents celebrated their 50th class reunions at Fort Recovery. I remember thinking that I thought those people were "getting old." And now, I am one of them.

Who are the people in Mercer County who are the "oldest graduates in the county?" If you readers help me, I will make a list of the "Top 10 Oldest High School Graduates in Mercer County, in 2009." Write me a letter, or email me, the names of graduates who are celebrating their 70th class reunion or older.

The Community Post at Minster is kind enough to carry this column. I invite the citizens of Auglaize County to write me, about Auglaize County's oldest graduates of the 70th class reunion or older in 2009.

The next open house at the Mercer County Historical Museum will be held Sunday, June 28, with the 30th Annual Prehistoric Artifacts Exhibit, hosted by the Mercer County Indian Relic Collectors.

That Sunday, June 28, I will also have an exhibit of all of the letters, which are sent to me, naming the oldest high school graduates of Mercer and Auglaize Counties. Now, I am not saying that these graduates are "prehistoric" just because the exhibit will be the same day as the Prehistoric Artifacts Exhibit. I will host both exhibits, the same Sunday afternoon.

If I receive enough letters to make two lists, of the "Top 10 Oldest High School Graduates in Mercer and in Auglaize Counties in 2009," I will send those two lists to David Letterman at NYC. Of course, if David Letterman shows our "Top 10 Lists," on his Late Nite Show, most of us senior citizens will fall asleep before his show is over! Perhaps, we should be in the Guinness Book of Records?



This Rockford School Building was built in 1884, and stood at 401 South Franklin Street, in front of the 1923 School Building.

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Celebrations

Tri Star Med Prep seniors pinned

Tri Star Career Compact's junior Med Prep students hosted the annual Med Prep pinning ceremony for seniors on Tuesday, April 21 in St. Marys at the Frank Dennings Vocational Building. Approximately 100 parents, relatives, friends, school staff and administration filled the Med Prep classroom for the celebration.

The ceremony began with a brief video review of memories of the seniors' two years in the program. Senior Tonya Jutte gave the seniors' thoughts and the senior superlatives were also presented. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the caduceus pin to each senior from Med Prep instructor Janet Nelson. Pinning marks the time in which seniors enter the last few weeks of their high school career in the Med Prep program. They will wear the caduceus during final

observations of various medical professions and throughout their future medical careers. Each senior was also presented with a career passport from Tri Star Director Tim Buschur. Following the pinning, a candle lighting ceremony was held which is a symbolic gesture of the passage of knowledge from teacher to seniors and from seniors to juniors. To end the evening Nelson gave some closing thoughts and encouragement to the seniors for their future endeavors.

Seniors and their future plans include:

From Celina: Megan Darland plans to attend the University of St. Francis to major in Registered Nursing, Savannah Jones, Katie Kennison, Alyssa Myers and Cassandra Van Trees all plan to attend Rhodes State College for Registered Nursing.

From Coldwater: Ramon Brunswick plans to attend Rhodes State College for Registered Nursing, Jenny Goettemoeller plans to attend University of St. Francis for Registered Nursing, Tonya Jutte plans to attend Kettering College of Medical Arts for Respiratory Therapy, and Annie Woeste plans to attend Sinclair Community College for Registered Nursing;

From Marion Local: Jessica Bryan plans to attend Rhodes State College for Physical Therapy Assistant, Lisa Gehret plans to attend Ohio Northern University for Registered Nursing, Sara Heitkamp plans to attend Rhodes State College for Physical Therapy Assistant, Jessica Pohlman plans to attend Wright State University for Clinical Laboratory Sciences, Brittany Roeckner plans to attend Rhodes State College for Occupational Therapy Assis-



Photo provided

Tri Star Director Tim Buschur presents a career passport to Brit-tany Smith.

tant, and Brittany Smith plans to attend Rhodes State College for Registered Nursing;

From New Bremen: Megan McClurg plans to attend Rhodes State College for Occupational Therapy Assistant.

From St. Marys: Andrea Helmstetter plans to attend Eastern Michigan University for Registered Nursing, and Jessica Highley plans to attend Rhodes State College for Occupational Therapy Assistant.

Speck named nursing director for Gardens

Brenda Speck, RN, has been named director of nursing for The Gardens at St. Henry, the skilled nursing and assisted living center located on Western Avenue.

Speck was promoted to director of nursing from her role as development nurse which she has held for the last four years at The Gardens. Prior to that, she served as a staff nurse on third shift. She has a total of eight years experience in long-term care at The Gardens.

Speck was raised in St. Henry. She received her degree as a registered nurse from Kettering College of Medical Art in 1984. She is the mother of four children: Joe 19, John 17, Danielle 14 and Allison, 9. She is married to Roger Speck and the family resides in St. Henry.

Speck is actively involved in various church functions and the Wendelin Sports Club.

In her new role, Speck is responsible for staffing, training and assessing the care needs of The St. Henry Gardens' residents. She says she looks at long-term care from a different perspective because she had a parent with Alzheimer's disease who was cared for in a nursing home.

"My direction to The Gardens' staff is to treat each resident like they were your parent and you will give excellent care," she said.

The Gardens at St. Henry is a skilled nursing and assisted living center serving the St. Henry community since its opening in 2000. It is part of the Peregrine Health



Services family which also operates The Gardens at Celina and The Gardens at Wapakoneta.

Local students named to dean's lists

ATHENS - Ohio University has announced the names of 3655 students from the Athens Campus who have been named to the 2009 winter quarter dean's list:

Jamie Raterman of Fort Loramie, Leslie Muhlenkamp of Minster and Nicholas Wyen of Min-

ster.

To be named to the dean's list, a student must have earned a grade point average of at least a 3.5 for the quarter and have earned a minimum of 16 quarter hours, 12 of which were taken for letter grades.

LIMA - The University

of Northwestern Ohio is proud to acknowledge its Dean's List for March Session 2009 for students in the College of Technologies. The following full-time students received a grade point average of 3.5 or better:

Dustin Stanley Heitkamp of Maria Stein,

Dustin J. Bornhorst of Minster, Justin Paul Fleck of Minster, Curt Alan Brown of New Bremen, Matthew P. Sparks of New Bremen, Jonathan David Walterbusch of New Bremen, Tyler Nicholas Bruggeman of St Henry and Doug James Leisten-schneider of St. Henry.

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Sommer attends science meeting

ASHLAND - Minster resident Jessica Sommer attended the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Ohio Association of Family and Consumer Sciences on April 3-4 with members of the Family and Consumers Department at Ashland University.

Sommer is a freshman at Ashland University. She is a fashion merchandising major. She is a member of the family and consumer sciences club. Sommer is a 2008 graduate of Minster High School. She is the daughter of Jeffery and Mari Sommer of Minster.

During the conference, the attendees were able to attend sessions on topics ranging from: Transitioning from Middle to High School, Homeless Children, Personal Leadership Skills and Surviving in the Current Housing Market. Poster sessions included: Body Image and Breast Cancer, Children's Vegetable Intake and Classroom Noise Levels.

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Out of our past: this week in Minster's history

90 Years ago
Schmuecker Clothing Co. was advertising Balbriggan Union Suits for \$1.00; Drawers and Shirts for 50 cents and \$1.00 each and Straw Hats \$1.00--\$6.00.

NOTICE: We kindly request all patrons to return their empty beer cases, kegs, bottles and faucets at an early date. The Star Brewing Co.

On Wednesday, May 21st the District Meeting of the Threshermen of Western Ohio and East-

From out of our past

BY BOB LAMMERS



ern Indiana was held here at the plant of the J.J. Dues Machine Co. Over 400 threshermen and guests were present.

The Cataract Fire Co. spent Sunday at the reservoir fishing and a general outing.

50 Years ago
The May 21st issue contained a picture of all of the MHS Senior Class members on the steps of Capital building, Washington, DC with Congressman William M. McCulloch of Piqua.

Beer

From Page 1A

participants could listen to music by The Wannabies.

"You're supporting the organization and maybe you'll find something you'll like," Sharp said.

Pat and Linda Larger drove to Minster from Piqua to take part in the event.

"The people up here in Minster are just great," Larger said.

Linda Larger said that the couple attended last year's Bock and Rock.

"We liked it and wanted to come again," she said.

The selection is what attracted New Bremen resident Brian Puthoff to the event.

"I wanted to sample some good beer," he said.

Minster resident Norbert Vanderhorst said he attended the Bock and Rock in 2008.

"It's something different," he said, adding that the Wooden Shoe Wheat beer is his favorite.

Scott and Jennifer Kelly said they drove up from Shelby County for the festival.

"We like beer festivals," Kelly said, noting they liked the German and Belgian beers the best. "It's nice to have one close by."

St. Marys residents Nick and Gretchen Rentz and Patty and Todd Sullivan had the same answer as to why they participated in Bock and Rock.

"To try all the different beers," both said.

Tickets for Bock and Rock for a drinker cost \$20 in advance and \$25 the day of the event and \$5 for a designated driver/non-drinker.

Health-related issues are always of interest to the New Bremen-New Knoxville Rotary Club. Linda Brown, CNP, presented this week's program on Peripheral Artery Disease. She represents the Wapakoneta Imaging Center, affiliated with St. Rita's Hospital in Lima.

Peripheral Artery Disease (PAD) refers to diseases of blood vessels outside the heart and brain. It's often a narrowing of vessels that carry blood to the legs, arms and head.

In PAD, fatty deposits build up in the inner linings of the artery walls. These blockages restrict blood circulation, mainly in arteries leading to the extremities. In its early stages a common symptom is cramping or fatigue in the legs during activity. Such cramping subsides when the person stands still. People with PAD of-

ten have fatty buildup in the arteries of the heart and brain. Because of this association, most people with PAD have a higher risk of death from heart attack and stroke. Aneurysms are weaknesses in the walls of blood vessels that can cause ballooning and rupturing.

Brown compared pictures of scans and xrays showing normal arteries and vessels with aneurysms and blockages. The detail and clarity in today's diagnostic imaging helps the doctor pinpoint any problems and make the best determination regarding treatment.

The Wapakoneta Imaging Center has moved recently. Their new offices are found at 1015 S. Blackhoof Street in Wapakoneta, directly across the street from the County Engineer's office. Appointments can be made by calling 419-996-5883 or 419-

chestra.

The following seminar-ians spent the week end with their parents, and attended the 25th anniversary celebration of the Rev. William J. Meyer: Donald Moorman of St. Charles Seminary, Carthagen; Thomas Albers and Ronald Moorman of St. Joseph College, Rensselaer, Ind.; Mark Schmieder, St. Gregory Seminary, Cincinnati; Larry Eiting, Larry Wyen, Thomas Knuefner and John Wolf of Brunnerdale Seminary,

Canton.

Current news: A Salute of the WWII Era exhibit is now running until June 27 at the Minster Historical Society. Visitor Hours are Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. 2 p.m.. For group tours call 419-628-2827 for an appointment.

We're always looking for artifacts and photo of anything "Village of Minster" related. All organizations—civic, fraternal or religious; sports, farming, etc. Thank you.

Rotary hears about peripheral artery disease

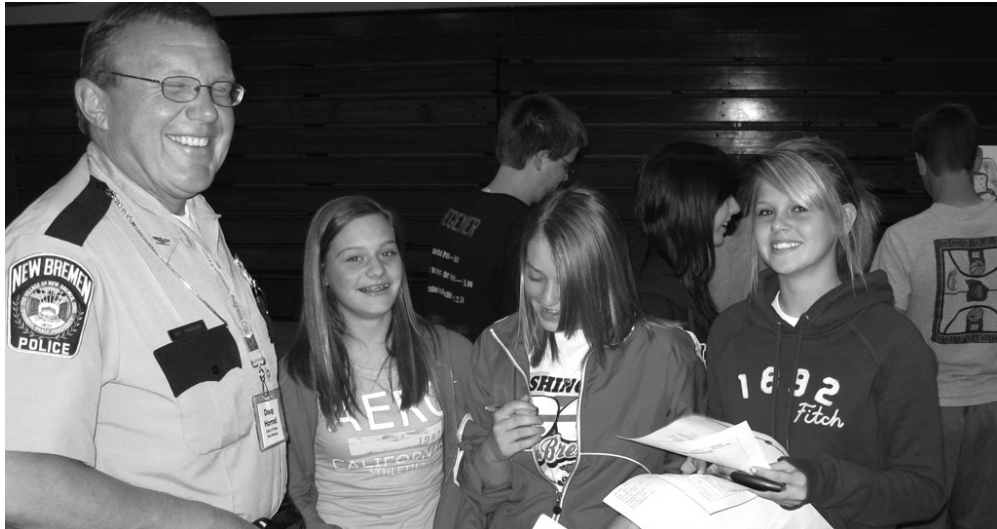


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Linda Brown CNP, with Wapakoneta Imaging Center, speaks to the New Bremen-New Knoxville Rotary Club regarding Peripheral Artery Disease.

738-1011.

The New Bremen-New Knoxville Rotary Club meets each Tuesday morning for breakfast and an informative program. Breakfast is served at 7:30 am at Speedway Lanes with the program following, concluding at 8:30 am. Guests and visitors are always welcome.

Students learn financial responsibility



Eighth grade students at New Bremen Junior High took part in a Real World/Real Money event set up by the OSU extension. This gave the students a chance to experience what it takes financially to live and to meet their daily needs. Pictured are New Bremen Chief of Police Doug Harrod with students Meagan Brandt, Elizabeth Alt, and Kinsley Slife.

Princess party!



Photo provided
Approximately 100 girls participated in the St. Augustine/St. Joseph Princess party on May 16. The girls had the opportunity to meet, Belle, Cinderella, Snow White and Pocohantas. The event raised money for those attending the Notre Dame Vision Retreat this summer.

Thanks

The 2009 Minster After-Prom Committee would like to thank them many businesses, organizations and individuals who contributed donations of cash, services, tickets or articles to be used as door prizes at this year's event. The after-prom was a huge success and would not have been possible without the communities continued support of our youth. Please patronize the businesses and organizations listed below that have many times in the past supported our community and school activities.

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Agriculture Today

Cost of global warming legislation to be main topic at Midwest Electric annual

"Climate change" legislation, including a possible carbon cap-and-trade tax, will have a significant impact on electric service and costs in the years to come. Encouraging cooperative members to become more politically involved in the issues that impact their cooperative is the main theme of this year's Midwest Electric annual meeting.

The cooperative's 72nd annual meeting will also feature a perspective on the future of power supply, an address on the "state of the cooperative," and the results of trustee elections. The meeting will be held Saturday, June 6, at Shawnee High School, Lima, with registration and a free breakfast for members and guests at 8:15 a.m. and the business meeting at 9:30 a.m.

"Most studies show Congress' proposed cap-and-trade laws will be a significant drag on the U.S. economy and will be especially harmful to low cost energy states like Ohio," said Manager/CEO Rick Gerdeman. "Plus, cap-and-trade could negatively impact the reliability of electricity, as power companies shy away from building new power plants even as demand for electricity increases."

Three of the cooperative's nine seats

on the board of trustees are up for election this year. Voting is being done by mail and on-line, and results will be announced at the annual meeting. The candidates representing Van Wert County are Phil Baxter, Willshire, and Roger Rank, Van Wert. The candidate representing Allen and Putnam counties is Tom Langhals, Columbus Grove. Also running unopposed, for the Mercer and Darke counties seat, is Gary Knapke, Coldwater.

Speakers will include CEO Gerdeman, Board President Gary Knapke, and Pat O'Loughlin, vice president of engineering, power supply and chief operating officer for Buckeye Power, the cooperative power supplier for Ohio's 25 electric

cooperatives. They will discuss Midwest Electric's financial and service performance of the past year and an update on industry issues such as generation, transmission and power delivery.

The activities will include \$2,500 in cash door prizes, plus children's games.

Based in St. Marys, Midwest Electric is the customer-owned electric cooperative for 10,700 homes, farms and businesses in Allen, Auglaize, Mercer, Van Wert, Shelby, Putnam and Darke counties.



GeoCaching event comes to Troy

GCinOHIO, a local GeoCaching club, announces its first GeoFest event to be held at the Miami County Fairgrounds in Troy, Ohio on May 29-31, 2009. Geocaching is a high-tech treasure hunting game played throughout the world by adventure seekers equipped with GPS devices. The basic idea is to locate hidden containers, called geocaches, outdoors and then share your experi-

ences online. Geocaching is enjoyed by people from all age groups, with a strong sense of community and support for the environment. The area around the GCinOHIO GeoFest is full of caching opportunities for just about every kind of cache hunt. There are over 2000 caches in a 30 mile radius!

The May event is already attracting attendees from nine states and

Canada. Attendance and registration is FREE, but when you pre-register for \$35.00, you will get a Limited Edition 2009 GCinOHIO GeoFest coin, path tag, pin, t-shirt, lanyard and a goodie bag. For a list of the fun activities being planned and for more information, please visit the club's website: <http://www.gcinohiofest.org/> You don't have to travel to a galaxy far, far away to have a great time.

OSU swine extension to offer PQA Plus certification training

Ohio State University Swine Extension will be conducting an Adult PQA Plus training program on June 9, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. via internet/phone-based delivery in connection with the county-based OSU Extension Offices. Adult PQA Plus training is open to pork

producers, agricultural instructors, extension educators, and industry representatives who have the desire to obtain PQA Plus Certification.

The internet/phone-based training program will consist of a web-based set of PowerPoint slides, a phone connection for audio, and a copy

of the Adult PQA Plus Manual. On June 9 you will call the designated teleconference number to participate and access the PQA Plus presentation on the internet at the Ohio Pork Information website. Phone lines are available centrally in cooperating counties or to individual sites as the

Concrete company president attends national technical conference



Photo provided

John Hirschfeld, President of Quality Ready Mix, attended the 2009 Concrete Technology Program of the National Ready Mix Concrete Association held May 13-15 in Cincinnati. This year's conference "Focus on Performance Prediction" offered state-of-the-art technical papers and presentations from national and international speakers. Items of particular focus included "carbon footprint", "green initiatives" and "proportion optimization."

Corn planting on target in Ohio

We're all aware of the saying that April showers bring May flowers; every spring we get some rain. But as each year goes by, farmers use better technology to get the corn planted in the ground faster and figures from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) proves this.

2009 USDA figures show there is already an estimated 3.3 million acres of corn in the ground in Ohio—helping the nation create the third largest acreage since 1949.

The USDA reports that 40 percent of corn acres had been planted in Ohio by May 15. With 10 percent of corn acres planted per day, 85 percent of the corn should be in the ground by the end of this week.

Ohio Corn Growers Association (OCGA) Executive Director Dwayne Siekman says planting is on pace nationally with last year when the nation produced the second largest crop on record.

During the second half of 2008, the cost of food increased by 7.6 percent, the worst rate of the past 20 years, while the cost of corn and other commodities have fallen. At that time, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that the price of basic foods in the United States was rising at twice the rate of inflation. While the cost of gas and corn have fallen dramatically, the cost of food remains high.

"The notion that food prices will rise because of delayed corn planting is pure nonsense," Siekman said. "Farmers are not behind in corn planting. With corn prices being lower this season, food prices should be adjusted accordingly by food manufacturers. We are still wondering when we will see the lower cost of corn reflected in food prices."

Farmers are producing more corn on less land and they're able to get it in the ground quicker due to precision planters and stronger seeds. According to Pioneer, 10 percent of the corn crop can go in the ground in one day.

In addition, researchers from the University of Illinois have stated that farmers have until the end of May before they will explore other options of a heartier corn hybrid or another crop.

"But farmers have been known to plant corn into early June," Siekman said.

About Ohio Corn Growers Association

The Ohio Corn Growers Association represents the interests of more than 20,000 corn growers in the state. OCGA works in Washington and at the Ohio Statehouse to ensure government participation in legislation is beneficial to Ohio's growers. Farmers provide food, feed and fuel to power Ohio. For more information, go to <http://www.ohio-corn.org>.



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The call-in number will be provided for central locations and to all individuals via e-mail prior to the program. The website for the presentation materials is: <http://porkinfo.osu.edu/index.html>

Please plan to register and attend this important industry certification program. Our consumers benefit when they know that swine producers and key industry educators and leaders are committed to providing safe, wholesome food from pigs that are raised under the strongest moral and ethical animal well-being standards.

Armed Forces Day

Minster exhibit salutes veterans

The Minster Historical Museum is pleased to announce its first exhibit, A Salute to the World War II Era. This exhibit starts on May 19 and runs through June 27 at the museum located at 112 W. Fourth St. in Minster next to the police station.

Hours have been extended for this special exhibit. Tuesdays from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. to allow more time for visitors. The museum is taking groups by appointment by calling 419-628-4600.

This special exhibit includes an oral history project accomplished by the efforts of the Minster High School in which they interviewed WWII veterans about their memories, and produced a video that will run during this exhibit. Also on hand are many artifacts and pictures from our local

veterans brought home, after the war, from all over the world that have never been on public display.

Interesting articles from our past have been re-created from the Minster area's archives of old newspapers of the times and happenings of this era. A special section called On the Home Front shows what the people back home did to support the war effort. There are many interesting things to see, and a few surprises around every corner.

The new museum is a non-profit organization and free to the public. The goals are to preserve and educate future generations, and to bring back fond memories for others. In this our first exhibit we salute our "Home Town Heroes," the people of "The Greatest Generation."

The Man with the Little Red Flower

A man walked down the street the other day,
The ladies of the Auxiliary came his way.

He took a poppy and gave them a dime,
He mumbled, "Why do they take up my time?"

He put the poppy in the buttonhole of his coat,
Next to some pencils and other notes.

When he got home he placed the poppy on the table,
That red paper flower with a little white label.

As he looked at the flower, as if inspired,
He wondered, "Who put this flower on this wire?"

He's probably a man who once stood tall,
And for his country he gave his all.

He might once have piloted a plane,
Now gives his all just to walk with a cane.

His strong hands were a sense of power,
Now he makes this little red flower.

In our world we are busy with money and power,
While this man's job is this little red flower.

He still takes pride in what he has to do,
Petal by petal he makes this flower for you.

This year when it comes to poppy day,
I'll be glad to see the Auxiliary come my way.

I'll cheerfully give to them generously,
For the veteran making this flower could have been me.

A Veteran's Request

When I die and you lay me to rest
Please place a poppy on my chest
To show the world I did my best
To have peace on earth for those I left
Let no man say I did not try
To make a better world for you and I

I fought the foes to keep man free and
Now it's time for me to sleep
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Students to attend Buckeye Boys, Girls State



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Buckeye State Delegates are as follows: Front row: (left to right) Todd Heitkamp, Abby Heitkamp, Kylee Bergman and Aaron Schwieterman. Second row: (left to right) Dylan Pohlman, Jordan Bertke and Stephen Huelsman.

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discussed, as well as summer student employment after the board approved 21 high school students for part-time work for the school as office workers and custodians.

An earlier decision to hire an additional third grade teacher was called into question by a few community members.

Superintendent Gayl Ray explained that because of the increased class sizes for both the current third and second graders, there is a higher number of special needs children and children that qualify for IED or are slightly above the cutoff for IED.

"If they've had smaller classes in elementary, they do better later on," said Ray. "But if they fall behind now, it's hard for them to catch up."

Anita Uetrecht, careers

and foods teacher and FCCLA advisor at Minster High School argued that the programs in high school were just as necessary.

"I understand academics," she said. "I understand talking about the students in the gray area. Those are the students that Paul [Winglewich] and I serve. I know in this area there was a push that we would stop teaching vocational education because our students have to go to 'college'. In my career class, my students are taught that we go to post-secondary education. We need to serve all our students. That has been my mission."

It was also suggested that a higher number of volunteers would be less costly than an additional teaching position for the elementary as had been

discussed and voted on by the board.

"I'd love to get more volunteers," said Ray. "But nobody's doing it. I would invite any of you to come in. We need cross guards. We could use volunteers for high school clubs on Wednesday mornings. We could use volunteers to help with math or reading in the elementary."

Uetrecht asked the board about their approach to the mentioned decisions about programs later.

"When you talk about evaluating the programs, is this going to be a board decision only?" she asked. "What ideas have you come up with? What is your tone coming to these evaluations?"

"Nothing's sacred," replied Tricia Pohl.

"We're really looking at

The pictured Marion Local students have been selected by the Maria Stein, Osgood and New Bremen American Legions and Auxiliary to attend the Buckeye Boys and Girls State Programs. The Buckeye Boys State program will be held at Bowling Green State University, from June 13 to 21. The Girls State program will be held at Ashland University, from June 14 to 20. Buckeye Boys and Girls State give students the opportunity for a "hands-on" experience in the operation of the democratic form of government, the organization of political parties and the relationship of one to the other in shaping Ohio government. These opportunities are designed to educate Ohio's young men and women in the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of good citizenship. By getting involved in the process, delegates learn more about city, county and state government in one

week than most people learn in a lifetime. Students come away with an understanding of political party structure and have a definite function in the governmental system while at Boys or Girls State.

The Boys State delegates from Maria Stein American Legion Post 571 are Jordan Bertke, son of Mike and Renee Berke; Todd Heitkamp, son of Gary and Patricia Heitkamp; Stephen Huelsman, son of Douglas and Susan Huelsman; and Aaron Schwieterman, son of Brad and Brenda Schwieterman. Dylan Pohlman, son of Kevin and Sheryl Pohlman, is the delegate from Osgood American Legion Post.

The Girls State delegate from the Maria Stein Auxiliary is Abby Heitkamp, daughter of Louis and Deb Heitkamp. The Maria Stein Auxiliary alternate is Kylee Bergman, daughter of Randy and Stacie Bergman.

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fifth grade science and social studies position with another teacher.

"It works in my mind because it's two separate subjects on every other day," said Brenda Boeke, K-8 principal. "I don't think job sharing is right for every position; it depends on the students and the subject. But I think this will work."

The board approved the position and voted for a one-year contract for the position.

Two students were recognized by the board: Amanda Lehmkuhl for winning the state division of the God, Flag and Country speech contest and Ali Bruns, who was elected to the FCCLA state council.

"I want to thank our students for coming tonight," said Ray. "We're very proud of all you've achieved."

Eldora News

Ruhlman and Trent help Eldora beat the odds

ROSSBURG – Eldora Speedway beat the odds Saturday night and pulled off a full night of racing with 75 UMP (United Midwestern Promoters) Modifieds and Eldora Stock Cars jamming the pits for Family Fun Night. Brian Ruhlman (Modifieds) and Rob Trent (Stock Cars) couldn't have been more elated, as they charged to feature

wins before a stout crowd.

For Ruhlman, it was a combination of confidence, patience and determination as he racked up his 26th career UMP win at Eldora.

Jason Wheatley, coming off a victory the week before, started on the pole of the 22-car field and appeared to be headed to yet another victory on the one-half mile clay oval. Wheatley continued to hold off the pack despite several caution flag periods that continued to bunch up the field.

After pulling into the runner-up spot with about 6 laps to go, Ruhlman used his knowledge of Eldora to set up Wheatley. A caution flag with two laps to go had

set up the move.

"I knew I had one lap to get him – I waited until that last lap to try something, because I didn't want him to bet back underneath me" said Ruhlman from victory lane. "This is awesome, the track was great, everybody did a great job to see that we could race tonight, we appreciate it."

No stranger to Eldora, Ruhlman saw the white flag, indicating one lap to go, and shoved his Modified as hard as he could to the low side of turn number 1, in preparation for a patented Eldora slide job. The surprised Wheatley watched in amazement as Ruhlman slid in front of him and tried desperately to dive to the bottom

of him off of turn two, but didn't have the necessary steam.

Also storming in at the finish, with a power move off of turn four was Jeff Babcock who roared him in second place, followed by Wheatley. Todd Sherman continued his impressive Eldora season with fourth place honors, while David Smith impressed the stout crowd with a strong charge from deep in the back to finish fifth.

Rob Trent, has many Eldora wins to his credit, but over the past several years, has been sitting on the sidelines. This year he has returned to full-time Eldora racing and the move paid off Saturday night with a strong run.

Commenting in victory lane,

"whew, it's been a long time – I've got to thank my crew, they worked so hard for me to do this."

What 'this' is, was a flag-to-flag victory in the 15-lap night cap for Stock Cars.

It wasn't easy, as former champion Jeff Babcock roared up to challenge Trent at mid-point, only to suffer engine woes and retire to the pit area. Then Jeremy Creech and Scott Bowersock joined the fray to offer their run at Trent, but he withstood all challengers to stand boldly with the checkered flag at the finish.

Creech, Bowersock, Earnie Woodard and Tony Anderson followed Trent across the line.

Eldora's Appleseed Classic brings anticipation

ROSSBURG – With the racing action moving from its traditional Saturday night format to a Sunday night this coming holiday weekend, the scheduled Johnny Appleseed Classic for the Sunoco sponsored American Late Model Series is always a night of anticipation of wonder, as it serves as the final tune-up for the \$100,000 to win Dirt Late Model Dream coming up two weekends later (June 5 & 6). The card will also feature the NRA (National Racing Alliance) Sprint Invaders with their first 2009 Eldora appearance, along with the Eldora Stock Cars, which have become

highly competitive.

Begun in 1970 at Mansfield Raceway (which was also owned by previous Eldora Speedway owner Earl Baltes), the Johnny Appleseed Classic is one of the oldest events on the Eldora menu, and has a storied history of winners. The event was moved from Mansfield to Eldora in 1988, which it has held solid ground since that transition. Only one time has the event fallen victim to rain cancellation

(2000), as 38 events have been completed with an amazing 31 different winners.

Shane Yoder heads up the list with 3 victories, while the only other drivers with duplicate wins have been John Lawhorn, Larry Yantis, Larry Scott, Kris Patterson and Brian Ruhlman. Josh Richards is the defending Appleseed champion.

With the knowledge gained from track time at Eldora in anticipation

of the Dirt Late Model Dream, many times ink the Appleseed as a must-visit event on the calendar and will often drive great distances from events the previous night just to turn Eldora laps.

For the NRA teams, the special Sunday day will serve as track time as well, as the Lima-based organization will have two big nights of racing upcoming during this year's Kings Royal (July 17 & 18).

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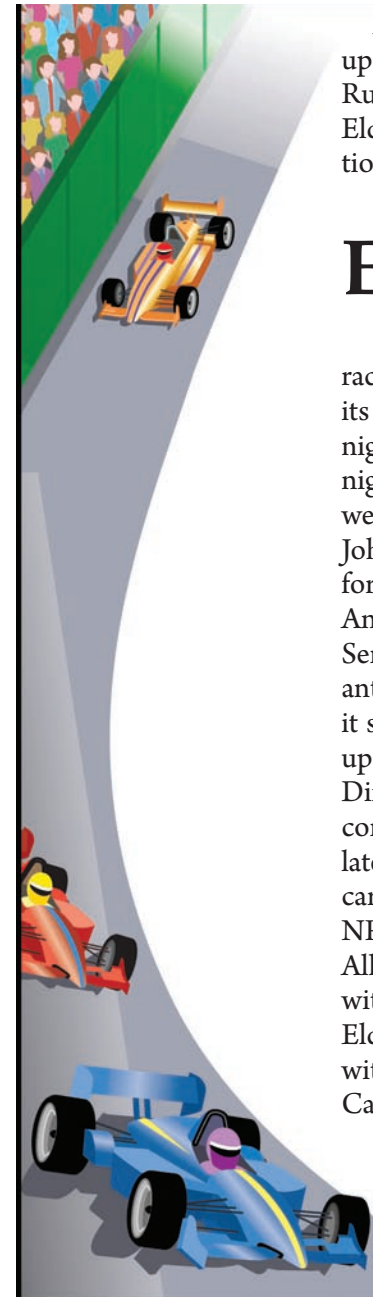
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Village of Minster
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SPORTS

Cardinals, Wildcats take one and two in MAC

By Randy Wilker
Sports Correspondent

COLDWATER – It came down to the boy’s 4 x 400 relay race and the New Bremen team edged Minster by 1.3 seconds and that led the Cardinals to defeat Minster in the team standings of the annual MAC track meet held Friday at Coldwater.

“It was a very close meet,” Minster head coach Larry Topp said. “We knew it was going to be that way. We were just hoping for it to come down to the last race. We ran very well today but it just wasn’t enough.”

In the boy’s team standings New Bremen edged Minster 146 to 130. Coldwater was third with 97 points. New Knoxville was ninth with 11 points.

“Our guys had to run very well today,” Cardinals head coach Gary Jones said. “We have the utmost respect for the Minster Wildcats and head coach Larry Topp. We knew at the beginning of the year that we had to perform extremely well to have any kind of chance at all. I think that competition has made us so

much better. It was nip and tuck the whole way.”

The boys started with the 110 meter hurdles and Zach Speckman won in a time of 15 seconds. Tyler Richard of Minster was fourth in 15.53 and Matt Sindelar of New Bremen was fifth in 15.90.

In the 100 meter dash Albert Barga of Minster won in 11.10 seconds. Tyler Whitford of Minster was fourth in 11.53, Jon Hamilton of New Bremen was fifth in 11.55 and Scott Lammers of New Bremen was seventh in 11.87.

“Individually Albert Barga made it in the 400 and the 100 and Jake Phlipot won the shot put,” Topp said. “In the districts it will be similar to today between New Bremen and Minster. We have to look at the big picture.”

In the 4 x 200 relay Minster was second to Coldwater 1:31.60 which was a meet record and Minster had a time of 1:32.67 which also beat the meet record. New Bremen was third in 1:33.50.

New Bremen was one and two

in the 1600 meter run. Jeff Kremer won in 4:24.04 and Justin Eilerman was second in 4:29.01. Joby Stechschulte of Minster was fourth in 4:39.99. Adam Wierwille of New Knoxville was fifth in 4:44.60. Francis Slonkosky of Minster was seventh in 4:46.27 and Elijah Slavitt of New Knoxville was ninth in 4:52.

Minster was third in the 4 x 100 relay in 44.73 and New Bremen was fourth in 45.36.

Albert Barga of Minster set a meet record in the 400 dash in a time of 50.25. Michael Travis of New Bremen was third in 51.68. Levi Orlick of New Knoxville was sixth in 51.95 and Alex Abbott of Minster was seventh in 52.95.

In the 300 hurdles Zach Speckman of New Bremen broke the meet record time finishing second in 38.60 and Tyler Richard of Minster was sixth in 42.87.

Jeff Kremer of New Bremen won the 800 run in a time of 1:59.35. Oliver Barga of Minster was fourth in 2:03.85 and Joby Stechschulte was seventh in 2:05.92. Kyle Knapke of New

Bremen was 10th in 2:11.93.

Albert Barga of Minster was second in the 200 dash in 23.05 and Michael Travis of New Bremen was seventh in 23.99.

Justin Eilerman just missed the meet record as he won the 3200 in a time of 9:58.61. Jack Olding of Minster was fifth in 10:36.99 and Kaleb Swiger of New Bremen was sixth in 10:39.79. Francis Slonkosky of Minster was 10:49.93. Adam Wierwille of New Knoxville was eighth in 10:52.53 and Brad Lucia was 10th in 11:01.64.

New Bremen capped the day

off by winning the 4 x 400 relay in a time of 8:11.47 and Minster was second in 8:14.50 and New Knoxville was sixth in 8:30.95.

“Jeff Kremer just had an incredible meet for us,” Jones said. “He came home with four first place races. Zach Speckman and Michael Travis also had great meets. We knew we had to score in almost every event to win the meet and our guys stepped up.”

“It is going to be back and forth in the districts,” Jones said. “We want to keep it going, but the key in the district is to advance the athletes.”



Photo by John Zwez

The Cardinal boys track team edged the MAC championship from the Minster Wildcats by 16 points at the finals on Friday, May 15.

Lady Wildcats at second, Cardinals take third

By Randy Wilker
Sports Correspondent

COLDWATER – The Versailles Tigers easily defeated the Minster Wildcats in the annual MAC girl’s track meet Friday held at Coldwater. The Tigers defeated Minster 166.5 to 117.5. New Bremen was tied for third with Coldwater with each team scoring 73.5 points.

“The girls ran well tonight,” Minster head coach Cindy Nelson said. “They

ran their best and that is all you can hope for. Alyssa Kemper won the 200 and won the 4 x 4 relay in .01 seconds. It came down to a lean and a head.”

Kayla Wuebker of Minster won the pole vault with a leap of 10 feet. Sarah Huelsman was fourth at 9-8. Emily Rutschilling of New Bremen was sixth at 9-4.

In the 100 meter hurdles Renee Dicke of New Bremen was sixth in 17.18 and Stacy Sherman of Minster was seventh in 17.38 and Kayla Wuebker was eighth in 18.08.

Kyleigh Suchland of New Bremen finished in fifth in the 100 dash in 13.13. Kelly Mueller of Minster was sixth in 13.43. Minster was second in the 4 x 200 relay in



Photo by John Zwez

Two Minster runners fly over the hurdles at the MAC finals.

1:50.22 and New Bremen was third in 1:50.55.

In the 1600 meter race Jessica Albers of Minster was third in 5:19.28 and Bernadette Burke was fourth in 5:29.82. Alexis Niekamp of New Bremen was 10th in 6:00.82 and Jill Rhoades was 15th in 6:19.21. Katie Phillips of New Knoxville was right behind in 6:20.91.

Minster was fourth in the 4 x 100 relay in 52.12.

Taylor Jones of New Bremen won the 400 meter dash in a time of 59.96 and Samantha Hoelscher of Minster was sixth in

1:02.46 and Sophia Richard was eighth in 1:03.93.

“People are coming through for us,” Cardinals head coach Sue Ritter said. “We are so small on numbers that there is not much we can change. Taylor Jones won the 400 and Caitlin Chaney set a school record in the 800 race. In the districts we are running well now and we just have to keep our heads up.”

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By Randy Wilker
Sports Correspondent

MINSTER – A three-run explosion in the fourth inning and an excellent pitching performance from Caleb Allen allowed the New Knoxville Rangers to hang on for a 5-4 victory over the Minster Wildcats in the Division IV sectional championship game held Thursday at Hanover Street Park in Minster.

The last time a New Knoxville team won a sectional baseball championship was in 1993 when head coach Ron Reineke was a senior. They also defeated Minster.

Allen pitched a complete game victory for the Rangers giving up four runs on five hits. He struck out 10 and walked six.

“Caleb Allen is a nice pitcher,” Minster head coach Mike Wiss said. “He did exactly what he wanted to do against us. He got us to swing at pitches above our hands. I’m not going to say his curveball was very good, but he threw the curveball just enough to keep us guessing. That kept us off of his fastball a little bit.”

It was Minster who grabbed the early lead as they scored two runs in the first inning. With one out, Robert Gruber reached on an error, Tim Brown drew a walk and Jack Griner singled to load the bases. Austin Baumer came up and smacked a single to left to bring home Gruber and Brown and gave the Wildcats a 2-0 lead.

“You could see that when New Knoxville hit Eric (Trushaw’s) fastball they hit the middle of the ball and it carried,” Wiss said. “We were top-half, bottom-half most of the game and the ball wasn’t carrying.”

That lead was short lived as New

Knoxville answered with two runs in the top of the second inning with two outs. Cody Horstman singled to left and promptly stole second. After a walk to Addison Wolf, Michael Wood launched a double to deep center field that scored Horstman and Wolf to tie the game at two.

Minster regained the lead in the third inning. With one out, Griner and Baumer singled and Adam Sherman walked to load the bases. Josh Watercutter then laid down a sacrifice bunt to bring home Griner for a 3-2 lead.

The Rangers jumped ahead for good with three runs in the fourth inning. Derek Dicke led off with a single and stole second. After a pop up, Dicke tied the game when he scored on a double to center by Wolf. Wood followed with another double to score Wolf and Wood scored the fifth Ranger run on a two-out single by Marcus Reineke.

The Wildcats tried to mount a

comeback in the bottom of the seventh. With one out, Gruber drew a walk and Brown singled. Gruber came home to score on a ground out by Griner. Following a walk to Austin Baumer, Caleb Allen struck out Sherman for the 5-4 victory.

New Knoxville has played very well this year,” Wiss said. “You talk to Brian from Coldwater, to John (Dorner) from St. Henry, the Versailles head coach and Greg (Cox) from New Bremen and they are going to tell you that New Knoxville has been in every MAC game this year. A lot of them have been one or two run losses in the last two innings where they had held the lead or given it up at the end. Today they got over the hump.”

“I enjoyed all the seniors that I have had this year and they did a great job,” Wiss concluded. “It is hard to end a season like this.”

The Wildcats end their 2009 season at 15-10.



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Minster’s second baseman looks to first after tagging a Ranger out.

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Flyers advance in tournament

By Jessica Honigford
Community Post

COLDWATER – The start of Marion Local’s game against St. Henry on Friday did not start the way the Flyers wanted. In the first three innings six of the 11 batters struck out. The only run scored for the Flyers in the first three innings was a solo shot over the left-center



Photo by Fred Kremer
First baseman Jake Bertke snags the ball as a Redskin taps the base.

fence by junior Travis Winner to tie the game. Meanwhile on the defensive half of the innings for the Flyers, pitcher Monte Imwalle gave up four runs on seven hits while his defense committed three errors behind him. That all changed in the fourth inning, and from then on the Flyers controlled the game, coming

out the victors with a 7-5 win over the Redskins, allowing Marion Local to move on to the Elida districts which will take place on Thursday May 21.

The fourth inning did not look lucky at first to the Flyers as Ben Smith and Marcus Moeller struck out and grounded out.

Then the two-out rally began. Imwalle drew a four-pitch walk from St. Henry southpaw Nick Bruns. Troy Prenger then moved Imwalle to third with a single bringing Jason Wolters to the plate. Wolters smacked a two-run double to cut St. Henry’s lead to 4-3.

St. Henry added a run to their lead in the bottom of the fourth when Tyler Bruns reached the hot corner on a triple before coming home on a pass ball by Smith.

The inning fizzled out for the Redskins with three straight outs to end the inning.

The Flyer’s offense upped the tempo again in the top of the fifth. Nate Thobe started the ining with a double to left field.

Then two outs later Smith reached on a walk and stole second to put two on in scoring position for Moeller.

Moeller singled bringing Thobe home while an error on the third baseman allowed Smith to cross home plate, tying the game at 5.

Imwalle then reached yet again on a walk putting two on for Prenger, who singled scoring Moeller from second base.

By the time the dust settled the Flyers had taken the lead 6-5.

The Flyers would add one more run in the sixth inning on one hit and two errors.

St. Henry tried one last time in the seventh to get its bats moving. Jason Westgerdes doubled up the middle the moved to third on an error before Jordan Post’s left-field single would bring Westgerdes home.

That would be all for the Redskins though, as they could not add on another run to tie the game.

The number two seeded Redskins finish out their season at 12-5 while the Flyers improve to 10-6 on the year.

Girls

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In the 300 hurdles Stacy Sherman of Minster was fifth in 49.67 and Renee Dicke of New Bremen was sixth in 49.77.

Maria Dahlinghaus of Minster was second in the 800 in 2:19.46 and Caitlin Chaney of New Bremen was third in 2:20.43. Jessica Albers of Minster was seventh in 2:29.41.

Alyssa Kemper of Minster won the 200 dash in 26.33 and Kyleigh Suchland of New Bremen was third in 27.10.

Averie Bornhorst of Minster was fourth in the 3200 in 12:28.62 and Lauren Fausey was seventh in 13:09.19. Alexis Niekamp of New Bremen was ninth in 13:22.64 and Jill Rhoades was 13th in 14:04.95.

Minster was second in the 4 x 200 relay in a time of 1:50.22 and New Bremen was third in 1:50.55.

The districts will be run at Minster next Thursday and Saturday.



Photo by John Zwez
A Marion Local Lady Flyer vaults over the pole at Coldwater.

Lady Flyers drop sectional semifinal

By Jessica Honigford
Community Post

NEW BREMEN – The opening game of the tournament had the makings of an epic defensive battle for the

Marion Local Flyers. Marion Local faced off against fellow MAC member Parkway for the varsity softball sectional semis on Tuesday May 12 in what would turn out to be a pitching gem for both teams in the extra-inning game.

In the end the Panthers would keep Marion Local at bay winning the right to continue down the tournament trail with a 3-2 win over the Flyers.

After going down in order in the first inning, the visiting Flyers struck first in the second. Sophomore Gina Heitkamp hit a single into right-center field to start the inning. Kensey Schwieterman’s sacrifice to the pitcher would move Heitkamp along to second, putting her in scoring position for Andrea Mescher

with two outs. The junior hit a single into right field scoring Heitkamp and giving the Flyers the one-run advantage early on.

On the defensive end Marion Local’s pitcher, sophomore Jodi Otte, was perfect on the mount through one and a third innings, forcing five ground outs, four fly-outs and a strike out to retire the first 10 batters.

The only blip on the map for the Panthers in the first four innings of the game was a one-out single to left field by H. Buker.

Both teams’ bats struggled throughout the fourth, fifth and sixth innings until a left-center double scored the runner on first for the Panthers, tying the game at 1-1. Parkway had its chance to break the game open in

the sixth with a runner on second and one out. On what appeared to have been a double to center field, Meshcer made a strong throw to the plate to catch the runner at home. Schwieterman then threw down to third to catch the batter in an 8-2-5 double play to end the inning and the Panther’s possible offensive assault.

The Flyers’ bats remained quiet in the seventh and eighth innings as well. The Panther’s pitcher threw just 10 pitches in the top of the seventh inning as Schwieterman, Mescher and Michelle Thobe each flied out, going down in order. In the eighth inning Nicole Schwieterman bunted foul on the third strike for the first out of the inning. Ellen Mescher grounded out to the pitcher on the

first pitch of her at-bat and Rachel Puthoff struck out looking to end the inning.

The Flyer’s would get their final chance in the top of the ninth inning.

Amber Fleck hit a single to right field, eventually reaching third on an error by the Parkway third baseman. That same error allowed Schwieterman to get on board. Fleck scored on Mexcher’s sacrifice to the second baseman before Thobe recorded the final out of the inning with a ground ball to the short stop.

The Flyers held on to a 2-1 lead going into the bottom of the ninth.

The Flyers’ defense never recorded an out in the ninth inning as Otte gave up a single and hit a batter before Fleck committed an error

at third to score a Parkway runner. Otte then walked the bases full with an intentional walk before a single to left field ended the game with a 3-2 Parkway win.

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Cardinals slam Fort Recovery

By Randy Wilker
Sports Correspondent

MINSTER – The New Bremen Cardinal baseball team jumped on Fort Recovery early and for the second consecutive game the Cardinals pitched a combined no hitter as they defeated the Indians 7-0 Thursday in the Division IV sectional championship played at Minster.

Last Tuesday Marcus Bergman and Jared Cox combined to no hit the Indians and Thursday Andy Timmerman and Corey Jutte hooked up for the no hitter.

“I’m real excited,” Cardinals head coach Greg Cox said. “This was the first tournament win for myself as a head coach. These guys really worked hard and I’m really proud of them.”

New Bremen jumped on Fort Recovery quick in the first inning. Corey Jutte led off with a single and a stolen base. After a pop up, Hank Zwiep laid down a perfect bunt for a base hit and then Spencer Rohr jumped on the first pitch to launch a three-run homerun over the fence in left field.

“(Greg) Kahlig is a good pitch-

er,” Cox said. “He has thrown the ball well this year and he beat us last year in the tournament. I was proud of these guys for not letting it get in their head that he beat us last year. We jumped out on him early and that set the tone for the rest of the game.”

The Cardinals increased the lead to 4-0 with a run in the fourth inning. Adam Meyer reached on a bunt single and after a strikeout, Bergman singled. Ryan Evers reached on a fly ball to right when the fielder dropped the ball allowing Meyer to score.

New Bremen concluded their scoring in the fifth inning. Zwiep drew a walk and Rohr reached on a hit batter. After a strikeout, Zwiep-

scored on a passed ball and Rohr came home on an error. After a walk to Meyer, he scored on a single by Calib Cox to make the score 7-0.

Fort Recovery loaded the bases in the seventh on an error and two walks before Jutte came in and struck out Ryan Schoen and got Nathan Keller to lineout to short for a game ending double play.

“I thought we played an excellent defensive game tonight,” Cox said. “Andy Timmerman threw an excellent game and stayed ahead in the count most of the time and the key for us was to keep their runners off the base.”

The Cardinals (13-10) will play in the district tournament on Wednesday at 6:45 p.m.



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Alayna Albers, daughter of Byron and Darcee Albers
"I want to be a rock star because I like to sing and a cheerleader."



Conner Albers, son of Bradley and Dina Albers
"Baseball player for the Cincinnati Reds."



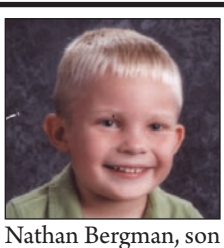
Bryce Barhorst, son of Brian and Chris Barhorst
"A doctor"



Jacob Bear, son of Kevin and Jennifer Bear
"Construction worker."



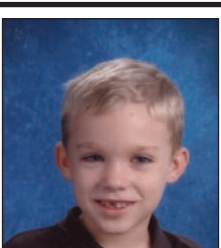
Joel Berelsman, son of Ron and Bonnie Berelsman
"A Fisherman."



Nathan Bergman, son of Kathy and Andy Bergman
"A fireman, work at Pioneer Electric or farm so I can stay home all day like Uncle Mike."



Abby Bertke, daughter of Dale and Karen Bertke
"Nurse."



John William Billing, son of Josh and Cathy Billing
"Draw pictures to go in the books I read."

Here's to the class of 2021

Another year of school has come and gone, bringing with it scores of kindergarten graduates ready to take that next step in their education with their advancement into the first grade.

In this tab are the kindergarten graduates of Fort Loramie, Marion Local, Minster and new Bremen, the students who will celebrate their high school graduation in the year 2021. In this issue the students answer the famous question, "What do you want to be when you grow up?"

These students have very specific goals in mind. Some want to carry on family businesses

with their moms, dads and even uncles. Some want to go into a service-related field, as doctors, nurses, firefighters and police officers. And of course there are the students reaching for the ever-elusive positions as baseball players, basketball players and soccer players for teams such as the Cincinnati Reds and the Ohio State Buckeyes.

Be sure to keep this treasured keepsake edition of The

Community Post, so in 12 years when these students are donning a cap and gown as they cross the stage as graduating seniors, you can see if their career goals are the same as always.



Class of 2021

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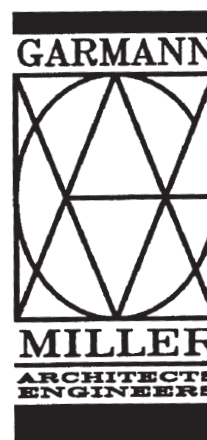
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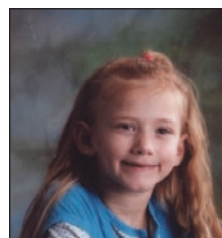
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Mara Blanke, daughter of Jeff and Suzanne Blanke
"Cheerleader, teacher and a mommy."



Amy Bostic, daughter of Stacy and Shawn Bostic
"Doctor."



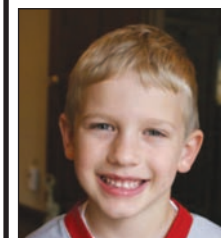
Nathaniel Bowers, son of Melissa Hagens and Chad Bowers
"Fireman."



Erin Cone, daughter of Nicole and Scott Cone
"A veterinarian."



Maria Dircksen, daughter of Steve and Carol Dircksen
"A doctor so I can help people."



Evan Dorsten, son of Sean and Sandy Dorsten
"A baseball player."



Matthew Droesch son of Jeremy and Nickie Droesch
"In the army."



Nathan Droesch, son of Jeremy and Nickie Droesch
"Police officer."



Allison Dwenger, daughter of Todd and Marlene Dwenger
"Teacher and cheerleader."



Katelyn Eilerman, daughter of Jay and Jeny Eilerman
"Fashion designer."



Bryan Falk, son of Pete and Sue Falk
"I want to be a pro bowler and work at Crown."



Leland Frick, son of David and Gina Frick
"I want to be a basketball player and engineer."



Owen Grillot, son of Chad and Melanie Grillot
"Police man."



Brady Heitkamp, son of Terry and Kelly Heitkamp
"I want to go to the army and drive a tank."



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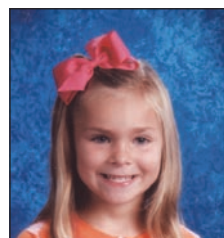
Minster Kindergarten Graduates



Brady Hoelscher, son of
Greg and Gail Hoelscher
"I want to be in the
Army."



Jackson Hogenkamp,
son of Scott and Shelly
Hogenkamp
"A catcher or a
right fielder for the
Cincinnati Reds."



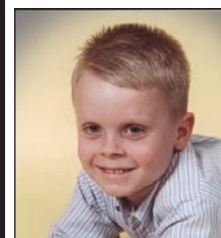
Jane Hoying, daughter of
Jon and Sheri Hoying
"A teacher."



Joseph Keller, son of
Ron and Leanne Keller
"I want to be a
zookeeper because I like
animals and I like to be
around them."



Adam Ketner, son of
Chris and Leah Ketner
"I want to be an architect
when I grow up."



Austin Larger, son of
Marc and Amy Larger
"I'm going to be a
doctor at make-believe
hospital so I can see my
grandma."



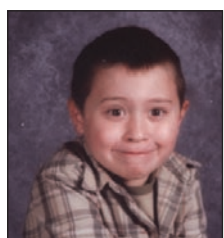
Katherine Larger,
daughter of Doug and
Karla Larger
"I want to be a second
grade teacher."



Joseph Magato, son
of Jessie and Jeremy
Magato
"When I grow up I want
to be a karate teacher."



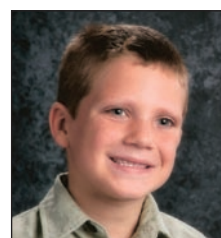
Austin Moeller, son
of Joe and Jennifer
Moeller
"Police officer."



Chayse Morrow, son of
Scott Morrow and Drew
Gonzalez
"A rock and roll band."



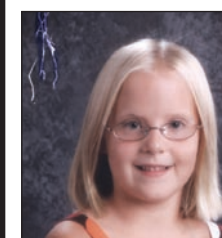
Elyssa Nicole Mullins,
daughter of James and
Terri Mullins
"I want to be a firefighter
that fights fires and saves
lives."



Justin Nixon, son of Tim
and Trina Nixon
"A baseball player."



Kierstyn Oberdorf,
daughter of Larry and
Christine Oberdorf
"A doctor or nurse. When
I grow up and have kids
I can give them shots it
won't hurt as bad."



Brynn Oldiges, daughter
of Craig and Dianne
Oldiges
"Vet."



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Drew Perryman, son of Cliff and Jenny Perryman
"A train engineer."



Mason Pohl, daughter of Keith and Tricia Pohl
"A daycare worker."



Dana Prenger, daughter of Mark and Jodi Prenger
"I want to be a teacher and a mom."



Steven Rice, son of Melanie Morrow and Walter Rice
"I want to be a pro golfer."



Kody Richard, son of Tom and Traci Richard
"To be an engineer like my dad and a football or basketball player."



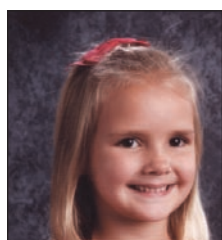
Luke Ripploh, son of Ted and Jenny Ripploh
"Basketball coach and a baseball player."



Katherine Rutschilling, daughter of Doug and Annie Rutschilling
"A sketch artist."



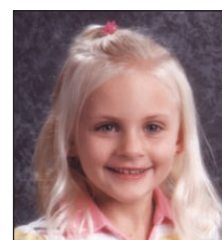
Eric Schmidt, son of Mark and Chris Schmidt
"Basketball player and an eye doctor like my dad."



Grace Schmiesing, daughter of John and Jamie Schmiesing
"I want to be a cheerleader."



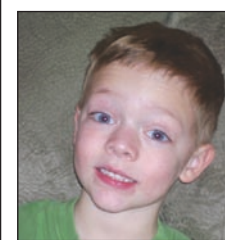
Cory Schulze, son of Brenda Schulze
"I want to be a pro football player and a fire fighter."



Nora Elizabeth Schwartz, daughter of Heather Coby and Jason Schwartz
"Veterinarian."



Ava Sharp, daughter of Shawn and Deb Sharp
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Logan Tumbusch, son of Dan and Lisa Tumbusch
"I want to be a construction worker."



Isaiah Vanderhorst son of Eric and Pam Vanderhorst
"Train conductor."



Sean Wehrman, son of Tammy and Ken Wehrman
"Airplane pilot."



Ivy Wolf, daughter of James and Shelly Wolf
"Artist."



Inexpensive family vacations

When an economy begins to suffer, few industries get hit harder than the tourism industry. Typically, vacationers choose to stay home during a recession, as money is tight and futures are less certain than during economic boom times.

Considering the current state of the economy, it's no surprise many families are choosing to save money this year and forgo their annual vacations. However, families staying home this vacation season don't have to spend that valuable vacation time on the couch. The following inexpensive ideas can help families make lasting vacation memories while protecting their bottom line as well.

***Visit family:** Visiting relatives for vacations can be a great way to reconnect with family and save money at the same time. If planned ahead of time, families can arrange to visit their relatives and save money by staying

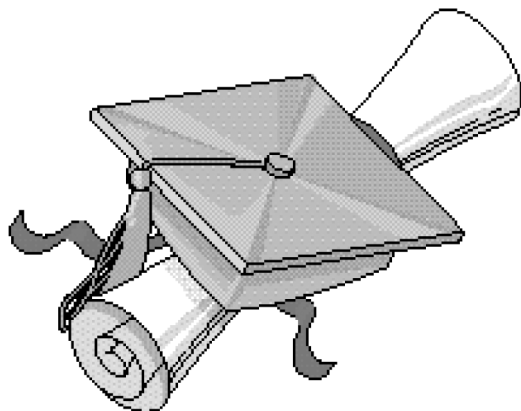


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Trips to the local amusement park can be fun for kids and parents alike while also helping parents save money and stay closer to home in a difficult economy.

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daughter of Allen and
Christy Bertke
"I want to be a baby-
sitter."



Jaclyn Bertke daughter
of Rodney and Lisa
Bertke
"Teacher and part
time on the fire
department."



Zachary Bertke, son
of Jim and Annette
Bertke
"Firefighter."



Madison Clem,
daughter of Tony and
Jill Clem
"A dentist."



Madison Cordonnier
daughter of Casey and
Stephanie Cordonnier
"Lawyer."



Chase Cramer, son
of Rebecca Caywood
and Ryan Cramer
"Policeman."



Luke Davidson, son
of Randy and Lisa
Davidson
"A police officer."



Wyatt Dicke, son of
Keith and Betsy Dicke
"A carpenter."



Anne Marie Duncan,
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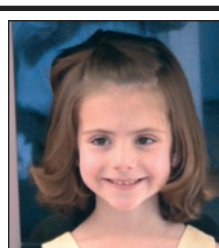
Estella Noelle Hainline,
daughter of Gregory and
LeeAnne Hainline
"Map maker."



Mitchell M. Hays, son
of Mitch and Jennifer
Hays
"Policeman."



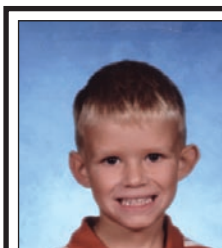
Diana Heitkamp,
daughter of Greg and Jill
Heitkamp
"I want to be a baby-
sitter, helping children."



Jessica Heitkamp,
daughter of Eric and
Jenny Heitkamp
"When I grow up I
would like to be a family
doctor."



Dylan Herzog, son of
Dustin Herzog and Ben
and Faith Harrod.
"Firefighter, doctor, vet
and a cowboy."



Preston Hoehne, son
of Patrick and Diane
Hoehne
"Basketball player."



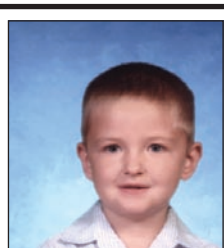
Dan Homan, son of
John and Jean Homan
"I want to be a
veterinarian."



Max Homan, son of
Frank and Betty Homan
"I want to be a farmer."



Kaitlyn Howell,
daughter of Tom and
Jen Howell
"A teacher and a book
writer."



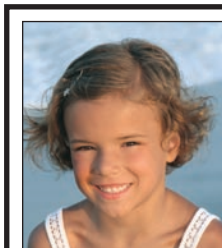
Griffin Huber, son of
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"Police officer."



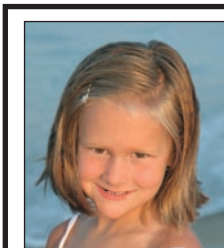
Emma Keller, daughter
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Keller
"A teacher."



Megan Krieg, daughter
of Seb and Susan Krieg
"Teacher and a fire
fighter."



Tess Lane, daughter of
Donna and Larry Lane
"Teacher."



Zoe Lane, daughter of
Donna and Larry Lane
"Singer."



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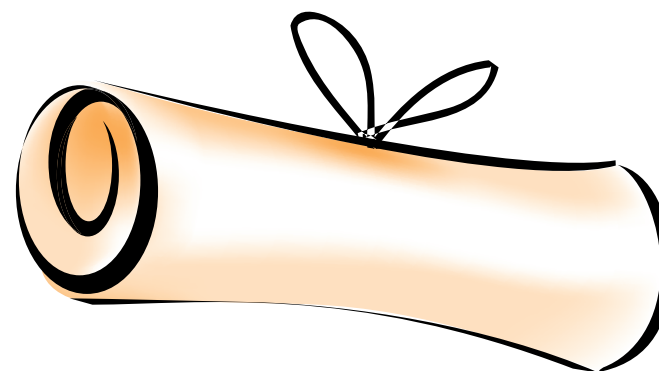
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Liu
"Race car driver."



Madison Lozier,
daughter of Jason and
Jessica Lozier
"A babysitter and a
pre-school teacher."



Aubrey Madison,
daughter of Todd and
Stephanie Madison
"Nurse."



Logan Opperman, son
of Joshua and Amy
Opperman
"I want to be a football
player."



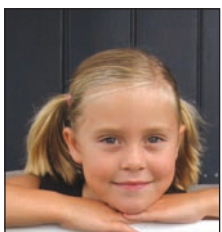
Claire Elizabeth Pape,
daughter of Steve and
Becky Pape
"When I grow up
I want to be a pre-
school teacher or
kindergarten teacher."



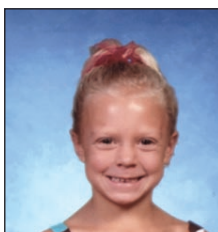
Megan Quandt,
daughter of Stephen
and Lily Quandt
"A super model."



Connor Ransbottom,
son of Eric and Carla
Ransbottom
"I want to be a
lawyer, so I can yell at
people."



Josie Reinhart,
daughter of Pete and
Pam Reinhart
"Zoo keeper."



Elli Bleu Roetgerman,
daughter of Kirk and
Betty Roetgerman
"A vet, a cook and a
gymnast."



Sam Sailer, son of John
and Jenny Sailer
"I want to be a fireman."



Brooklynn Schlarman,
daughter of Tanya and
Brad Schlarman
"Nurse."



Eli Schmittmeyer, son
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"Lego maker."



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Sniegowski
"Take care of pets."



Hailey Stammen,
daughter of Justin
Stammen
"Doctor."



Laura Steineman,
daughter of John and
Stacie Steineman
"Babysitter."



Benjamin Steinke, son
of Mike and Tracy
Steinke
"I want to be a
policeman so I can save
people."



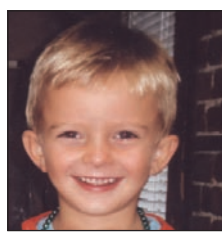
Dominick Steinke,
son of Chris and Jenni
Steinke
"Football player."



Piper Stephens,
daughter of James and
Amy Stephens
"A veterinarian."



Jadyn Suchland,
daughter of Troy and
Lori Suchland
"A chef."



Kyle Tenkman, son
of Ron and Dina
Tenkman
"A football and
baseball player. That's
all."



Alayna Thieman,
daughter of Mari and
Todd Thieman
"Teacher."



Nicole This, daughter
of Peter and Shelley
This
"Teacher."



Casey Topp, son of
Gregg and Angie Topp
"NASCAR driver."



Callie Wells, daughter
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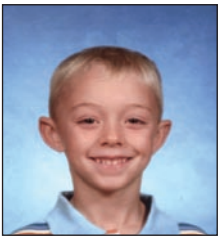
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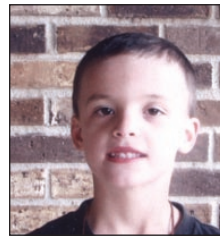


Ethan Austin, son of
Jamie and Barb Austin
"Veterinarian and a
farmer."

Carson Barhorst,
son of Jeff and Krista
Barhorst
"I want to be like
my dad and fix air
conditioners."



Samuel Barhorst, son
of Chuck and Sharon
Barhorst
"Basketball player."



Dustin Billing, son of
Shane and Bev Billing
"Tennis player."



Karsen Boerger,
daughter of Michael
Boerger
"Gymnast."



Reece Boerger,
daughter of Craig and
Lisa Boerger
"A nurse."



Austin Bollheimer, son
of Rick and Annette
Bollheimer
"Farmer."



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son of Jason and
Jennifer Bruns
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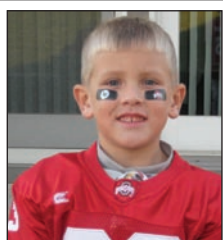
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Ava Grudich, daughter of Chris and Jen Grudich
"An artist."



Kevin Richard Gusching, son of Don and Lynn Gusching
"Rancher and cowboy."



Destiny Harris, daughter of Tiffany Phillipson and Michael Harris
"I want to be a veterinarian."



Hailey Hoelscher, daughter of Kim Berkey and Brian Sherman



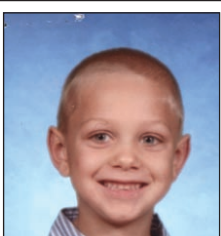
McKenzie Hoelscher, daughter of Alan and Angie Hoelscher
"School teacher, babysitter and swim teacher."



Emily Holthaus, daughter of John and Kelly Holthaus
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Lorissa Hoying, daughter of Tom and Holli Hoying
"Volleyball player."



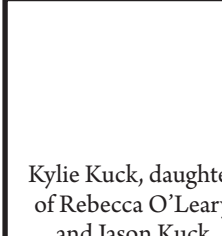
Max Hoying, son of Tony and Jorgi Hoying
"A farmer and a hunter."



Owen Kitzmiller, son of Matt and Angie Kitzmiller
"Builder."



Tyler Luthman, son of Tony and Renee Luthman
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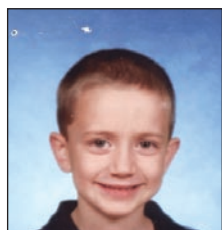
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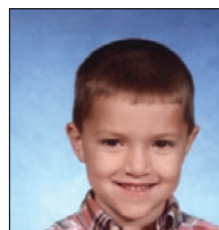
McKenna Lee Mannier, daughter of Ben and Bri Mannier
"Christian rock star."



Isaac Maurer, son of Bill and Kathy Maurer
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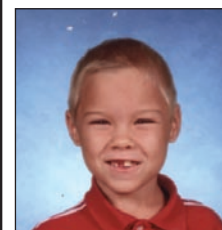
Hannah May, daughter of Randy and Kathy May
"Pet store owner."



Marcus McGowan, son of John and Shari McGowan
"Basketball player."



Jada Mescher, daughter of Todd and Renee Mescher
"Nurse."



Austin Meyer, son of Dave and Deb Meyer
"Farmer."



Nathan Meyer, son of Ted and Joey Meyer
"Professional basketball player."



Trevor Middendorf, son of Mitch and Carrie Middendorf
"Zoo keeper."



Collin Moore, son of Kevin and Denise Moore
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"I want to be a cheerleader when I grow up."



Karlee Rose Paulus, daughter of Kirby and Jill Paulus
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Raterman
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Rich and Brenda Rose
"Softball player."



Grace Rose, daughter
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"Teacher."



Brock Ruhenkamp,
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Ruhenkamp
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Bradley Sanders, son
of Jennifer and Matt
Sanders
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Maddie Simon,
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and Amy Simon
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teacher."



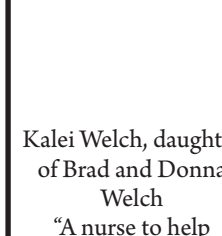
Sam Smith, son of
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Katrina Wagner
"Zoo keeper."



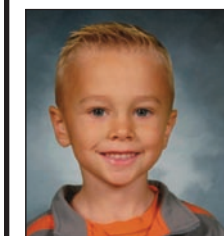
Anton Turner, son of
Amye and Rob Turner
"Baseball player."



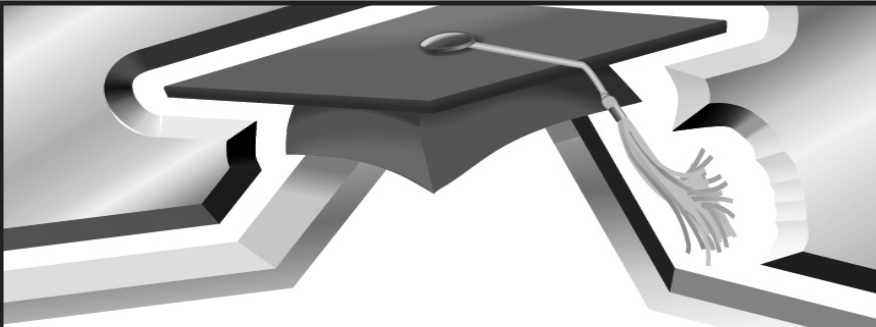
Jordan Ward, daughter
of Jeff and Janie Ward
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Kalei Welch, daughter
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Bertke
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Broering
"Doctor."



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Bruggeman
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Abby Bruns, daughter
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"Teacher."



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John and Becky Bruns
"Monster truck driver."



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Michelle and Randy
Bruns
"Firefighter."



Joshua Brunswick, son
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want to be a golfer or
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Alex Eyink, son of Eric
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"Police officer."



Logan Fleck, son of
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Fleck
"I want to be a football
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Tyler Francis, son
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Hartings
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Jared Hartings, son
of Roger and Carla
Hartings
"A farmer."



Ben Heitkamp, son
of Louie and Deb
Heitkamp
"A cop."



Carter Homan, son
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Meiring
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Mescher
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Mescher
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Dave Moorman
"Nurse."



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"Vet."



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Vacation

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* Do some local sightseeing: Though you might not realize it, the country has history nearly everywhere you look, including in your backyard. Appreciating the country's history doesn't have to be limited to costly vacations to tourist attractions such as Ellis Island or the Liberty Bell. Chances are, there's just as much local history to explore and appreciate in your own neck of the

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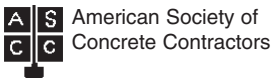
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