



Flyers march their way to state

By Michelle Stein
The Community Post

MARIA STEIN — Music filled Booster Field Saturday as area bands participated in the 2011 Midwest Ohio Marching Competition held in Maria Stein.

Eleven bands from midwest Ohio schools put their best foot forward, performing marching shows in hopes of attaining the coveted "1" or "superior" rating, which would advance them to the OMEA State Marching Band Finals. Marion Local Band Director Chris Redd spoke of the tradition of the Midwest Ohio Marching Competition and what sets it apart from other marching shows.

"Obviously, having had it for the past 37 years, it's a tradition that we have in the area," Redd said. "One of the nice parts about this competition is that the majority of the bands are smaller bands, so there's a good chance for a lot of those small bands to kind of have the spotlight."

At the competition, the Marion Local band performed for a rating only, while the other 10 bands competed for both a rating and trophies, Redd said.

"We have class C bands, which are typically smaller bands, and then we have some class



The Marion Local High School Marching Band earned a 1, or "superior" rating at the 2011 Midwest Ohio Marching Competition, which was held Saturday at Booster Field in Maria Stein.

A and AA bands, which are typically larger bands," he said. "We give out class trophies, but then we also give out general trophies at the end."

These general trophies included categories such as: "Best Music," "Best Visual," "Best

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The New Bremen Marching Band earned a 2, or "excellent" rating Saturday at the 2011 Midwest Ohio Marching Competition held in Maria Stein.

Council tables four-way stop

By Matt Knochelman
The Community Post

MINSTER — On Tuesday, the Minster Village Council agreed to postpone an ordinance that would have enabled a four-way stop to be placed at the corner of Third and Garfield Streets.

"The problem that I see is people running stop signs," said council member Tom Herkenhoff. ... "They look and they don't see other cars coming and they don't stop. I think that happens at just about any intersection, unfortunately."

Council member Nicole Clune agreed that the village may have a problem with drivers running stop signs.

"That's what I'm learning more and more is that there seems to be an issue throughout the town where people just aren't respecting stop signs and adding another two stop signs to that intersection aren't necessarily going to fix the problem."

Council member Steve Kitzmiller used to live in the neighborhood near Garfield and Third Streets and said he used to see a problem with people running stop signs.

"I don't live down there (any) more, so I'm hearing from people that this isn't as big of a problem as maybe it was at one time," said Kitzmiller. "(I think) we

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Heritage Trails releases survey results

By Matt Knochelman
The Community Post

MINSTER — Allison Brady of the Heritage Trails Park District recently spoke to the Minster Village Council about the results of a parks survey.

The 10-question, Auglaize County Outdoor Survey was administered between August and October, 2010. It was returned by 298 individuals.

The majority of the people who answered the survey were 50 years old or older.

"So if you're younger than that, thank you for filling out this survey and if you're (in the 50-and-up category), thank you as well because you represent a majority in our county demographic," said Brady.

Fifty-four percent of the surveys came from St. Marys, Wapakoneta and villages throughout Auglaize County, including Minster and New Bremen.

"Minster was very well-represented and I thank you for that

participation," said Brady.

Thirty-four percent of respondents lived in unincorporated rural areas and "the remainder are from outside Auglaize County, because we have people who work and play in Auglaize County and they count when it comes to our parks," said Brady.

• **Favorite Activities:** The survey asked people to choose up to three of their favorite outdoor activities.

Seventy-four percent of respondents said they most enjoyed hiking, walking or running.

"That is a very significant number because no other number reached that level," said Brady.

Brady feels that the Miami and Erie Canal Towpath Trail is a very unique feature to this area. She also thinks it is a great place for people to embark on the outdoor activity that they enjoy most, be that walking, running or hiking.

Brady said she recently went on a tour of the parks in Butler County.

"It is the birthplace of the Miami and Erie Canal. Middletown is where the first shovel hit dirt," she said.

According to Brady, the canal was originally just called the Miami Canal because the original portion did not travel north to Lake Erie. Rather, it traveled south from Middletown to the Ohio River in Cincinnati.

"The canals started a lot of industry and then the railroads replaced or overtook the canals, and then roadways (overtook the railroads)," she said.

Since it was the birthplace of the canal, Brady had hoped to find some items and locations of historical interest, such as a lock-keeper's house, a museum or some other trace of the canal's importance to the history of Middletown.

Brady was disappointed to learn "what they're doing in Butler County is, they're doing pretty much nothing."

Brady said the MetroParks

of Butler County currently have three miles of canal and "have the potential to put in three more and that will be it for the entire canal down there."

Auglaize County, by comparison, has 26 miles of the Miami and Erie Canal.

"We have great potential, for all of us working together, to make sure that the desire to go out and hike, walk and run is attended to," said Brady.

Bicycling was the next most popular activity at 34 percent, followed by 25 percent of people saying they preferred studying nature or watching wildlife and 23 percent saying they preferred picnicking.

Brady said she was surprised that fishing was not a top choice.

Data from the survey will be used by the park district," as a guide for future park planning and programming, incorporating local needs and values in the pro-

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General Effect" and "Grand Champion."

The 43 members of the Marion Local Marching Band opened up their secret agent-themed show with a song titled "Spy Chase." The performance also featured music by the movie, "The Incredibles," Redd said. Saturday marked the band's fourth competition of the year, he said.

"We compete in five district competitions," Redd said, of his band. "If you've earned superior

rating, then you qualify for state marching finals, which we did last week at the New Bremen competition."

Marion Local has qualified for the state marching competition for the past 28 years, he noted. Because of their 1 rating at the New Bremen competition, the marching Flyers will go on to compete at the state level on Oct. 30 at the University of Dayton.

"You don't get points at state, you just get a rating," Redd said. "So we're not competing for a state champion or anything like that. The idea is that any band that qualifies for state, you go there and only compete against

yourself. So a superior rating is what you're going for. It's very tough, the state judging."

Of the 17 Class C bands that made it last year to the state marching finals, only four earned superior ratings, he said. Although the Marion Local band has qualified for state finals for the past 28 years, Redd noted that nothing is guaranteed at these marching competitions.

"It was so rewarding for them when we qualified for state last week — it came after a week of intense practice, and they were all just very focused," he said. "And when we stepped off the field before we had even gotten

the rating, they pretty much knew. When we stepped off the field, they just knew that, that was the night, and that's a great feeling to have. When you know no matter what the judges say, you know you gave your best."

Marion Local did it again Saturday, earning another superior rating for their show. Other bands receiving a 1, or "superior" rating Saturday included Columbus Grove, Fort Recovery, Bellefontaine and Newton. Locally, the New Bremen High School Marching Band received a 2, or "excellent" rating.



Staff photo/Michelle Stein
A New Bremen trumpet player performs at Saturday's competition.

Council

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should give the police a little more time to maybe patrol that area and get back with us in six months and make a recommendation, or wait for the public to come in and — they (can) make a recommendation to us as well."

This was the second reading for the ordinance.

After hearing the council members' opposition to the ordinance, Village Administrator Don Harrod agreed that it was a good idea to postpone a third reading.

"Well if it's everybody's feeling that they want to table it, then we just don't take any action on it," said Harrod.

Council member Craig Oldiges agreed to table the ordinance. This was seconded by Steve Kitzmiller.

The council also held second readings on two additional ordinances.

One of these ordinances would allow for the narrowing of an alley that is located between Lincoln Drive and Main Street and Fourth and Fifth Streets.

The west side of the alley would be narrowed 4.5 feet in order to avoid intruding on a property owner's garage.

The other second reading was for an ordinance that would grant Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio a renewed gas franchise in the village of Minster.

The village signed a 25-year agreement with Vectren in 1986.

"I think the franchise agreement is very well-written in terms of our favor. So I have no problems with (passing that)," said Harrod.

Both of the latter two second readings were passed by the council.

- In new business, the council agreed

to open bids for the second phase of the Fourth Street Construction project.

Phase one of the project involves work on Fourth Street from Ohio Street to the western property line of Wagner's IGA.

Phase 1A, which was completed on Sept. 30, involved work between Ohio and Hanover Streets.

Phase 1B is set to begin sometime next week. It will involve work on Fourth Street between Hanover Street and the western edge of Wagner's IGA.

"That is the part that was paid for by transportation enhancement grants," Harrod said, referring to phase one of the project. "Transportation enhancement grants would not pay for the portion between Wagner's west property line and Garfield Street."

Since it will not be covered by the same funding as phase one, the village decided to make phase two a separate project.

"We are now probably ready to do that because Brumbaugh (Construction) has indicated they are ready to start on (phase 1B) sometime probably the 12th, 13th of this month," said Harrod.

The Auglaize County Engineer estimated that phase two will cost \$366,463.75, according to Harrod.

The motion to accept bids for phase two of the project was passed by Herkenhoff and seconded by Oldiges.

Also in new business, a motion was passed authorizing Fiscal Officer John Stechschulte to request a \$5 permissive license fee from the Auglaize County Engineer.

"Each year, we request a \$5 license fee that they collect from residential license plates that are required in Auglaize County," said Harrod.

Stechschulte said this licensing fee enables the village to collect about \$20,000 toward minor street resurfacing projects

each year.

"It helps offset some of the expenses every year," said Stechschulte.

The motion was passed by Clune and seconded by Steve Kitzmiller.

- In his administrator's report, Harrod said the Environmental Protection Agency has given the village permission to remove an orphaned, underground storage tank at the former Minster Oil Site. Remediation at the site is set to begin on the week of Oct. 17.

Distribution feeds from the north substation became burn, causing a power outage in the village on Sept. 15.

"Crews were able to extract the damaged wire from the conduit so that new wire can be pulled in," Harrod wrote in his administrator's report. "Being able to pull out the old wire will save the village from having to install new conduit."

Harrod said the new wire will cost the village around \$50,000.

Peterson Construction continues to make "good progress" at the new wastewater treatment plant, according to Harrod. Peterson is currently pouring concrete walls for the oxidation ditch and has also poured footers for the head-works building and the floor slab for the operations building.

Harrod said that within the next week or two, the parks and recreation department will begin placing new, crushed limestone on the walk path that runs from State Route 119 "to the bridge that crosses to the YMCA."

Harrod said the bucket truck that was damaged in a car accident several weeks ago will be transported to Circleville on Monday in order to undergo repairs.

Oktoberfest committee president and village council member Paul Enneking spoke briefly about this past weekend's Oktoberfest.

"On behalf of the Oktoberfest, I'd like to thank the village, Don, everybody (for) everything you guys did for us to help out this year," said Enneking. "It was a very successful year and it went pretty smoothly, so thank you guys."

-The council also approved \$715,892.92 in invoices.

- Prior to the start of the meeting, Alison Brady of the Heritage Trails Park District discussed the findings of a recent survey.

The 10-question survey was administered throughout Auglaize County between August and October. It was returned by 298 individuals.

Fifty-four percent of the surveys came from St. Marys, Wapakoneta and villages throughout Auglaize County, including Minster and New Bremen. Thirty-four percent of respondents lived in unincorporated rural areas, while the remaining 30 percent of surveys came from people living outside Auglaize County who work or play in Auglaize County.

"Minster was very well represented and I thank you for that participation," said Brady.

Of their favorite outdoor activities, 74 percent of respondents said they most enjoyed hiking, walking or running. Bicycling was the next most popular activity at 34 percent, followed by 25 percent of people saying they preferred studying nature or watching wildlife and 23 percent saying they preferred picnicking.

Data from the survey will be used by the park district, "as a guide for future park planning and programming, incorporating local needs and values in the process," according to the Auglaize County Outdoor Survey Summary Report.

The next Minster Village Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Survey

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cess," according to the Auglaize County Outdoor Survey Summary Report.

- **Favorite Locations:** Next, survey takers were asked what parks they visited most frequently.

Fifty-three percent of people said they frequently visited state parks, which was no surprise to Brady.

"You've got three state parks on or in the boundaries of Auglaize County," she said.

The three state parks she was referring to are: Lake Loramie State Park., Grand Lake St. Marys State Park and Indian Lake State Park.

Fifty percent of respondents said they enjoyed the Miami and Erie Canal Towpath.

Forty-two percent of people said they frequented St. Marys city parks, while 39 percent often visited Wapakoneta city parks.

"There are a few exceptions in the panhandle of Auglaize County, (like in) New Bremen and Minster, but almost every kid in the county goes to St. Marys or Wapakoneta for their sports. You don't find too many townships providing that. Goshen Township has it and Wanyesfield has it, but very few other places will have any kind of ball fields," said Brady. "So if you're going to go play soccer, if you're going to go play baseball, little league, whatever it might be, you're going to (St. Marys, Wapakoneta) or this panhandle area."

The majority of survey respondents were aged 50 or

older, and about 40 percent of respondents said they often visited city parks in Auglaize County. Therefore, a large number of older people frequent these city parks.

"We, as park providers, need to remember that, 'okay, I've got an aging community. Those ball fields are there for the kids, but grandma and grandpa are in the stands,'" said Brady.

As a result, Brady feels that local government officials should focus on: efficient parking lots, access to the stands and the presence of rest rooms when planning a ball field.

"Don't think about putting up a ball field without answering those questions," she said.

- **Opinions:** Survey takers were then asked to pick two (out of four choices) of the most pressing issues for the future of parks in Auglaize County.

Seventy percent of people said, "The need to preserve unique areas, woods, lakes, rivers and wildlife habitats" was the most pressing issue.

"This was taken in 2010 when Grand Lake St. Marys was having difficulty," said Brady. "It showed up a lot in what we were reading in our polls."

On another topic, 273 respondents either 'strongly agreed' or 'agreed' with the statement "Parks improve the quality of life where I live."

Two additional statements: "Parks are good for home property values" and "Parks are important for economic development because they attract people and business to this area" were either 'strongly agreed' or 'agreed' with by 258 respondents.

- **Heritage Trails Park District:** Heritage Trails, the park district for Auglaize County, was founded in 1996.

According to a handout, the name Heritage Trails is a reference to the county's heritage of transportation

routes, which ranges from Indian hunting trails to interstate highways.

"Our goal is to reach throughout Auglaize County and have parks that represent unique natural and significant historic areas for people to enjoy," according to the handout. "The planning process is underway. The Auglaize Outdoors Survey gave us public input used to focus on the future direction of park development."

Heritage Trails operates 33 parks throughout Auglaize County, including five in New Bremen and four in Minster. Two additional parks are currently planned for Auglaize County: Delong Pioneer Park in Cridersville and the Waynesfield Community Trail.

- **Events:** The Heritage Trails Park District has events planned year-round, including three events within the next month.

Walk with Nature Fall Festival: The 42nd Annual Walk With Nature Fall Festival will take place on Sunday, Oct. 16 from noon-4 p.m. in St. Marys. The free walk along the Miami and Erie Canal can be started or finished at Memorial Park, the 40-Acre Pond or Lock 14 Park.

On Tuesday, Oct. 18, Professor Mark Kleffner from Ohio State University-Lima will discuss the geological history of Auglaize County. Topics will include rocks, glaciers and seas that once covered the area. The free event will take place at the Lockkeeper's House in new Bremen from 7-8:30 p.m.

Hiking Ohio's Buckeye Trail: On Tuesday, Nov. 15, hike Andy Niekamp will describe his recent 1,400 mile, 88-day trek along the Ohio Buckeye Trail. The free event will take place at the Lockkeeper's House in new Bremen from 7-8:30 p.m.

More information about the Heritage Trails Park District can be found at: <http://htparks.org>.

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Obituaries

Albert J. Barhorst

"Al" Albert J. Barhorst, 85, of Minster, passed away of natural causes on Friday evening, Oct. 7, 2011, at Joint Township District Memorial Hospital in St. Marys.



He was born on July 21, 1926, in Fort Loramie, the son of Albert H. and Anna (Barlage) Barhorst, and they preceded him in death.

On Nov. 26, 1949, at St. Augustine Church in Minster, he married Martha (Bornhorst) Barhorst, and she preceded him in death on June 18, 2010.

He is survived by two daughters, Lynda Barhorst of Hudson, Fla., Deb and Kevin Ranly of Sidney; grandchildren, Jennifer and Michael Skinner, Ryan Schoby, Makenzie and Trey Ranly; great-grandchildren, Gavin Skinner, Tyler, Dylan, Collin Schoby; step-great-grandchildren, Tyler and Nathan Skinner; five siblings, Alma Mangen of New Bremen, Norma Koverman of Van Wert, Carl and Eileen Barhorst of Fort Loramie, Ernie and Joann Barhorst of Fort Loramie, Joann Vondenhuevel of Minster; sister-in-law, Dorothy Quinlin of Fort Loramie.

He was also preceded in death by one brother, Harold Barhorst; brothers and sisters-in-law, Orville Mangen, LeRoy Koverman, Vern Vondenhuevel, Jim Quinlin, Don and Pat Bornhorst.

He was a U.S. Navy Veteran of World War II. He attended St. Augustine Catholic Church and was a member of the Minster VFW Post 6432, Minster American Legion Post 2012 and the New Bremen Rod and Gun Club. He was retired from Sidney Tool and Die, where he had been a tool and die inspector for many years.

Additionally, he and his late wife owned and operated the former Home Service Cleaners in Minster. Al enjoyed floral gardening and had also been an avid sportsman.

A Mass of Christian curial will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, at St. Augustine Church in Minster, with the Rev. Rick Nieberding officiating. Interment will follow at St. Augustine Cemetery with full military honors by the Minster Veterans Firing Squad.

Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Thursday at Gehret Funeral Home in Fort Loramie.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Grand Lake Hospice or a charity of donor's choice.

Condolences may be expressed at www.gehretfuneralhome.com.

Mary M. Romer

Mary M. Romer, 96, of Coldwater, passed away at 4 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, 2011, at Briarwood Village in Coldwater.

She was born on Oct. 13, 1914, in Coldwater, the daughter of Herman and Elizabeth (Reinders) Schoen, and they preceded her in death.

On Oct. 17, 1940, she married Thomas Romer in Coldwater, and he preceded her in death in 1949.

She is survived by three sons, George Romer of Celina, Tom and Pat Romer of Coldwater, Nick Romer of Celina; a son-in-law, Bill Knostman of Florida; 13 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; one stepgreat-grandchild; one great-great-grandchild.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Catherine Knostman; a grandchild; a daughter-in-law, Beverly Romer; two sisters, Addie Dabbelt, Sr. Catherine Schoen.

She was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Coldwater, and retired from the Coldwater High School cafeteria.

A Mass of Christian burial was held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 10, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Coldwater. Burial followed in St. Elizabeth Cemetery in Coldwater.

Condolences may be left at hogenkampfh.com.

Kenneth J. Fleckenstein

Kenneth Joseph Fleckenstein, 56, of Fort Loramie, passed away Saturday evening, Oct. 8, 2011, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident on Cardo Road in Fort Loramie.



He was born on July 18, 1955, in Sidney, to Herbert and Rita (Luthman) Fleckenstein, who survive at home.

Also surviving are six siblings, David and Jennifer Fleckenstein of Anna, Rick Fleckenstein of Sidney, Linda Epperly of Fort Loramie, Mary Lou and Larry Gehret of Fort Loramie, Larry and Alys Fleckenstein of Fort Loramie, Tracy and Brent Holt of Newport;

numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by one sister-in-law, Susan Fleckenstein.

Ken enjoyed mowing the lawn, detailing cars, fishing and the company of his family. He was especially fond of being an uncle. He had also been a member of St. Michael Catholic Church.

A Mass of Christian Bbrial will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, Oct. 14, at St. Michael Church in Fort Loramie, with the Rev. Steven Shoup officiating. Interment will follow at St. Michael Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Friday at Gehret Funeral Home in Fort Loramie. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Fort Loramie Rescue Squad or to a charity of donor's choice. Condolences may be expressed at www.gehretfuneralhome.com.

Paul J. Lefeld Jr.

Paul J. Lefeld Jr., 56, of Coldwater, died at 11:16 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 9, 2011, at Mercer County Community Hospital in Coldwater.



He was born on Jan. 26, 1955, in Coldwater, the son of Paul Lefeld Sr. and Rose Mary (Tangeman). His mother survives in Coldwater.

On Aug. 4, 1984, he married Lisa (Moorman) in Coldwater, and she survives in Coldwater.

He is also survived by three children, Lindsey and Kody Highley of Sidney, Kylie Lefeld and Kaci

Lefeld, both of Coldwater; nine brothers and sisters, Jane and Jeff Snellenberger of Celina, Judy and Jerry Marbaugh of Celina, Sue and Jerry Myers of Wichita Falls, Texas, Connie and Todd Troutwine of Arcanum, Steve and Diane Lefeld, Mike and Marty Lefeld, Ken and Brenda Lefeld, Dan and Joan Lefeld, Carol and Steve Feltz, all of Coldwater; his mother-in-law, Rosemary Moorman of Coldwater; five brothers and sisters-in-law, Diann and Joe Schneider of Coldwater, Judy and Marce Nietfeld of Celina, Jack and Pat Moorman of Coldwater, Rick and Mary Moorman of Coldwater, Sherri and Marv Siefring of St. Henry.

He was preceded in death by his father; a sister, Mary Rose Lefeld; his father-in-law, Edgar Moorman.

He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church of Coldwater, the Knights of Columbus, Coldwater Eagles, Celina Moose and a social member of the Coldwater VFW. He was a partner of Lefeld Implement, where he was an IT Manager. He was also a farmer.

A Mass of Christian burial was held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Coldwater, with the Rev. Richard Walling officiating. Burial followed in St. Elizabeth Cemetery in Coldwater. Memorial contributions may be directed to Paul Lefeld Memorial Scholarship Fund at the Mercer County Civic Foundation. Condolences may be left at hogenkampfh.com.

Virginia M. Roll

Virginia M. Roll, 80, of North Star, passed away on Friday, Oct. 7, 2011, at Briarwood Village in Coldwater.

She was born on Nov. 20, 1930, to Charles and Mary Kay (Chappie) George in Darke County, and they preceded her in death.



Virginia, known to family and friends as Ginny or Jean, will be missed more than words can say.

On May 20, 1950, she married Verla L. Roll, Jr. in North Star, and he preceded her in death on March 30, 2003.

She is survived by five children, William J. and Marcy Roll of North Star, Richard A. and Millie

Roll of Sidney, Thomas L. and Kris Roll of Sidney, Judy and Tony Sherrill of Celina, Michael R. Roll of St. Henry; 13 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; sisters, Francis Holscher of Osgood, Rosemary Kinninger of Sidney, Bertha Bruening of Yorkshire; sister-in-law, Janice Lee Ashley Columbus.

She was also preceded in death by her siblings, Luella George, Eleanor Werling, Leona (Toots) McEldowney, Ruth Pettitjean Thiebeau, Earl (Jim) George, Kenneth George, John George, Marion (Bud) George, Lee Edward George, Lester (Fat) George.

She was a member of St. Louis Catholic Church, St. Ann's Rosary and Altar Sodality, North Star Fire Auxiliary and North Star American Legion Auxiliary. A professional grandma, "Gram" excelled at her work. Her door was always open. Her freezer was stocked with homemade cookies. It was always the second stop for any of her five kids, 13 grandkids, or 12 great-grandkids that cycled in and out of her home in North Star. (The first stop was to hug and say hello.) She was a loving sister who always found time for her siblings and their many outings. As the years passed and just four sisters remained, the "aunt mobile" would often pick the George women up and whisk them away to whatever adventure awaited. She was game for adventures of all sorts, and particularly enjoyed taking mystery tours with Melva Barga. She loved gardening and tending to her flowers, which always adorned her home in North Star.

A Mass of Christian burial was held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 12, at St. Louis Catholic Church in North Star, with the Rev. David Zink officiating. Burial followed in St. Louis Cemetery in North Star. Memorials contributions may be directed to State of the Heart Hospice. Condolences may be left at hogenkampfh.com.

Bluegrass band to play Sunday

Members of the Denison Bluegrass Ensemble will perform at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 16, in the gazebo in Memorial Park located on South Chestnut Street in St. Marys.

Casey Cook, bluegrass instructor, and several members of the ensemble will play a blend of traditional Appalachian, country bluegrass and progressive acoustic music. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy this free concert sponsored by the College-Community Arts Council. For more information contact Alex at 419-586-0360.

Patricia A. Richards

Patricia Ann Richards, 64 of Ansonia, died at 10:20 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 9, 2011, at her home.

She was born on Aug. 25, 1947, in Greenville, the daughter of Robert and Ona (Brown) Cheadle. Her mother survives in Ansonia. On April 21, 1972, she married Stanley Richards and they were married for 39 years. He survives in Ansonia. She is also survived by six children, Valerie and Joe Bankston of Odessa, Texas, Michelle and Mike Duffield of Troy, Kelly and Scott Voisard of Versailles, Stanley Jr. and Amy Richards of Greenville, Korey and Cynthia Richards of Bettenville, Ark., Joshua Cook of Greenville; 14 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; seven brothers and sisters, Dennis and Karen Cheadle of Greenville, Mary and Bud Coppock of Greenville, Sharon and Jim Hutchens of Arcanum, Robert Jr., Julie Cheadle of Ansonia, Joseph Cheadle of Versailles, John Cheadle of Ansonia and James Cheadle of Ansonia. She was preceded in death by her father; a daughter, Melissa Cook; a grandchild; two brothers, Patrick Cheadle and Daniel Cheadle. She loved gardening, roses, her family and dogs.. The family gathered at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 12 at Hogenkamp Funeral Home - St. Henry, with graveside services at 4 p.m. at St. Mary's Cemetery in Philothea, with the Rev. Richard Walling officiating. Memorials may be directed to State of the Heart Hospice. Condolences may be left at hogenkampfh.com.

Viola M. VanSkiver

Viola M. (Kinninger) VanSkiver, 88, formerly of Maria Stein, passed away at 2:55 a.m. Thursday, October 6, 2011, at Otterbein in St. Marys, where she had been a resident for more than six years.

She was born on July 19, 1923, in Uno, Ohio, as the fifth child of Harry and Emma (Varno) Kinninger.

She attended schools in St. Patrick and Minster, graduating from Minster High School in 1942. In the late 1940s, she lived in Dayton with her two older sisters and worked at the National Cash Register Company.

She met her future husband, Randall K. VanSkiver, on his birthday, March 30, 1947, in Dayton. After learning they worked on the same floor at NCR, they would eat lunch together everyday. On July 19, 1947, Randall and Viola became engaged. Six months after meeting, they were married on Sept. 27, 1947, at St. Augustine Church in Minster. After their marriage, they remained in Dayton, where their daughter, Diane Kay, was born. Around 1955, they purchased King's Korner Kafe in Maria Stein and changed the name to the Korner Kafe. Randall's mother and stepfather, Gertrude and Ted Girton, were co-owners. After Randall died in 1959, Viola sold the business.. Viola then worked as a secretary in the Marion Local School office, and later as a grocery clerk in Minster. In 1967, she began working at Copeland Industries in Sidney, from which she retired. Viola enjoyed gardening, bowling and playing cards before and after retirement. She especially enjoyed following the Marion Local High School football and basketball teams. Viola has been a member of St. John's Catholic Church since moving to Maria Stein. She was also a member of the Knights of St. John Auxiliary Uniform Rank in Maria Stein.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Diane VanSkiver Gagel and Joseph Gagel of Monclova, Ohio; two granddaughters, Rachel (Matt) Risler of Grayslake, Ill., and Mandy Gagel, Chicago and two great-grandchildren, Abigail and Kaitlyn Risler. She is also survived by two sisters, Lula Vondrell of Cincinnati, Nancy Roby of Harbinger, N.C., along with numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband; two sisters, Alvina Simmerman, Mildred Moore; three brothers, Gustwin, Adrian and Urban Kinninger; one nephew, Danny Moore; her special friend, Marce Rentz.

A Mass of Christian burial was held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 10, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Maria Stein, with the Rev. Gene Schnipke officiating. Burial was held in St. John Cemetery in Maria Stein. Memorial contributions may be directed to Grand Lake Hospice or the Marion Local Schools Foundation. Condolences may be made at www.hogenkampfh.com.

George F. Koester

George F. Koester, 98, formerly of 31 N. Main St., Minster, died at 4:15 a.m. Monday, Oct. 10, at Otterbein St. Marys.

He was born on May 14, 1913, in Minster, the son of the late Joseph and Elizabeth (Drees) Koester.

On Oct. 9, 1941, he married Alvira Liesner in Minster, and she preceded him in death on Jan. 22, 2008.

He is survived by daughters, Ann and Bill Ernst of Minster, Sue and Kurt Kremer of Minster; six grandchildren, Kelly, Sandy, Chris and Pam, David and Jill, 13 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; sister, Rita and Walter Kremer of Dayton. He was also preceded in death by sisters, Henrietta Woehler and Lorena Minoque. He was a member of St. Augustine Catholic Church, the church choir and Minster VFW. He was a veteran of WWII and worked at Post Printing for 40 years. A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 14, at St. Augustine Catholic Church, Minster, with the Rev. Rick Nieberding officiating.

Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13 and from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 14 at the Hogenkamp Funeral Home, Minster. Burial will be at St. Augustine Cemetery in Minster, with full military honors provided by Minster Firing Squad. Memorial contributions be made to St. Augustine Mission Commission. Condolences may be made at www.hogenkampfh.com.

Calendar of Events

LIMA — Chicken and pulled pork dinners will be for sale from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22 at Liberty Chapel UMC, 7590 Sandusky Road in Lima.

Dinners will be \$7 each and will include a choice of meat, two sides, a roll, a dessert and a beverage.

Proceeds will send Area Youth to Lakeside 2012.

MINSTER—The F.J. Stallo Memorial Library of Minster will host storytime from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. every Tuesday in October, which includes the following dates: Oct. 4, 11, 18 and 25.

Children ages 3-5 are invited to join.

Also at the F.J. Stallo Memorial Library will be the following events:

- The library will host an adult movie at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 12.

Light refreshments will be provided.

Contact the library at 419-628-2925 to find out this month's movie.

- An after school craft will be held on Monday, Oct. 17. Second and third-grade students are invited to join.

- A costume party will take place from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 20. Students in kindergarten and first-grade are invited to attend. Come in costume.

- A young adult book club will be held at the library from 3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 25 for students in sixth and seventh-grade.

Contact the library at 419-628-2925 to find out what book will be discussed this month.

- The adult book club will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 25. The group will be discussing the "Bright Side of Disaster" by Katherine Center.

ST, MARYS — Joint Township District Memorial Hospital is pleased to once again offer the Super Sitters babysitting training course. Super Sitters is a complete babysitting program developed by Dr. Lee Salk and Jay Litvin.

The purpose of the program is to prepare sitters for the physical, psychological and emotional needs of the children they are caring for.

Some topics that are covered include safety, emergency care, child development and behavior/discipline.

Trained hospital personnel do the actual teaching.

The focus of the program is on fifth through seventh-grade sitters, but other interested individuals are welcome to attend.

The next eight-hour class session will be held on two consecutive Saturdays, Oct. 22 and Oct. 29.

Class times will be from 8 a.m. to noon and will be held on conference rooms one and two.

Pre-registration is required and the cost is \$15 per participant which includes workbook.

Please bring a light healthy snack and a beverage will be provided.

The class size is limited to 20 registrants. For more information or to register, call Cindy Gaerke, community outreach, at 419-394-3335, ext. 1130.

- The regular meeting of the Auglaize County PERI 9 will be held on Nov. 1 at Easy Campgrounds, 14338 Townline Kosuth Road, St. Marys. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

The program will be presented by Auglaize County Coroner's Investigator Steve Steinecker.

- Karen Blumhorst, Executive Director of Good for Business, a not for profit 501-c-3 corporation, announced today that Stan Davis has been named project chairman of this year's family fun bicycle ride.

The charity bike ride will be held on Saturday, Oct. 15, and will begin and end in Memorial Park in down town St. Marys.

For more information, contact Karen Blumhorst at 419-394-0003.

WAPAKONETA — The Auglaize County Veterans Service Commission will meet at their regular monthly meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20 at, 1022 W. Auglaize St. in Wapakoneta.

All future meetings are scheduled for the third Thursday of each month at the same time at the Veterans Service Commission.

Any changes in the above schedule will be posted.



Randy Henkener and Neal Brady pose with Sal the mule.

Photo provided

Meet Sal the mule

Craftsman Randy Henkener, of St. Marys, created Sal the mule to work on the Miami and Erie Canal.

"Sal will be pulling in donations for the Miami and Erie Canal Corridor Association," said Executive Director Neal Brady.

The public is invited to come and meet Sal at the Canal Diggers Affair on Nov. 10 at the St. Marys Eagles.

For dinner tickets and information, contact Neal Brady at 419-733-6451 or meccadirector@nktelco.net.

Minster Service Group sponsors Oct. events

Heritage Manor would like to thank the Minster Service Group for sponsoring its resident activities for the month of October.

Heritage Manor would also like to extend an invitation to the public to come and enjoy the wonderful programs that we will be having in October.

"Those Three Gals" will be entertaining at 6:15 p.m. Oct. 5 (as well as 6:10 p.m. Oct. 19)

and "The Guitarman" will also be entertaining at Heritage Manor 10:30 a.m. on Oct. 7.

The following Wednesday, Oct. 12, Heritage Manor will present "Fallaing in Love with Swing".

This duo of Trudy Lee Pedersen and Ken Kennedy will be presenting in the lobby at 6:30 p.m.

They have toured throughout the United

States and Canada and have played with artists like Frank Sinatra, Bob Hope, Sammy Davis Jr. and Elvis.

On Oct. 13, the American Heritage Band will present at 6:10 p.m. and Spittin Image will be joining at 6:15 p.m.

Oct. 17. To finalize the month of fun, the Tri-County Square Dancers will be at Heritage Manor at 6:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 25.

News from Osgood

The Osgood Legion and comedy night will be on Saturday, Oct. 22 at the Osgood Legion. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

There will also be a cash bar. Entertainment will start at 8 p.m. with Scotty P. Greg Steele, a comedy hypnotist, will start at 9 p.m. and to close the night, DJ Bob Condon will begin play at 11 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 each. Call 419-582-2241 for tickets or for more information.

Tickets must be purchased by Saturday, Oct. 15.

New schedules for lay

distributors, readers and babysitters for St. Nicholas can be picked up in the sacristy.

Lectors will be able to pick up the new workbook for lectors, also in the sacristy.

Have any plastic bags (grocery, shopping bags) dropped off in the box at St. Nicholas' entrance.

Plastic mats for the homeless will be made from them.

All are welcome to help make the mats on Wednesday, Nov. 9 in the basement of St. Nicholas Church.

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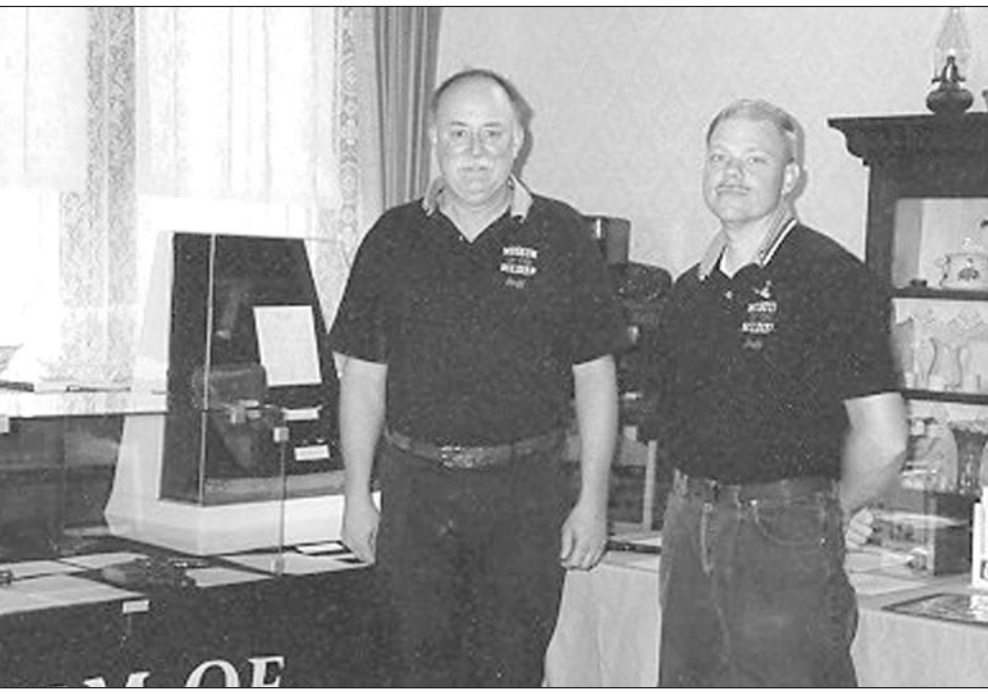


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Jim Waechert and Brian Williamson, of the Museum of the Soldier in Portland, will be returning to host the Oct. 23 Antique Military and Gun Exhibit at the Mercer County Historical Museum in Celina.

Our Old Book Case

By Joyce L. Alig

President, Mercer County Historical Society

From 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 23, the Mercer County Historical Museum, 130 E. Market, Celina, will have an open house for the 12th Annual Antique Military and Gun Show, hosted by the Museum of the Soldier in Portland, Ind., and local collectors. The public is welcome; there is no charge.

The mission statement of the Mercer County Historical Society is to preserve Mercer County's history and to educate the public about that history.

In keeping with that goal, the theme of this 2011 exhibit is the "Importance of Creative Thinking and Military Inventions in the Protection of Our Country."

Brian Williamson and Jim Waechert have planned a series of exhibits of military inventions to illustrate the importance of creative ideas for military defense systems. They will demonstrate aspects of the increase in performance and capabilities of inventions of military equipment being built on one another.

One example of this evolution of military equipment is the flintlock to percussion to brass cartridge firearms. In addition to the exhibits from the Museum of the Soldier, private collectors of muskets and old firearms will have firearms from their private collections on exhibit at the museum that Sunday.

With reference to the improvement in technology of military weapons systems, they will show the US M1 2.36-inch rocket launcher, commonly called a bazooka and the German Panzerschreck, and the US M9 rocket launchers. This will probably be the most popular part of the entire exhibit.

Another aspect of the evolution of military technology would be the improvements in helmets and body armor. Items on exhibit will include the U.S. military helmets and German helmets. More recent advancements in body armor will be on exhibit.

In addition to the exhibits of the Museum of the Soldier, and the gun collections of private collectors, the military exhibit of the Mercer County Historical Museum will also be open that day. The American Legions of Mercer County, VFW, Amvets, Vietnam Veterans of American and Sons of the Legion organizations donated the gun case, which protects the firearms on exhibit at the museum.

The public is invited to bring their own military items to exhibit at the museum that day. I will be at the museum at 11:30 a.m. for people who want to come early and set up their own items for exhibit.

The public is invited to bring their own firearms to this exhibit and ask the experts about the history and information about their firearms. This is one facet of this Sunday afternoon exhibit, which brings in all kinds of rare and unusual guns for people to enjoy.

One year, a delightful lady senior citizen brought a pair of matching pearl handled pistols. Another year, a man brought a rare Ft. Recovery Gunsmith Van Trees target gun.

One couple brought a Plymouth shotgun; I never have found where those Plymouth guns were made. Jim Waechert and Brian Williamson and the private gun collectors, will have their identification catalogues with them, for easy research about the firearms the public brings to the museum.

Be sure to pick up a brochure of the Museum of the Soldier, so that you can visit it in Portland, Ind.

Joyce Alig, may be contacted at hstalg@bright.net or 419-678-2614.

From Out of Our Past

By Gary Oldiges

Minster Historical Society

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

100 Years Ago

A violent thunderstorm exploded over Minster on Friday evening between 8:30 and 9:30 o'clock. Lightning flashed in rapid succession and the thunder rolled as in high summer during the dark night. In between the rain poured down like a flood. The amount of water covered a large part of the streets and then ran at a fast course swelling the gullies and ditches. The solder joints from the electrical lines burned and the lights failed in many places. Consequently, all the phones on Main Street with the exception of that of Mr. Anton Oldiges were out of function. The extraordinary violence of the lightning spread over a wide radius and struck the home of Henry Bockrath on North Main St.

Building the bridge over the canal at Fifth Street is running slowly. The iron structure requires a very deep foundation. During the last storm a large amount of water penetrated into the parts dug for the foundation.

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Last Saturday Dr. Westerheide treated 17 head of John Toben's hogs with cholera serum.

75 Years Ago

Arthur Hinker of Dayton, visited Wednesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. H.J. Hinker and son Neal. On his return he was accompanied by Mr. H.J. Hinker Sr., who had visited here a few days.

The squirrel season in Ohio ended on Thursday of this week when darkness made the woods so dingy that you couldn't have seen one of these babies if it had been as big as a hog.

A certain number of persons in this vicinity were granted the opportunity to pass judgment on a new heater that was recently patented by Rhine Bollheimer of Ft. Loramie. One of these heaters was placed in the Stephen Schmitmeyer residence on North Frankfort St. in Minster and when it was ready for the show-off the house was thrown open to visitors.

Ed Placke purchased the property known as the John Sautman residence at Main and Second streets. He now resides with the Jos. Drees family just south of Minster. The Sautman place is now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ahrns who will stay there possibly

for another few months until the residence of Richard Ahrns on South Frankfort St. will be partly vacated.

50 Years Ago

Stanley Prenger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Prenger, is attending the national FFA convention at Kansas City, Mo., representing the Minster FFA chapter this week.

Pros and cons of a proposed consolidation of the New Bremen, New Knoxville, and Minster schools, recommended by the Bowling Green State University survey team in its report to the Auglaize Board of Education, were discussed by New Bremen PTA members Monday. Approximately 120 were present to discuss the New Bremen schools and their future.

Minster school officials reported that although they are aware a merger of some kind will become necessary, no imminent consolidation with any school district or districts in Auglaize, or in Shelby, Mercer or Darke counties, was under immediate consideration.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brinkman, Mrs. Ruth Brinkman and Mrs. Thelma Cull attended the world series game Monday at Cincinnati.

Current News

The museum hours are 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday.

The museum now has the Minster flag available for \$39.95. There are other items you can purchase. Come to the museum and take a look.

Quarter auction set for Project Happy Christmas

A quarter auction to benefit Project Happy Christmas will be held on Sunday, Oct. 23 at the New Bremen American Legion.

Doors open at 12:45 p.m. and the auction begins at 1:30 p.m.

Admission is \$2. Sandwiches and beverages will be available for purchase.

Consultants will bring items for participants to bid on.

The following consultants will be present: Looking Glass Salon and Spa, Longaberger, Pampered Chef, The Pie Shell, Thirty One, Headbands, Watkins,

Tupperware, Tastefully Simple, Nelly Cuddles, Iia Sophia, Dove Chocolate Discoveries.

Items will retail in value from \$12 to \$100. Bidders will bid on the items they are interested in. (It is suggested that bidders bring approximately \$35 to \$40 in quarters and they can bid on all items.)

For questions, call Amy Grillot at 937-726-4882 or Susan Krieg at 419-629-2625.

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Health Section

GLHS sponsors breast cancer awareness dinner

By Michelle Stein
The Community Post

CELINA — From pink shirts and ribbons to pink football cleats and gloves, the nation has once again been observing Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October.

As a part of this awareness, Grand Lake Health System presented a special event Thursday evening in James C. Dicke Auditorium at Wright State University Lake Campus. Featured at this breast cancer awareness dinner was guest speaker, Elizabeth DelGarbino, a clinical molecular breast imaging specialist, who presented “Breast-specific Gamma Imaging: A Molecular Study of the Breast.”

“It was a sell-out,” said Anne Larger, community outreach coordinator for Grand Lake Health System. “We were filled to capacity.”

Four massage therapists were on-site before the dinner, providing free chair massages for guests, among the other screenings and incentives offered.

“We have screenings for osteoporosis, screenings for blood pressure, screenings for facial skin damage — Dermascan,” Larger said. “There are multiple vendors all donating door prizes for the event. One out of four people will receive a door prize this evening.”

At the dinner, breast cancer survivors were also recognized, as Larger offered a toast in their honor to “commend them for their strength and perseverance to survive breast cancer.”

“We have had ‘Ladies’ Night Out’ over a period of 12 years,” Larger said, of the awareness event. “My first

ladies’ night out program was in 1999, and we haven’t had it every year, but we’ve had it many years.”

Breast cancer is the most common cancer for women in the United States, aside from skin cancer, according to the American Cancer Society’s (ACS) website. Breast cancer is also the second leading cause of cancer death in women, after lung cancer. It is recommended that women age 40 and older have a screening mammogram every year, according to the website, while women in their 20s and 30s should have a clinical breast exam as a part of their regular exam by a health expert at least every three years.

The Grand Lake Health System Women’s Imaging Center, located at Joint Township District Memorial Hospital in St. Marys, tends to see an increase patients for breast cancer screenings during Breast Cancer Awareness Month each year, said Medical Imaging Manager Denise Pugh.

“Usually, we do see a few more patients in October,” Pugh said. “We try to open up our schedule a little bit — we certainly have weekend and evening hours available for appointments. We do a few promotions during the month and try to get women in and that kind of thing.”

For women who haven’t recently had a routine breast screening, Pugh touted the services offered by Grand Lake Health System, which include digital mammography with computer-aided detection, ultrasound technology for both mammography and obstetrics, stereotact and ultrasound-guided breast biopsies and bone density scanning.

“Not only do we have the technology, we certainly have the complimentary staff to serve their patients’ needs,” Pugh added. “The technologists that work with patients are highly skilled, specifically trained to image women’s breasts, and certainly our radiologists that interpret the images are board-certified radiologists as well. Our staff offers individual patient education, assisting them with any additional resources they might require. So it’s a really comprehensive center.”

Pugh also described newer technology at the Grand



Staff photos/Carol Kohn

(Above) Women received massages at a breast cancer awareness/women’s health event at Wright State University-Lake Campus on Oct. 6.

(Below) A group of women sit at a table at a health awareness event presented by Grand Lake Health System on Oct. 6 in Celina.



Lake Health System Women’s Imaging Center, which may help in the early detection of breast cancer.

“Probably our newest and most exciting technology in our breast healthcare is our molecular breast imaging,” Pugh said, noting the center first started using the technology in 2009. “It can aid in the diagnosis when a mammogram is inconclusive; it reveals important information that could help the doctor more accurately determine if an area of concern is cancerous or not.”

According to the American Cancer Society’s most recent estimates in 2011 for the United States, there will be approximately 230,480 new cases of invasive breast cancer in women this year, with about 39,520 deaths from the disease. Early detection through regular breast screenings can help reduce the number of deaths from breast cancer.

The chance of a woman having invasive breast cancer at some point in her life is slightly less than one in eight, according to the ACS. Currently, there are more than 2.5 million breast cancer survivors in the United States.

For more information on breast cancer, visit Cancer.org. For more information about the services offered by Grand Lake Health System, visit Grandlakehealth.org.



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(Above) Elizabeth DelGarbino R.T.R.M., Clinical Molecular Breast Imaging Specialist, spoke at a breast cancer awareness event at Wright State University-Lake Campus on Oct. 6.

ACS recommendations for finding breast cancer early

The American Cancer Society recommends the following guidelines for finding breast cancer early in women without symptoms:

Mammogram: Women age 40 and older should have a screening mammogram every year and should keep on doing so for as long as they are in good health. While mammograms can miss some cancers, they are still a very good way to find breast cancer.

Clinical breast exam: Women in their 20s and 30s should have a clinical breast exam (CBE) as part of a regular exam by a health expert at least every 3 years. After age 40, women should have a breast exam by a health expert every year. It might be a good idea to have the CBE shortly before the mammogram. You can use the exam to learn what your own breasts look and feel like.

Breast self-exam (BSE): BSE is an option for women

starting in their 20s. Women should be told about the benefits and limitations of BSE. Women should report any changes in how their breasts look or feel to a health expert right away.

Research has shown that BSE plays a small role in finding breast cancer compared with finding a breast lump by chance or simply being aware of what is normal for each woman. If you decide to do BSE, you should have your doctor or nurse check your method to make sure you are doing it right. If you do BSE on a regular basis, you get to know how your breasts normally look and feel. Then you can more easily notice changes. But it’s OK not to do BSE or not to do it on a fixed schedule.

The goal, with or without BSE, is to see a doctor right away if you notice any of these changes: a lump or swelling, skin irritation or dimpling, nipple pain or

the nipple turning inward, redness or scaliness of the nipple or breast skin, or a discharge other than breast milk. But remember that most of the time these breast changes are not cancer.

Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI): Women at high risk should get an MRI and a mammogram every year (women who are at high risk have at least a 25% lifetime risk of breast cancer). Women at moderately increased risk should talk with their doctors about the benefits and limitations of adding MRI screening to their yearly mammogram. Yearly MRI screening is not recommended for women whose lifetime risk of breast cancer is less than 15%. To find out more about what makes someone high risk, as well as about the use of MRIs for breast cancer screening, please see our document, Breast Cancer.

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Local nurse organized help at Ground Zero

SIDNEY — One of the items in the exhibit of artifacts on view in "How 9/11 Changed Our Lives Forever," the current exhibit at the Shelby County Historical Society's Ross Historical Center, is a child's drawing of people jumping out of the windows of the World Trade Center.

The drawing belongs to Sidney resident Carol Leffler, who saved it, along with some other items, as a memento of the three weeks she spent in New York City in the fall of 2001. She was there in the immediate aftermath of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. As a Red Cross nurse, she was responsible for coordinating health services in a building that came to be known as the Family Assistance Center at Pier 94.

"The attacks happened on a Tuesday," she said recently. "On Friday, (then) Mayor (Rudolph) Giuliani had a meeting with other officials about how to deal with the crisis. They decided to use this warehouse near Pier 94 as an assistance center. It was the size of four football fields."

The warehouse was full of "wares." But by Monday, they had all been removed. The building had been carpeted, had room dividers and phones and computers in each room. It had all happened in one week-end.

Pier 94 was where families went to register for financial assistance, to take DNA samples from their missing loved ones' hairbrushes to help in the identification of remains, to change the Social Security status of their relatives who were victims of the tragedy.

"All the insurance companies had offices there," Leffler said. "It was a one-stop shop."

The center also provided first aid services to police, firefighters and other public servants in the area. Located near 42nd Street, it was more than 40 blocks from ground zero. But it served many thousands of people each day.

"We went through shoe pads like you wouldn't believe," Leffler said, "because their feet would hurt."

There were also two restaurants in the building. One served families of victims. The other served workers. They fed 2,000

to 3,000 people per day. And every day, there were drawings on the tables, drawings created by children nationwide at the urging of school art teachers who encouraged them to put onto paper their feelings about what had happened in New York City. Leffler's is one of those drawings.

Her job was to coordinate the giving of first aid. She was responsible for scheduling, assessing, training and supervising 20 nurses daily, for setting up areas where physicians could work and for checking the credentials of all of them.

"You had to be licensed as a physician in New York to practice in New York," she said. So when doctors from across the country began to arrive in the city to help, they had to get their licenses in order first.

Leffler had to make sure that her nurses were assigned to jobs they could best handle.

"I tried to put an experienced nurse with one not so experienced," she said. "You don't want to set anybody up for failure."

By the time Leffler arrived in New York City, she had 16 years of Red Cross disaster nursing behind her. After graduation in 1960 from Holy Angels Catholic School, she studied at St. Elizabeth Hospital and Sinclair Community College in Dayton, earning her R.N. and an associate degree. But her volunteerism with the Red Cross had been going on for years before that.

"I was my class representative to the Shelby County Red Cross Youth Corps when I was in fifth grade," she said. "I stayed with the Red Cross all through high school and was president of that group when I was a senior."

As a certified health nurse at the Twin Valley Behavior Center in Dayton, she was permitted six weeks per year of paid leave to volunteer at Red Cross sites. The Red Cross did not permit anyone to work at the 9/11 sites for more than three weeks. Because Leffler was the first coordinator for health services at Pier 94, she handled most of the initial organization work there. She worked directly with the mayor's office and the FBI, who monitored who could enter the building. Secu-



Carol Leffler looks at a drawing made by a child in Pennsylvania immediately after the Sept. 11 attacks. She acquired the drawing when she volunteered as a Red Cross nurse at Pier 94 in the tragedy's aftermath. The drawing is on display through Oct. 15 at the Ross Historical Center in Sidney.

rity was extremely tight. No cameras were permitted there. No press was allowed in.

"There was a press tent right outside Pier 94 and I saw Diane Sawyer and Dan Rather and some other press people I didn't recognize," Leffler said. "We provided first aid to them, too, but we did it with mobile units. They couldn't come inside."

Her work at Pier 94 turned out to be her final Red Cross volunteer assignment because her boss in Dayton refused to let her leave her post as a supervisor there again. Among the other disasters at which she had assisted were Hurricane Andrew and the Los Angeles Northridge earthquake. And she taught classes in disaster health services and disaster mental health at the Northwestern University branch near Toledo, at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, and other places for the Red Cross.

Now retired and living in Sidney again, health problems prevent her from helping again.

"My heart wants to go with them, but my body can't," she said. She retired her nursing license in August.

"Carol came to us when she read other articles in the newspaper about our exhibit and offered to loan us her artifacts," said Tilda Phlipot, director of the historical society. "We're so glad she did. They enrich the experience of museum goers and allow an opportunity for learning about a different facet of the tragedy."

During her time in New York, Leffler got close to ground zero just once. As she was leaving her assignment, the van she was in stopped about a block away to pick up another nurse whose tour of duty was also ending.

"The rubble was piled so high that I couldn't see the site," Leffler said. "But I could smell it. The stench was awful. And it was still burning, a month after the attacks."

When her mementos are not on loan, she stores them in a box in a closet. She doesn't dwell on having been there.

"But September 11 will forever be in my mind," she said. And not just as a memory of tragedy. Her grandson was born on Sept. 11, 2005, so each year when the historic date rolls around, she has joy to celebrate, too.

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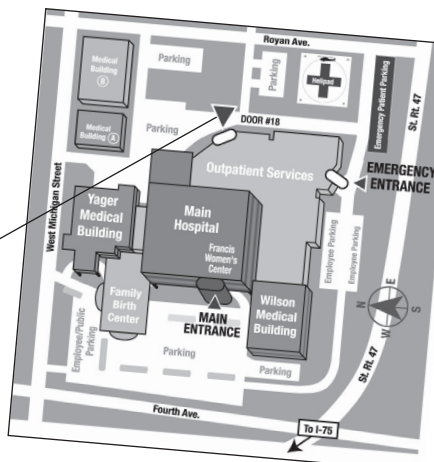
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Members of the Carity family: Brent Carity with Ruth Ann and Marie with Cole, are pictured above.

March of Dimes promotes auction

Marie Carity says the March of Dimes does as much for moms as it does for their babies.

Carity and her family know, as a result of first-hand experience, the work of the March of Dimes.

It was more than three years ago when they met with the birth of first child, Ruth Ann, to Marie and husband, Brent Carity of Minster. Born at 26 weeks and four days, Ruth Ann weighed 1 pound, 11.5 ounces and was 13.5 inches long. She was in the neonatal intensive care unit at Miami Valley Hospital for the first 107 days of her life. On her release, Ruth Ann was accompanied by a monitor and oxygen, which she used for another six months.

Today, Ruth Ann is a busy little girl. "Everything is fine," Marie Carity said. "Although Ruth was born really little and born early, you would not know that at all."

After a second pregnancy ended in miscarriage for Marie, blood tests showed she was positive for a Factor V blood clotting issue. In a third pregnancy, Marie followed recommendations of her doctor and the March of Dimes, taking daily shots, calcium and low dose aspirin. Information used by the doctors was the result of research conducted by the March of Dimes, Carity said.

The Caritys' son, Cole, was born full-term healthy in August 2010.

"The March of Dimes helps babies, but it also helps mommies. To have a healthy baby you have to have a healthy mommy," said Marie Carity, the agricultural education instructor / FFA advisor at Miami East High School in Miami County. Husband Brent works at Precision Strip in Minster.

The Carity family this year is serving as the Miami County March of Dimes Ambassador Family. Marie's sister has helped with March of Dimes fundraising activities for a number of years. The organization's activities include the annual Miami County Signature Chefs Auction. Marie's FFA students from Miami East will help with the fund raiser, supporting the March of Dimes as they have supported her, Marie Carity said.

She credited family, friends and the March of Dimes for helping the Carity family thrive and grow. "I feel so blessed," she said.

The Miami County Signature Chefs Auction will be held Nov. 3 at the Troy Country Club. Primary sponsors include Aircrafters, Inc.; Hobart; Traulsen; and Upper Valley Medical Center. For reservations and/or further information, call 937-294-3330 or e-mail GHoagland@MarchofDimes.com.

Key factors to men's health

While the list of top health threats for men includes heart disease, cancer and stroke, some doctors believe the biggest threats to a man's health are his own personal, everyday choices.

"Unfortunately, once men reach the age when they don't require yearly physicals for school or sports, they may go years without seeing a doctor for a check-up," said Richard Michael, M.D., of Troy Primary Care Physicians. "In most cases, it's women — wives, girlfriends, mothers and daughters — who encourage the men in their lives to come in for check-ups."

Skipping regular check-ups can be a dangerous, costly gamble. Aches and pains that most men perceive to be minor could actually be early symptoms of a more serious condition. As a result, these health problems that could be detected during a routine physical at an early age may not be detected until later in life when they become more serious and may require more aggressive treatments.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the leading cause of death in men is heart disease. Two of the major risk factors associated with heart disease are high blood pressure and high cholesterol, both of which can be addressed by a primary care physician.

"Another excellent example of the importance of early detection for men is in the screening of prostate cancer," said Dr. Michael. "Detection has come a long way in the past 15 years. Based on a patient's medical history and potential risk factors for prostate cancer, primary care doctors can help determine the best course of action for screening."

September is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. Prostate cancer is one of the most common types of cancer in men. According to the American College of Preventative Medicine, one in five men in the United States will develop prostate cancer. Early detection of diseases such as prostate cancer allows patients and their doctors to explore treatment options.

For men, regular check-ups with their primary care physicians are key to detecting and effectively treating health problems that could potentially affect them at all stages of their lives. Other keys to good

health for could be as simple as diet and exercise. Healthy lifestyle habits should be top of mind for men year-round.

"At an early age, young men often are encouraged to be big eaters," said Rasa Miller, M.D., also of Troy Primary Care Physicians. "That pattern doesn't serve them well later in life when their activity level and metabolism slow down. Diet and exercise should continue to be a regular part of men's lifestyles, especially as they get older."

Men should focus on eating a well-balanced diet filled with whole grains, fruits and vegetables, lean proteins, low-fat dairy products and heart-healthy fats. Calorie intake depends on age, activity level and whether weight needs to be lost, gained or maintained. When men exercise, they traditionally focus their efforts on strength training, but aerobic exercise is just as, if not more, important. The CDC recommends that adults do 150 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic activity (e.g. brisk walking) and two or more days of muscle-strengthening activities each week. Primary care physicians can help men determine special diet and exercise requirements based on other existing conditions or risk factors.

"While many men may look and feel perfectly healthy, there are a number of risk factors they should be aware of," said Dr. Miller. "High blood pressure and high cholesterol can contribute to a variety of health problems for men and affect more than just those who are stereotypically associated with the conditions, including people who are overweight or inactive."

Some men's health problems carry clear symptoms with them, while others, including high blood pressure and high cholesterol, begin with little to no warning signs. However, these risk factors can be identified during a routine physical. Early detection and diagnosis of these types of health problems can prevent more serious conditions from developing, which is why it's important for men to make yearly physicals with their primary care physician a priority.

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State of the Heart Hospice celebrates 30th anniversary

State of the Heart Hospice this year is observing the local non-profit agency's 30th anniversary. With offices in Greenville, Coldwater and Portland, State of the Heart cares for families and patients in eastern Indiana and western Ohio who are confronting a life-limiting illness. More than 10,000 patients have been cared for by State of the Heart since 1981. In honor of reaching a sig-

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Cohen named UVMC Emergency Department Medical Director

David Cohen, M.D., has been named the new medical director of the Emergency Department at Upper Valley Medical Center.

Dr. Cohen (pictured center) attended medical school at SUNY Health Science Center in Syracuse, N.Y., and completed an emergency medicine residency at the University of Cincinnati. He is board certified in emergency medicine by the American

Board of Emergency Medicine.

Dr. Cohen practiced with Professional Emergency Specialists of Southern Ohio Inc. at Clinton Memorial Hospital, Wilmington, and served as its medical director for eight years before joining the UVMC Emergency Department earlier this year as assistant medical director. For more information on UVMC emergency services, visit www.uvmc.com.



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Music therapist Brittany Hartwig of State of the Heart Hospice is pictured above.

St. Henry Elementary students experience music therapy

Last winter, six students from St. Henry Elementary School experienced music therapy from State of the Heart Hospice as they struggled to deal with the loss of a classmate. Music therapy is a recognized part of hospice care, offering patient comfort and relaxation in addition to dealing with grief and loss issues.

"I had had experience with hospice care," explained Sandy Stammen, principal of the elementary school. "When I saw the need we had with the students, I immediately thought of contacting State of the Heart." She had had a previous experience with the non-profit agency which has offices in Coldwater, Greenville and Portland, Ind. Bereavement specialists had helped before at the school.

"Music seems to be a good medium for deeper expression and involvement, particularly with the younger child," stated Brittany Hartwig, State of the Heart music therapist. "Sharing in music provides a supportive environment. It is fun to do, pleasurable, and is non-threatening." Hartwig was joined in the five week session with the students by Marlene Black, bereavement specialist for State of the Heart. All bereavement support and music therapy is provided free by State of the Heart.

"The young people in the class trusted one another," Hartwig added. "They felt they could open up about how they felt about the loss of their classmate. Some may have felt safer than if they were talking to their parents."

"Brittany was just great with the students," said Stammen. "The students walked away with a very positive experience. It was great for them."

The highlight of the grief support sessions was the creation of a CD that each child took home with them. "We did memory sharing," Hartwig explained. "The youth shared memories of their classmate and we put these memories in a song. Then, each student had an instrument which they played while we

sang the song they had created. They titled it; they wrote it. It was a great remembrance for them to take away."

Stammen said she was "floored" when the youngsters did this and carried away with them a very special memento of their classmate they were remembering. "The students really loved this exercise and it meant something to them."

She was so impressed with the music therapy and how it had helped, that she invited Hartwig to do a presentation to the Heritage Club of St. Henry on September 13. "I want others to learn the value of music therapy," she said.

"Speaking before a group is important," Hartwig said, "as it gives us the opportunity to tell people about State of the Heart Hospice care, and how important music therapy is in hospice care."

Music therapy is an established health care profession that uses music to address physical, emotional, cognitive and social needs of individuals of all ages. Hartwig is one of two board certified music therapists with State of the Heart.

Bereavement support is an important part of hospice care and is provided free to families and patients, and to anyone in the communities served by the agency, regardless of association with hospice. Music therapy and all bereavement services are provided free to anyone who needs such services. Bereavement specialists visit area schools when asked, to help children who are dealing with a loss in their family, in the school system, or someone else who was close to them.

"If ever I encounter a similar situation in school, I will have State of the Heart Hospice back in a heartbeat," said Stammen. "The bereavement support was very helpful."

State of the Heart Hospice this year is observing 30 years of service to area communities. The agency provides services to families and patients in eastern Indiana and western Ohio who are confronting a life-limiting illness. To learn more about music therapy, bereavement support or any of the services provided call 1-800-417-7535. Visit the web site at www.stateoftheheartcare.org.

UVMC holds cancer symposium

Each person must decide if hereditary cancer testing is right for them, health experts said during Upper Valley Medical Center's annual McGraw Cancer Awareness Symposium Sept. 29 at the Fort Piqua Plaza.

Dr. Sharyn Lewin, assistant clinical professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the New York-Presbyterian/Columbia University Medical Center, said most cancers are not hereditary and not everyone with an altered gene develops cancer.

"We are trying to understand why some develop cancer, others don't," Dr. Lewin said of her research and work in her specialty of ovarian and breast cancer. She spoke by phone from her home in New York after her flight was canceled the day of the symposium because of weather conditions.

The mainstay of attempting to identify which patients will develop cancer is family history, Dr. Lewin said.

Individuals inherit an alerted susceptible gene, not the cancer, she said. For the best picture of family history, a look back three generations is needed.

Sarah Jones, RN, Oncology Nurse Specialist, conducts hereditary risk assessments as part of her role at the UVMC Cancer Care Center. She said in reviewing information she looks for clusters of cancers in families, usually on one side or the other. Early age diagnosis, multiple cancers, multiple rare cancers all can be indicators, Jones said.

With any type of genetic testing, counseling is important, Jones stressed. Lewin and Jones both talked about the benefits and limitations of testing. Among benefits is the individual risk assessment, information to help make medical management decisions (medications, surgeries to help reduce risks) and reduced anxiety or stress. Limitations include testing not detecting all causes of hereditary cancer.

JTDM cardiovascular program certified

Joint Township District Memorial Hospital is proud to announce the certification of its cardiovascular rehabilitation program by the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation (AACVPR). Joint Township Hospital was recognized for its commitment to improving the quality of life by enhancing standards of care.

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vascular problems (e.g. heart attacks, coronary artery bypass graft surgery, etc.) recover faster and improve their quality of life. The program includes exercise, education, counseling and support for patients and their families. Certified AACVPR programs are recognized as leaders in the field of cardiovascular rehabilitation because they offer the most advanced practices available. AACVPR Program Certification is valid for three years.

Questions to a panel from symposium attendees included the importance of screenings and if there's a safe age to stop screenings such as colonoscopy and mammography.

Those at risk, such as those with a family member with colon cancer at a young age, usually need to be tested more frequently, said Dr. Stewart Lowry, general surgeon and physician cancer liaison at UVMC.

Physicians recommend all Americans get screened for colorectal cancer at age 50. "One of the bigger advantages of colonoscopy is if it is negative for the average risk person, there is no rescreening for 10 years," Dr. Lowry said.

The medical experts said there's disagreement over whether there's a safe time to end screenings. "There's no magic number. We have guidelines of when to begin but there is no consensus on when they should stop," said Ronald Setzkorn, M.D., Director of Radiation Oncology at the UVMC Cancer Care Center.

The McGraw Cancer Awareness Symposium is sponsored by the UVMC Foundation and the UVMC Cancer Care Center and made possible by a grant from the McGraw Family Fund of The Troy Foundation and support from Myriad Labs.

The symposium was named in honor of Troy area residents Bill and Ruth McGraw by their children, Bill McGraw, Karen McGraw and Chris Grillot. Between them, Bill and Ruth McGraw had cancer five times but neither died from the disease.

Free counseling about genetic testing for cancer will be provided Oct. 18 and 25 from 2 to 3 p.m. in the UVMC cafeteria located on the lower level of Upper Valley Medical Center.

For more information about the UVMC Cancer Care Center, call 937-440-4820 or visit www.UVMC.com.

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Health Section



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Mindy Schultz (rear), LISW-S, manager of Behavioral Health Emergency and Admissions, and Louisa Wray, LPC, Admissions Clinician, discuss options for patient with behavioral health needs, in the UVMC Emergency Department.

Behavioral health professionals work in UVMC Emergency Department

Behavioral health professionals stationed 24/7 in the Upper Valley Medical Center Emergency Department are working to ensure those with mental health needs are handled appropriately and efficiently.

The transition of behavioral health assessments at UVMC from the former Crisis Center on campus to the Emergency Department (ED) began this summer and has gone smoothly, said Mindy Schultz, LISW-S, Manager of Behavioral Health Emergency and Admissions.

The change was sparked by the Tri-County Board of Recovery and Mental Health Services' decision to redirect dollars previously used to contract with UVMC for Crisis Center and 24-Hour Hotline services. Those services now are handled by the Miami County Recovery Council using a 24-hour Crisis Hotline and a mobile crisis team to respond to mental health calls from local law enforcement facilities, jails and Emergency Departments.

UVMC continues to provide behavioral health inpatient services and admissions by a team of behavioral health therapists and technicians. The team members who now are based in the ED serve as a "gatekeeper" for those who come to the ED in need of behavioral health related services.

The Behavioral Health Emergency and Admissions team also screens patients on the inpatient units and works to ad-

mit anyone needing inpatient behavioral health services to the Behavioral Health Center. The tri-county mobile team can be called to support the behavioral team in the ED, if needed.

"It makes sense that we would be in the emergency room," Schultz said of the behavioral health team. The community was fortunate to have a separate location to serve behavioral health crisis for years, but changes in providing emergency health care for the community are forming more of an integrated system to serve those patients, she said.

The ED staff is no stranger to behavioral health patients who they treated for any medical issues when patients came to the ED by squad or private vehicle and then were transported to the inpatient behavioral health unit, if needed.

As part of the transition, two "safe rooms" equipped according to state requirements were added in the ED for those who arrive with an initial complaint of a behavioral health nature.

The behavioral health team members also will support ED staff needs, if there are no patients with mental health issues to be addressed. Team members can assist by supporting family members if a traumatic situation is occurring or help with supporting patients and family members to enhance the patient experience, especially during busy times. For more information on the program, contact Schultz at 937-440-7631.

Bauer named new State of the Heart Hospice CEO

State of the Heart Hospice has announced the appointment of Ted Bauer as the non-profit agency's executive director and CEO. A native of the Lima area, Bauer was employed by Leading Age Ohio for the past five years. Leading Age Ohio is a non-profit organization which advocates for senior citizen services in long term care, home health and hospices. He began his duties with State of the Heart on Sept. 13. He succeeds Tammy Fox, who resigned in May of this year after serving seven years as executive director.

"Ted brings a unique set of skills and professional expertise to State of the Heart Hospice," stated Lisa Gasper, president, State of the Heart board of trustees. "State of the Heart, just as other health care providers, faces challenging financial times. With his years of background in health care management, Ted is very qualified to lead our agency in the future." In his previous positions in health care, he has had excellent success in financial improvements for agencies and expanding growth in market served, Gasper pointed out.

A graduate of The Ohio State University, Bauer has served in senior management positions with home health systems as well as durable medical equipment companies. Leading Age Ohio was formerly called Association of Ohio Philanthropic Housing and Services for the Aging. He was director of Member Value and the AOPHA Service Corporation while employed with Leading Age Ohio.

Bauer explained that while he and his wife have lived in Reynoldsburg for a number of years, they both are from small communities and raised their three children in small towns. "We're looking forward to living in a smaller town where we feel comfortable."

He added, "When I became aware of the position at State of the Heart, I soon learned that it was a successful, well established organization with a great reputation and excellent employees. I knew I wanted to continue to work for a non-profit as I have a strong belief in the non-profit mission of giving back to the community with whatever profits there might be. The non-profit entity can do this through offering more comprehensive services and providing services to more people." As a non-profit agency, State of the Heart has focused for years on expanding services such as music therapy and grief support for both adults and children. Each year,



State of the Heart offers a free weekend camp for grieving children called Camp BEARable.

State of the Heart Hospice, he said, "fit with what I was seeking in a non-profit agency. I was looking for the non-profit that has a good business sense, and State of the Heart has that along with the commitment to provide quality, compassionate hospice care and a desire to serve the community. The foundation has been laid for State of the Heart, and is solid. In the future, our 'footprint' will be more clearly defined."

Bauer joins State of the Heart Hospice as the agency observes its 30th year of providing services to families and patients in eastern Indiana and western Ohio who are confronting a life limiting illness. The agency has offices in Greenville, Coldwater and Portland. He becomes the fifth director the agency has had since it was founded in 1981.

In addition to analyzing the marketing outreach and potential for the agency, Bauer said he will focus on "the employees of State of the Heart, making sure we are aware of their needs and meeting their expectations as an employer. I want State of the Heart to be one of the area's most desirable places to work."

He views himself, he said, as "the chief marketing person for the agency" and intends to be active in the community." He looks forward to attending the many football games in the area as he brings with him a "love of football" as he has served as an Ohio licensed football official.

For the future of State of the Heart, he sees "growth and continued financial stability." He added, "We want to assure those who live in the communities we serve that we will be here for others in the next 30 years."

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Health Section

Hospice donates books to schools



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(Above) Employees from schools in Mercer County pose with bags of grief support books that they received from State of the Heart Hospice.

State of the Heart Hospice recently gave a packet of grief support books and materials to school officials from Mercer County. Nine representatives of Mercer schools attended a morning reception to personally receive their book packets. Each school in Mercer County will receive a packet.

The gift of the books was made possible by a \$1,500 grant from the Mercer County Civic Foundation. This marks the third county where State of the Heart has provided books to school officials. Thanks to grants from other funding sources, the books have been given to schools in Randolph County, Ind., and in Darke County.

"The books have been very well received by school officials," stated Darlene Pearson, a State of the Heart social worker who assists in bereavement support. Often, she added, "school officials don't feel well prepared to deal with the

students when there is a death in the school, or a student loses a parent or sibling." The books and other materials provide needed support to school officials.

State of the Heart Hospice provides care to families and patients in eastern Indiana and western Ohio who are confronting a life-limiting illness. Bereavement support is a major part of the care provided by the non-profit agency which has offices in Greenville, Coldwater and Portland. Bereavement specialists work with children on an individual basis and in schools where they conduct sessions for students. Each summer, the agency hosts Camp BEARable for grieving children. The camp will be held July 13-15 next year at the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein.

For more information about any of the services provided by State of the Heart, visit the agency website at www.stateoftheheartcare.org.

Klenke wins national award



The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) recognized its dedicated and exceptional membership and guests at its annual awards ceremony during the NCSBN Annual Meeting and Delegates Assembly held recently in Indianapolis.

Lisa Klenke, MBA, RN, Vice President of Patient Care Services at Mercer Health, Coldwater, received the Exceptional Leadership Award in recognition for her past service as President of the Ohio Board of Nursing. This award is bestowed to an individual who has served as president of a member board and to someone who has made significant contributions to NCSBN in that role. Klenke was the only nurse from Ohio to receive an award at this year's ceremony.

Klenke served on the Ohio Board of Nursing from 2001 through 2010. She was President of the organization in 2008 and 2009 and past president in 2010. While serving as President, the Ohio Board of Nursing received the Regulatory Achievement Award from the NCSBN. Klenke has been Vice President of Patient Care Services at Mercer Health for nearly 18 years. About receiving the recognition, she says, "It is an honor to receive such a prestigious award. I thank everyone who worked with me on the Board to make this possible."



Staff photo/Matt Knoche/ma
(Above) Employees from Wilson Memorial Hospital rode in the Minster Oktoberfest Parade on Sunday, Oct. 2.

Midmark donates to Tri Star



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(Above) Mitch Eiting (center, behind dental chair) is surrounded by grateful senior students in the Med Prep program.

Midmark Corporation, of Versailles, recently donated a new dental chair, an Auto Clave and an EKG machine, worth \$19,000, to Tri Star's Med Prep program. Mitch Eiting, community relations manager for Midmark, commented, "We are proud and excited to help our local schools. These students are our future health care providers and we are honored to assist in their training." Last year, Midmark also made a donation to Tri Star's Veterinary Technology program.

"This donation will help nearly 40 students in our Med Prep program," stated Med Prep instructor, Janet Nelson. "This will allow our students to train on the latest technology in the medical field and we cannot thank Midmark enough

for their kind donation," said Nelson.

"With school funding being reduced, donations from local companies like Midmark, are invaluable to our programs," explained Tim Buschur, Tri Star Director. "This equipment will better prepare our students for their careers. We appreciate all of the local businesses who help us each year."

Tri Star Career Compact provides career-technical education to the following school districts in Auglaize and Mercer county: Celina, Coldwater, Ft. Recovery, Marion Local, Minster, New Bremen, New Knoxville, St. Henry and St. Marys. For more information about Tri star Career Compact, visit: www.tristarcareercompact.com.

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Minster beats St. Henry for third straight win

By Matt Knochelman
The Community Post

ST. HENRY – Minster raked in its third straight Midwest Athletic Conference win, defeating St. Henry 34-7 on Friday night.

“Our defense has been consistent just about every week and I thought they put together another good one today,” said Minster head coach Nate Moore. “I thought we really hit tonight. I thought we really hit, really well. There were some big hits out there, man.”

After three-and-outs by both schools to start the game, Minster’s Corey Schultz ran for a 60-yard gain from the Wildcats’ own 34-yardline.

Following a first-down completion from quarterback Adam Niemeyer to Daniel Gusching, Niemeyer took the up the middle for a one-yard touchdown run on third-and-goal. Devon Poeppelman’s point-after was good, giving Minster a 7-0 lead with 5:40 left in the first quarter.

After starting on their own 35-yardline thanks to a Minster kick-off that landed out-of-bounds, St. Henry drove down the field. The Redskins gained two first-downs on passes from quarterback Jeff Paul to Matt Osterholt, the second of which came on fourth-and-three. The Redskins continued to drive and Paul’s fourth-and-sixth pass from the 21-yardline fell incomplete, but Minster was flagged for defensive holding, giving St. Henry a new set of downs from the 11-yardline.

After pushing ahead to the 8-yardline, the Redskins were flagged for a chop block, bringing up second-and-17 from the 18-yardline. Minster was flagged for pass interference on fourth-and-17, bringing up another new set of downs for the Redskins.

“I felt like, we played very well on defense, minus one series where we had them stopped — must’ve been three times — and we had penalties on fourth down that gave them a first down,” said Moore. “(There was a) defensive holding. We had a roughing the passer (and a pass interference). So, we had three opportunities to get off the field and we didn’t. Other than that, the defense played well again.”

Paul soon connected with Trey Rutschilling on third-and-goal from the 10-yardline, capping off a nearly 7-minute long drive by the Redskins. The point-after try was good to tie the score at 7 with 9:49 remaining in the first half.

Minster ran the ensuing kick-off to their own 40-yardline. The Cats drove down the field thanks to a first down reception by Poeppelman and two, first down runs by Troy Kauffman, including one for 18 yards.

Things soon turned sour for Minster, however, as Niemeyer’s pass was intercepted by Jordan Bender with around 5:30 left in the half.

“Things are going to happen, mistakes are going to happen. Nobody’s perfect. We know that,” said Moore.

“We knew going into the ballgame, there’s going to be things that are going to happen that are going to swing the momentum and we (have) to fight through those. That’s what great football teams do.”

Following a three-and-out by St. Henry, Minster’s offense started in St. Henry territory with less than 4 minutes remaining in the first half. Niemeyer found Daniel Gusching for a 24-yard reception on third-and-eight. On the following play, a wide-open Poeppelman caught a 3-yard touchdown pass from Niemeyer. The point-after was good and Minster led 14-7 with 2:30 left in the first half.

Minster soon got the ball back after a another three-and-out by the Skins. Gusching caught a 33-yard pass on the first play of the new possession to bring up first-and-goal from the 8-yardline with about 1:10 left in the first half. Niemeyer then ran the ball in for another touchdown on first-and-goal from the 2-yardline.

Despite the score being tied just two-and-a-half minutes earlier, Minster headed into the locker rooms up 21-7 at halftime.

Following a first-down reception by Osterholt in the opening minutes of the second half, St. Henry head coach Jeff Starkey pulled a rabbit out of his hat. Paul pitched the ball to halfback Steven Luttmier, who then connected with Kent Stammen on a 43-yard pass to the Minster 22-yardline. Despite the momentum, the Redskins’ drive ended without a score as Paul’s pass fell incomplete on fourth-and-9 from the 19-yardline.

Following three-and-outs by both teams, Niemeyer connected with Derek Collins on a 57-yard reception to the Redskin 9-yardline. Niemeyer then hit Poeppelman for a 1-yard touchdown pass on fourth-and-goal.

In addition to two touchdown receptions, Poeppelman remained perfect on point-after attempts as the Cats grabbed a 28-7 lead with 3:03 remaining in the third quarter. (Unfortunately, Poeppelman was injured before getting the chance to go 5-for-5 on extra points for the night. His status for next week is unknown at this time.)

St. Henry progressed to the 50-yardline on their next possession before the drive stalled and the Redskins were forced to punt.

After a three-and-out possession during which Min-



(Above) Minster’s Devon Poeppelman tries to force his way through a pair of St. Henry defenders on Friday.

ster unsuccessfully attempted two passes, Minster’s punt was partially blocked by St. Henry.

The Redskins took over on their own 49-yardline with 8:33 still remaining. Despite the excellent field position, St. Henry yet again punted the ball back to Minster after just three plays on offense.

Minster took over from their own 22-yardline with 7:33 left in the game. On the first play, Schultz took the hand-off 78 yards to the house. The extra point was no good, but Minster still led 34-7 with 7:12 remaining.

Kauffman finished with a big game last week and this week was seemingly Schultz’s turn as the junior running back finished the game with over 150 yards on the ground.

“We’ve got two good ones. It’s nice to have that back there, obviously,” Moore said, referring to his running backs. “They’re just taking turns, I guess. Who’s going to have the big night?”

St. Henry’s offense responded by producing a second, consecutive three-and-out. Minster’s offensive starters stayed in the game as the Cats took over at their own 37-yardline with 4:34 remaining. After one first-down run by Kauffman and two by Gusching, Niemeyer put a knee to the turf to end the game.

As is common in football, one negative did result from the big win: injuries. Poeppelman, and defensive lineman/tight end Rob Wentz, were injured during the second half of the game.

“We had a couple big injuries tonight. We’re going to have to sort those out,” said Moore. “Hopefully we get those guys back next week. We’ve got a big one against Versailles. We need to be healthy.”

On Friday, Minster (5-2, 3-2) will host Versailles, while St. Henry (1-6, 1-4) will travel to Anna.



(Above left) Minster’s James Borges brings down St. Henry running back Adam Reichert on Friday. (Above right) St. Henry quarterback Jeff Paul gets rid of the ball just before pressure from Minster’s Ryan Will gets to him.



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MARION LOCAL

Flyers trounce Parkway in MAC game

From Staff Reports

ROCKFORD — Marion Local defeated Parkway 48-20 on Friday night.

Lee Pierron scored on a 2-yard touchdown pass from Adam Bertke in the first quarter. Jake Heitkamp also ran in for a 3-yard score.

The Flyers led 14-7 after the first quarter.

Jack Homan scored on a 2-yard run in the second quarter, in addition to a 3-yard touchdown run by Heitkamp and a 25-yard reception by Pierron with 6 seconds remaining in the first half.

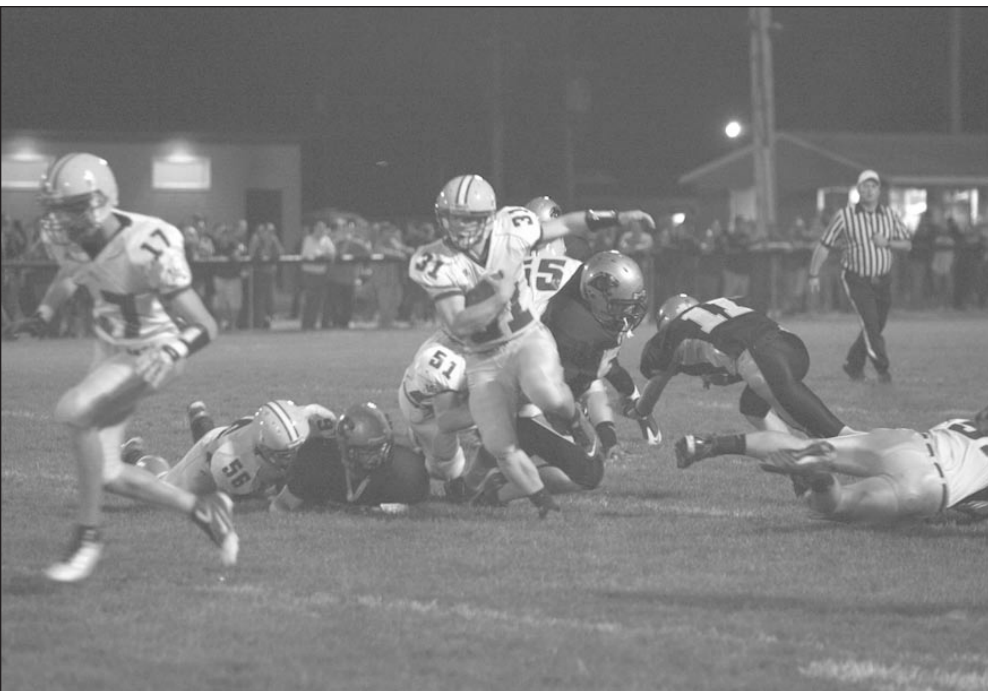
Marion Local led 35-7 at halftime.

Bertke scored on a 4-yard run in the third quarter, followed by a 7-yard touchdown run by Jacy Goette-

moeller.

Parkway added 6 points in the third quarter and 7 in the fourth quarter, but it was too little, too late.

Marion Local (6-1, 5-0) will host Coldwater (6-1, 5-0) on Friday. The winner of the game will claim sole possession of first place in the Midwest Athletic Conference.



(Above) Marion Local's Jake Heitkamp (31) follows Dylan Thobe (56) and Greg Hartke (51) on Friday. Kyle Mescher (56) and Greg Hartke (51) are also shown.



(Above) Marion Local's Dylan Thobe catches a pass against Parkway. (Below) Marion Local quarterback Adam Bertke runs against Parkway. Dylan Thobe (17) and Greg Hartke (51) are also shown.



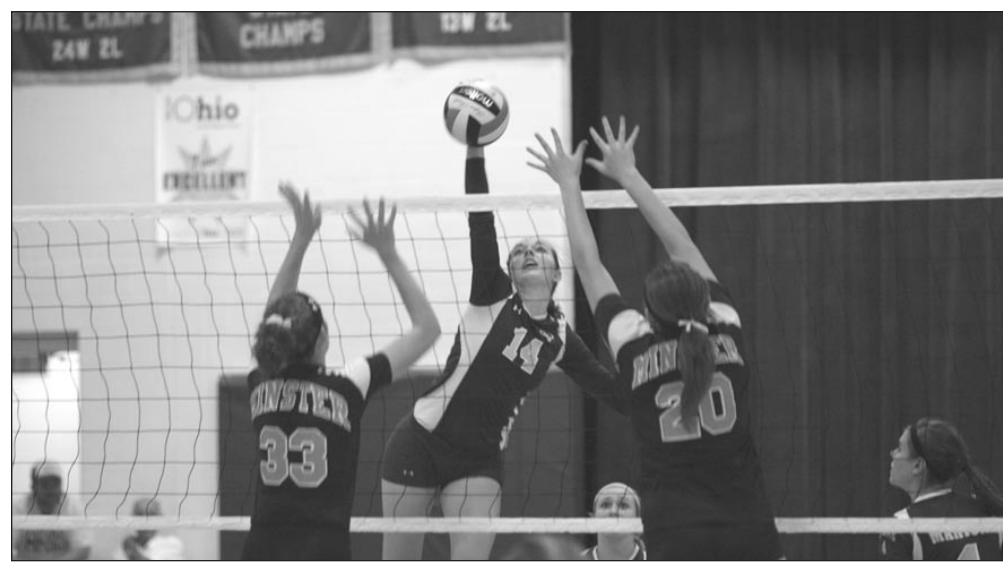
(Below) Lee Pierron looks for Nate Wendel (55) to lay a block against Parkway.



Marion Local volleyball defeats Minster



(Above) Marion Local's Josie Winner hits the ball against Minster's Kassi Brown. Marion Local's Dea Stucke (7) and Megan Wendel (10) are also shown.



(Above) Marion Local's Josie Winner hits the ball against Minster's Claire McGowan (33) and Kassi Brown (20). Minster's

• Volleyball: Marion Local 3, Minster 2
MARIA STEIN — Minster pushed the Flyer to the brink, but Marion Local edged the Wildcats in a fifth

game for a 23-25, 25-12, 25-19, 23-25, 15-12 win on Thursday.

Brown added 12 kills. Dana Stucke had three aces and 39 digs. Regan Hahn had 34 assists. Claire Heitkamp led Marion Local (15-4, 6-1 MAC) with 11 kills.

Claire McGowan collected 18 kills for Minster. Sami

News on area volleyball, golf

**•Volleyball
Tournament Games Announced**

• Division III: At Lincolnview
The New Bremen volleyball team will face Wayne Trace in the Division III sectional tournament at Lincolnview High School on Tuesday, Oct. 18 at 7:15 p.m. The winner of that match will face Lima Central Catholic on Saturday, Oct. 22 at 7:15 p.m.

Coldwater will play the winner of Paulding-Fairview in the opening game on Oct. 22.

• Division IV: At Coldwater
The Minster volleyball team opens postseason play against the Marion Local Flyers on Tuesday, Oct. 18 at 6 p.m. New Knoxville plays Parkway in the next game that night at 8 p.m. at Coldwater High School.

The winner of those two matches will face off in the sectional title match at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 22 at Coldwater.

In the other side of the bracket, Fort Recovery

faces Spencerville at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 19, and the winner of that match plays St. Henry at 5 p.m. on Oct. 22.

• Girls Golf:

Division II District at Sycamore Springs
ARLINGTON — The Minster girls golf team finished sixth at the Division II district golf tournament at Sycamore Springs on Oct. 4.

Minster bowed out of the tournament with a 383 team score.

Claire Fischer fired an 89 to lead Minster. Kelly Mueller shot a95, Margo Slonkosky added a 99 and Annie Burke shot a 100.

Minster had finished second at the sectional tournament to advance to the district.

Coldwater finished 12th as a team with a 433 score. Kelsey Koesters led the Cavaliers with a 98.

Lima Central Catholic won the district title to advance to the state tournament. Shelby Warner shot an 81 to lead the Thunderbirds.

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FORT LORAMIE

Ft. Loramie wins sixth straight

By Jared Regula
Sports Correspondent

FORT LORAMIE — Last Friday, Fort Loramie continued their winning streak by beating Waynesfield Goshen, 62-8.

Early on in the game, the score was close, but then Fort Loramie took over.

Waynesfield started off the game with Gabe Henin running the ball in from 3-yards out for a touchdown, but Loramie was quick to strike back with Tyler Zeis

breaking loose for a massive 72-yard touchdown run.

On Loramie's next possession, quarterback Seth Guillozet hit Cory Brandewie for a 33-yard touchdown strike, making the score 14-8.

Then, in the second quarter, the first turnover of the evening occurred when Loramie fumbled the ball and Waynesfield recovered, but Loramie forced them to punt.

After the punt return, which was taken out to Loramie's own 2-yard line, quarterback Seth Guillozet

once again found Brandewie, this time for a 98-yard touchdown pass.

On Waynesfield's next possession, they fumbled and the ball was recovered by Brent Goldschmidt. To end the drive, Delaunte Thornton ran the ball in from 17-yards out and just before the half ended

The score at the half was 35-8.

Next week Loramie travels to Troy to take on the Troy Christian Eagles, who are 1-6 overall, compared to Loramie's 6-1 overall record.



Staff photos/Lloyd Stephens

(Above) Ft. Loramie's Delaunte Thornton runs against Waynesfield Goshen on Friday night.

(Below) Ft. Loramie's Cody Arkenberg (68), Luke Gigandet (61) and Kyle Fullenkamp (26) help bring down a Waynesfield Goshen ballcarrier on Friday.



Staff photos/Lloyd Stephens

(Above) Waynesfield Goshen tries to pressure Ft. Loramie quarterback Seth Guillozet on Friday.

(Below) Ft. Loramie's Logan McGee (44) and Cody Arkenberg (68) help bring a Waynesfield Goshen player to the ground on Friday.



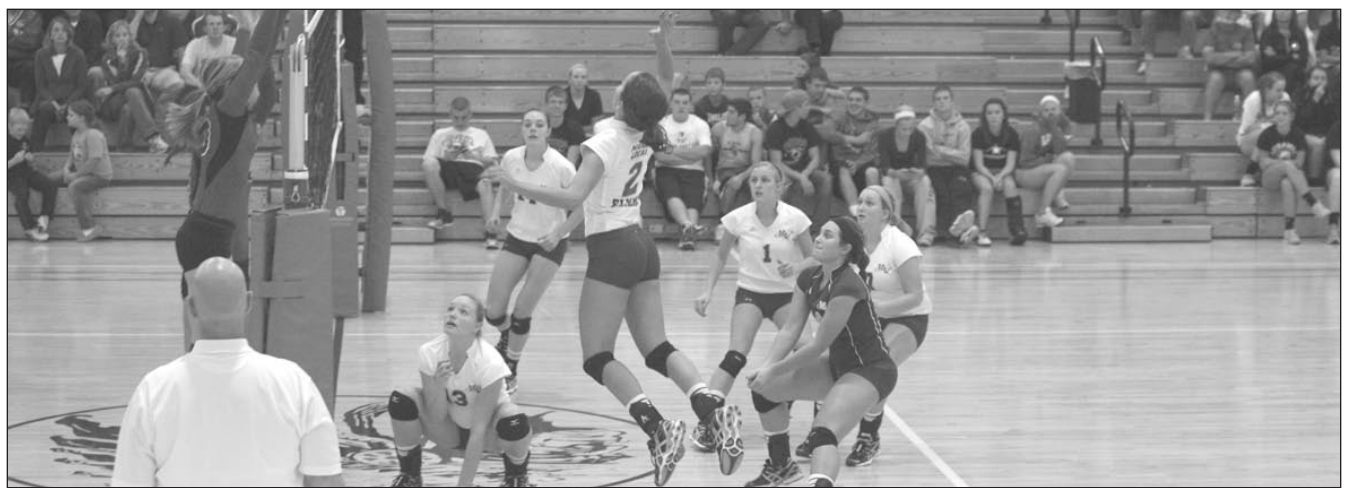
Marion Local defeats Ft. Loramie volleyball



(Top left) Marion Local's Josie Winner hits the ball against Ft. Loramie's Darian Rose (8) and Reggie Brandewie (17). Marion Local's Brianna Hess (11) is also pictured.
(Top right) Marion Local's Claire Heitkamp hits the ball against Loramie's Reggie Brandewie (17), Julie Hoying (6) and Amy Pleiman (2). Marion Local's Josie Winner (14) and Laura Schwieterman (1) are also pictured.
(Below) Here is an aerial view of the Ft. Loramie versus Marion Local volleyball game.



Staff photo/Fred Kremer



From Staff Reports

Marion Local 3 Ft. Loramie 0
Brianna Hess had 10 kills, 8 digs and 2 aces for the Flyers, while Margaret Wuebker had 7 kills and

2 blocks. Josie Winner had 6 kills, 2 blocks and 2 aces; Claire Heitkamp had 4 kills; Gina Kramer had 3 kills; Laura Schwieterman had 11 assists; Katie Elking had 11 assists and 5 digs and Megan Wendel had 8 digs.

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NEW BREMEN

Versailles shuts out New Bremen

By Randy Wilker
Sports Correspondent

VERSAILLES — The Versailles Tigers couldn't be topped as they defeated the new Bremen Cardinals 42-0 in a Midwest Athletic Conference contest at Versailles.

"Every play that they hit started out as a five yard play," Cardinals head coach Rob Messick said. "We just couldn't tackle. Strength is extremely important and they ran through our tackles and that is what it came down to."

It didn't take long for the Tigers to strike paydirt. After each team punted, Versailles took possession at the 39. Following a six-yard run by quarterback Nick Campbell, he passed for 20 yards to his brother Mitch Campbell and then fired a 35-yard touchdown pass to Mike Rutschilling. The extra point kick by Chad Winner made the score 7-0 with 7:03 left.

"I was really happy that I saw improvement," Tigers head coach Bob Olwin said. "With the coverage on the special teams and our defense really came to play tonight."

Versailles wasn't finished in the quarter. Neven Frazee was forced to punt for New Bremen but the snap

was high and he was forced to fall on the ball at the 20. Four plays later Campbell capitalized with a 21-yard touchdown pass to Aaron McNeilan. The kick made the score 14-0 with 3:51 left.

Campbell flourished through the air for 410 yards and five touchdowns in the game.

"Offensively we are not clicking on all cylinders yet," Olwin said. "We took advantage of some of the things they were doing and got open. He did some good things. When we got up by 14 we started to overthrow some passes."

Once again the Cardinals had trouble in the last two minutes of the first half. With 2:14 left Damien Richard fell on his own fumble in the endzone for a one-yard touchdown. The kick made the score 21-0.

The Tigers got the ball back on a punt with 1:23 left and Campbell broke loose for a 50-yard run before completing a two-yard touchdown pass to McNeilan with five seconds left to make the halftime score 28-0.

"The catch by Damien Richard was unbelievable right before half," Olwin said. "We found some good ways to score but we need to be more consistent."

"We had three completely blown coverage's in the game," Messick said. "Offensively we moved the ball well but we had two possessions inside the five and

couldn't get the ball in. We can't do that and be successful."

The Tigers finished the scoring in the third quarter.

Taking the opening kickoff of the second half at their 33 Campbell completed a couple four-yard passes before getting a 63-yard touchdown pass to a wide open Mitchell Campbell. The extra point made the score 35-0 with 11:16 left.

On the next drive for New Bremen they started at their 15 and with a mix of run and pass moved the ball to the one. A two-yard loss by Aaron Clune on third down led to an incomplete pass on fourth with 6:43 left.

Versailles took over at the three and moved the ball out to the 20 on three runs and after an incomplete pass, Campbell completed a 61-yard pass to Ethan Bruns and a 19-yard pass to McNeilan for the touchdown. The extra point kick made the final score 42-0.

"There is more in these kids and I have to find a way to get it out of them," Messick said. "We have got to make plays. I don't know how many dropped balls we had in critical situations. We have got to start making plays and that is the difference right now."

The Cardinals (0-7, 0-5) entertain Parkway on Friday.

Bremen volleyball falls to Parkway, Lehman



Staff photos/David Pence

(Above) New Bremen's Emily Niekamp hits the ball against Parkway.



Staff photos/David Pence

(Above) New Bremen's Julie Brown (12) and Karli Jones (14) play against Parkway.



Staff photos/David Pence

(Above) New Bremen's Julie Brown hits the ball against Parkway on Oct. 4.

From Staff Reports

• NEW BREMEN — The Parkway Panthers defeated the New Bremen volleyball team 25-12, 25-14, 25-12 on Thursday night.

New Bremen's Haley Moeller led the way with 17 digs. Amber Paul added 11 digs. Karli Jones had 15 assists.

• NEW BREMEN — The Sidney Lehman Cavaliers defeated the New Bremen volleyball team in three sets 25-9, 25-12 and 25-19 in a non-league match at New Bremen.

"They are a good team but it was all mental," New

Bremen head coach Theresa Jenkins said. "We came out there and probably could have just sat on the bench for the first two sets because of the way we played."

The Cavaliers cruised to a 25-9, first game win.

"We didn't block," Jenkins said. "We didn't serve-receive and when you only score nine points and five of them were served in the net it will be a long night."

The Cardinals trailed in the second set 8-4 until Ellie Waldsmith served five straight points to increase the lead to 13-4. Following an exchange of serves, Lehman got three serves from Lindsey Spearman before Erica Paulus ended the set for a 25-12 victory.

"We switched some players around in the second set," Jenkins said. "We thought we could break that mental rut."

The third set was back and forth for most of the set with 10 ties. The set was 16-15 Lehman when the Cavaliers got a side out and four serves from Andrea Thobertor a 20-15 lead and they went on for the 25-19 victory.

"We been working on our serve-receive," Jenkins said. "It just seems to carry over from practice to the matches. Haley Moeller has been turning it on lately, but we need somebody to."

The Cardinals host Versailles today.

Cross-country re-caps

From Staff Reports

COLDWATER — For Midwest Athletic Conference cross country teams, the Lion's Club meet at Coldwater is a test run for next week's MAC championships. For everyone else, it's a chance to compete against some of the best running competition in the area.

Coldwater's boys and girls team passed the test. The Cavs swept their own meet.

Minster's boys took second and the girls finished third in the meet.

The St. Marys boys team took ninth. St. Marys' girls finished 14th in the 19-team field.

The New Bremen boys and girls teams both took 12th.

The New Knoxville girls finished 15th and the boys took 16th.

• **Boys Top Finishers:** Minster's Francis Slonkosky led the Wildcats with a fourth-place finish and a 16:05 time.

New Knoxville's Isaac Kuntz crossed the finish line in seventh with a 16:38 time.

New Bremen's top runner was Derek Bornhorst, who finished 20th (17:08).

Nick Durkee was St. Marys' top runner with a 25th-place finish and 17:16 time.

Top runners for Minster also included Andrew Albers (17th, 17:05), Eric Dahlinghaus (18th, 17:06).

• **Girls Top Finishers:** New Knoxville's Cassie Boyle finished sixth overall (19:54).

Minster's Hannah Butler finished 11th overall (20:16), Gabrielle Barga was 12th (20:20), Amanda Sherman took 16th (20:27), Olivia Enneking was 17th (20:30), Natalie Fausey finished 19th (20:39) and Samantha Hoelscher was 21st (20:44).

New Knoxville's Clara Shroyer finished 33rd (21:13).

New Bremen's Veronica Hirschfeld was the top Cardinal runner in 59th with a 21:59

time.

Hannah Tobin paced St. Marys with a 22:12 time and a 66th-place finish.

Rounding out the top five for the Riders were Sarah Wilker with a PR time of 22:55, Christine Sullivan with a time of 23:02, Jessica Jeffries with a personal best time of 23:45, and Marissa Schrolucke with a time of 24:39. Running PRs for the Riders were Carol Saunders (25:56) and Jenny Briggs (27:18).



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"But that's not always the case," said Sharyn Whitman, CEO for the Indiana-Ohio Blood Services Region of the American Red Cross. "We're working to dispel myths and to educate people about who can give blood and when."

In the United States, about 38 percent of the population is eligible to donate blood. The most common reason someone might not be able to give on any given day is low hemoglobin. And Red Cross officials say that measure of iron in red blood cells can often be improved by eating more iron-rich foods or by talking to your doctor about taking iron supplements.

"The good thing is, most deferrals are for short periods of time," said Whitman. "Most of the time, people can monitor and address the cause, and then come back to give blood again."

Donors with high blood pressure, for instance, can give blood as long as their condition is controlled. And diabetics can give if their blood sugar is controlled with diet, oral medication or with most insulins. Some cancer survivors can also donate. Donors with a history of

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"We encourage anyone who is in good general health to consider giving blood," said Whitman. "If you like to help people, the Red Cross is the place to be, and has the right volunteer opportunity just for you."

Give blood or platelets Oct. 1 to 31 and be entered to win a weekend getaway for two at the Inn and Spa at Cedar Falls, Ohio, and a zip-line tour through Hocking Hills Canopy Tours.

Upcoming American Red Cross blood drives:

• Monday, Oct. 17, from noon until 6 p.m. at the American Legion in the Hall, located at 6458 SR 66 in New Bremen.

• Thursday, Oct. 20, from 11:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in the Parish Life Center, located at 101 W. Pearl St. in Wapakoneta. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental permission in Indiana and Ohio), meet weight and height requirements and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood.

To schedule an appointment to donate please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcross-blood.org for more information.

Stateline to meet Saturday

Member Kitti Tolles' program for the September Stateline Writers Club meeting began with members playing art critics as they were to examine the pictures Tolles had on display and write a short essay about what they brought to mind, using whatever slant or perspective was most comfortable for them. Tolles brought in some of her own original art work for this exercise.

They were told to close their eyes and breathe deeply, then to open to their inner selves and let the words flow onto the paper. "And have fun," Tolles emphasized. After everyone wrote and read their pieces, she traded their work for a picture of hers of their choice. "What I found fun," Tolles said, "was that one of our member's husbands who normally doesn't participate joined in on this exercise." Program Director Eileen Whitsett said that Tolles "presented a creative and interesting program, and it will for sure go down in our memories as unique."

The special committee of Tolles, Ron Aragon, Martha Schoen and Whitsett set up to discuss using some of the extra money in the treasury presented information on both a \$100 book scholarship and a first, second and third place Auglaize and Mercer County high

school writing contest totaling \$150. Both projects will move forward following approval of members and input from high school teachers. Whitsett made a motion that \$100 be left in the treasury after these two projects were funded, and President Alain Rion seconded. Margaret Goodwin then made a donation toward this, and Whitsett said she would cover the rest. The committee will finalize plans and make a report at the next Stateline meeting.

Everyone then read their current assignment pieces about how their perspectives have changed in the last five years, and Nancy Wreede came up with the October assignment to "write in longhand letters to your grandchildren, even the unborn ones." This idea was amended to include writing to a present or future child as well and that the letter did not have to be handwritten.

The club next meets on Saturday, Oct. 15, at 10 a.m. at the Celina Mercer County Library. Meetings are held at the library on the third Saturday at 10 a.m. Interested persons are invited and encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Gretchen Bollenbacher at 419-363-2692 or fgboll@watchtv.net.

Piqua sports cards show is this weekend

There will be a sports card and collectible show held at the Miami Valley Centre Mall in Piqua on Friday, Oct. 14 - Sunday Oct. 16. There will be approximately 50 tables displaying sports cards as well as NASCAR Diecast, Magic cards and gaming miniatures.

In addition, there will be comic books, Yu-Gi-Oh packs and singles, Hot Wheels, Starting Line-ups, and other collectibles in addition to MLB, NFL, and Ohio

State items. Bring the entire family and enjoy the show and the mall.

Show hours and the mall hours are: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and noon-6 p.m. on Sunday.

The event is sponsored by SC Collectibles, Bill Gertner and Miami Valley Centre Mall Management.

For any questions regarding this show or to reserve a table, please call 937-773-0950.

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By P.M. Stukenborg
Guest Columnist



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 - LSU 37 Tennessee 17
 - Boise State 42 Colorado State 13
 - Oregon 30 Arizona State 21
 - Cincinnati 27 Louisville 14
 - Stanford 35 Washington State 14
 - Texas A&M 24 Baylor 21
 - Virginia Tech 20 Wake Forest 10
 - South Carolina 37 Miss. State 20
 - Clemson 28 Maryland 17
 - Dayton 20 Davidson 14

Stateline to meet Saturday

Golf team correction



Staff photo

Last week, it was mentioned that only three Minster golfers were named to the All-MAC First Team. This was incorrect as Claire Fischer's name was left out. Kelly Mueller, Margo Slonkosky, and Marissa Conrad were also named. We apologize for this oversight.

2011 Eldora season comes to an end

ROSSBURG — Jeep VanWormer and Jeff Leka closed out the 2011 Eldora Speedway and UMP (United Midwestern Promoters) seasons in grand style Saturday night with victories.

VanWormer's emotional win came on the heels on one of the most hotly contested Late Model events witnessed by the fans in many years; and his emotion in victory lane emphasized just that.

While the score sheets may reflect that VanWormer led all 40 laps around the high-banked one-half mile clay oval,

that gives the race no justice. Not one of the 40 laps was easy, as the Pinconning, MI native had his hands full the for the entire distance that was slowed only one time.

That caution came on lap 29 when Scott James, who was in the hunt for the lead, smacked the turn four wall to end his strong night.

When the green flag dropped, VanWormer shot by pole-sitter Chad Smith, who was then able to hold back Frank Heckenast, Jr. for four laps. That trio was soon joined by Brian Shirley and Jason Feger to make

an even stronger run for the front spot. And to tighten things up even more, the newly crowned UMP National Champion, Ryan Unzicker and James joined the fray as the large crowd began working themselves into a frenzy.

Smith began to fade as the others got stronger, all of them within striking distance of VanWormer.

Just near the mid-point of the event, Heckenast turned up the burner and shot by Shirley, with Feger and James now knocking on the door as well. With the top five under a virtual blanket,

the complexion of the race changed somewhat on that lap 29 caution. Not only did James retire with damage, but Shirley dropped to the pit area with mechanical woes.

That left a classic three-way battle between VanWormer, Heckenast and Feger that included dicing between lapped traffic right to the checkered; where they finished in the order, less than seconds apart. Kevin Coles silently slipped up to fourth at the checkered, followed by Unzicker.

Like VanWormer, Leka was able to lead the entire distance to gather in

his second career UMP win at Eldora. One of Eldora's strongest runners, Brian Ruhlman, was in the hunt, but couldn't must the power to dethrone the high-flying Leka. For Ruhlman, it was runner-up honors two years in a row as he finished second to Ken Schrader last season, but a mere one inch.

Leka and Ruhlman coasted to the checkered flag, but behind them the battle was hot right through the final lap, with Dean Hoffman, Bobby Kitchens and Bryan Barber completing the top five.

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(Above) Fifth-grade students wait in line to enter the safety trailer during Friday's fire prevention program.
(Below) Minster-Jackson Township Fire Department Firefighter Pat Baumer speaks to students during the Minster Fire Prevention Program.



Staff photo/Michelle Stein

(Above) Minster fifth-grade student, Natalie Bensman, climbs down from the Minster-Jackson Township Fire Department's safety trailer during a fire safety exercise Friday.



Staff photo/Matt Knochelmann

(Above) The Minster Fire Department drove in the Oktoberfest Parade on Sunday, Oct. 2.

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Celebrations



Minster class of 1961 holds reunion

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 The Minster Class of 1961 class reunion was held at Arrowhead Golf Club on Saturday, Sept. 24. Class members attending were: • Front Row: Patty (Poeppelman) Pekarek, Ann (Knostman) Parker, Carolyn (Hoying) Homan, Bridget (O'Rielly) King, Kaye (Schmiesing) Wint, Rosemary (Albers) Cooper
 • Second Row: Joan (Heitkamp) Beaufait, Judy (Grogan) Gehle, Nancy (Schmiesing) Broering, Joan (Poepelman) Schwieterman, Carol (Schmiesing) Glascock, Carol (Anderson) Gaier, Barbara (Sommer) Broering
 • Third Row: Janice (Osterloh) Weitzel, Helen (Bruns) Barhorst, Ron Fortman, Delores (Fortman) Bergman, Bonnie (Bergman) Burke, Marilyn (Wente) Winner, Marlene (Ahrens) Ambos
 • Fourth Row: Robert (Bob) Riethman, Denis Love, Richard Nerderman, Ken Clune, Orville Borgert, Thomas (Tom) Ruetschilling, Werner Schmiesing
 • Fifth Row: John Bornhorst, Robert (Bob) Grieshop, Luke Schmieder, Thomas (Tom) Knuefner, Earl Luthman, Robert (Ace) Zimmerer
 • Back Row: Jerry Wissman, Norman Winner, Jerry Niekamp, William (Bill) Winner
 • Unable to Attend: Ron Hemmelgarn, Sara (Stienemann) Ombrello, Jane (Winner) Hatfield, Mark Brunswick, Kay (Gudenkauf) Dickinson, Virgil Schroeder, Michelle (Schnelle) Bauerband, Alvin Prenger, John Eilerman, Judy (Buscher) Magoto, Wayne Vanderhorst, Peggy (Meyer) Bonfiglio, Gail (Feldman) Wendeln, Duane Kinninger, Mary (Gauspohl) Stein, Sister Carolyn Hoying, and Elaine (Beckman) Brown
 • Deceased: Marjorie (Koverman) Monnin, Robert Cozad, Ralph Drosch

United Way announces pacesetter results



Photo provided
 Grand Lake Health System Director of Planning, Marketing and Compliance Martin Dodrill (left) and Community Outreach Coordinator and United Way Campaign Chairperson Cindy Gaerke (center) presented a check for \$20,103.50 to Randy Fisher (right), the executive director of The United Way of Auglaize County.

The United Way of Auglaize County's first Pacesetter Campaign wrapped up recently as Grand Lake Health System at Joint Township District Hospital celebrated the conclusion of another successful campaign.
 Grand Lake Health System Director of Planning, Marketing and Compliance Martin Dodrill as well as Community Outreach Coordinator and United Way Campaign Chairperson Cindy Gaerke presented a check for \$20,103.50 to the Executive Director of The United Way of Auglaize County Randy Fisher.
 Grand Lake Health Systems was once of two Pacesetter Campaigns who's results will be announced along with the 2011 United Way of Auglaize County Campaign Goal at The 2011 Campaign Kickoff Dinner at Easy Campground on Oct. 2.

The United Way of Auglaize County would like to thank Grand Lake Health System for conducting what is one of the most crucial work place campaigns they have. They would also like to extend a huge thank you to Cindy Gaerke and her steering committee made of Michelle Emerine, Jane Weigel, Sarah Katterheinrich, Amy Schlenker and Ammy Snyder for their extraordinary effort that makes this campaign so successful.
 The United Way of Auglaize County positively impacts the community by focusing on the building blocks to a better life: education, health, and financial stability. This is a local organization serving local needs.
 For more information or to make a donation please contact the office at 419-739-7717 or visit their website at www.auglaizeunitedway.org.

Pumpkin People winners announced

NEW BREMEN — With creativity and participation at an all-time high, it's no surprise that hundreds of votes were cast in the New Bremen Pumpkin People contest again this year. More than 20 businesses participated in the annual contest put on by the New Bremen Community improvement Corporation and the Southwestern Auglaize County Chamber of Commerce.
 "We continue to see lots of traffic in town as people visit the businesses where the Pumpkin People are hanging out," said chamber director Scott Frey. "This is a fun way to showcase our local businesses and get ready for Pumpkin-fest." The Chamber of Commerce provided the prizes to support the contest, including a \$100 discount on chamber membership for the winning business.

The top ten vote-getting Pumpkin People are: 10. "Yankee Doodle" (New Bremen Massage Clinic); 9. "Johnny Cash" (First National Bank of New Bremen); 8. "Russell" (Platinum Auto Group); 7. "Tinsel Truvy" (Hair Performers); 6. "Up, Up and Away" (Miller Insurance Agency); 5. "Pizza Pumpkin Pete" (Pizza Hut); 4. "The Eye Doc" (New Bremen Eye Care, LLC); 3. "Penny Bea Savin" (Minster Bank); 2. "The Coroner Café" (Bolly's Restaurant); 1. "Y Not Join" (The Auglaize-Mercer Family YMCA).
 The New Bremen CIC and Southwestern Auglaize County would like to thank the participating businesses and all of the voters. Three random votes were drawn and the voters will be awarded chamber gift certificates for participating.

Prengers announce birth of son

Matthew Jacob Prenger was born on Sept. 13, 2011, to David and Laura (Post) Prenger, of Minster, at Wilson Memorial Hospital in Sidney.
 Matthew was born at 8:25 p.m. He weighed 8 pounds, 10.1 ounces and was 21.25 inches long. He was welcomed home by his three brothers,

Bradly, 6, Nicholas, 4, and Colin, 2.
 The maternal grandparents are Daniel and Georgene Post, of Ft. Recovery.
 The paternal grandparents are Mary and Al Prenger, of Minster. The maternal great-grandparents are Ben and Joan Post, of St. Henry.

O'Briens announce birth of son

Blaise Anthony O'Brien was born on Sept. 3, 2011, to Kevin and Leslie (Moorman) O'Brien at West Allis Hospital in Wisconsin.
 Blaise was born at 9:10 p.m. He weighed 8 pounds, 13 ounces and was 22 inches long
 He was welcomed home by siblings,

Shane, 11, Jadin, 9, Caitlyn, 7, PJ, 5, Michael, 3, and Casey, 22 months.
 The maternal grandparents are Alice and the late Virgil Moorman, of Minster.
 The paternal grandparents are George and Pat O'Brien, of Sterling Heights, Mich.

Minster kids punt, pass and kick



Photo provided
 On Saturday, Sept. 24, the Minster Journeyman's Club hosted the annual Punt Pass and Kick competition at 1 p.m. at Minster Memorial Field.
 The first place winner for girls ages 8-9 was Dana Prenger. She was the only girl in this age group.
 The winners for boys ages 8-9 were, from left to right: In first place, Justin Nixon; in second place, Brian Falk; in third place, Jack Olberding.
 The first place winners will be moving onto sectionals.

Lake Loramie Halloween Campout is a success

The Lake Loramie Halloween Campout, which took place on the weekend of Oct. 7-9, was a huge success.
 Both Friday and Saturday night, a haunted maze was put on by Chuck and Kathy Helton and park volunteers. On Saturday, kids had fun getting their faces painted and then enjoyed decorating up a pumpkin to take home with them.
 Chili was served by the camper host and the Hickerson Family that played during Lake Loramie Fall Festival returned to perform on stage. Of course, it wouldn't be Halloween without trick or treat.
 Listed below are the winners of the

best decorated Halloween campsite:
 • First place: Campsite 163-Guy and Angie Demange, who received a free night of camping, plaque and bunch of goodies. • Second place: Campsite 25-Bill and Carolyn Perdue. • Third place: Campsite 67-Louis Christman. • Fourth place: Campsite 35-Mark Schuttle (Robin Stammen). • Fifth place: Campsite 105-Johann Huf
 Each of them received a bowl or basketful of Halloween goodies.
 The winner of the candy corn contest went to Campsite 152-Tori Wuebker, who guessed 250 pieces of candy corn in jar. The actual number was 257.



Photos provided
 There were numerous activities to participate in during the Lake Loramie Halloween Campout, including trick-or-treating (above) and pumpkin painting (below).

