



Council

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the 24 hour drop off centers and must be taken to a manned center. The Minster community garage sales are slated for April 26-27.

Interested parties should send \$5 and a list of 10 items to be listed in the booklet to: Minster Garden Club PO Box 168 Minster OH, 45865. Nonprofit organizations

are invited to set up a booth at the Minster Centennial Park to sell items. Minster is offering direct bill payment program., Harrod noted. "This is a great time to take advantage of the

free program. Signing up will allow for utility payment to be taken directly from a designated bank account," said Harrod. Forms can be downloaded from the village website.

The council approved the hiring of Brian Sextro as a full time employee with the electrical department. Harrod requested and received permission to sell unused equipment. The council approved

payment of invoices totaling \$573,900.84 and recessed. The next regular village council meeting will be held Tuesday, April 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the Village Administration Building.

Band

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ment, said band director Jen Bear. The instrument has outlived the first people who played it. While it's admirable that the tuba held up so well, she said those instruments are costing the school money that's invested in repairs, and costing the student playing time when the instrument is not in the classroom. But the thing many people don't realize, she said, is that these instruments are expensive—\$3,000 to \$5,000 for one instrument. These are the unusual instruments, contralto clarinet, bassoon, baritone saxophone, oboes, and tubas that add rich undertones to the music when the concert band plays. These instruments are often taken up as a challenge by more advanced members of the band who want to learn another instrument. Minster's band is 128 students out of 280 students eligible for the program in

ninth through 12th grades, almost half of all students. The students say that one reason they take band is that it's one of only two fine art options for credit, either band or art class. The students said they see other schools have more options like choir or drama departments where plays are written for the students. Several students continue to study music in college by majoring in music education or music therapy, for example, and having another instrument on their applications can be very helpful, said Bear. She also said that in competitive situations, when auditioning for bands, knowing a less popular instrument can give a student an edge over the competition. "The concert band is the meat and potatoes of the music education," she said. "It's where the students learn the most musically." The band also gives the students leadership opportunities, Bear said. "Definitely when an instrument is out of tune, it sticks out," Hilary Carder said.

"The band is important in general," Kara Kitzmiller said. "We have pride in it, and we represent Minster well as a whole." Sara Dahlinghaus said band helped her transition from junior high to high school. Bear said she sees old members coming back to see the band as it is today, even though they've been away

for years. "You don't just take band for one year," Peter Morsey said. Kitzmiller agreed. "Without it there wouldn't be any music here," Kitzmiller said. "It's something everyone understands. It's a language — a part of life."



Staff photos/Michelle Stein
(Above) Emmanuel teaches students how to say instrument names in Spanish during a concert April 3 at New Bremen High school.
(Left) Two students join Ennio Emmanuel on stage during one of his songs.

Spanish

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ment from singer Ennio Emmanuel. The concert featured an array of songs, including traditional Spanish tunes, original music by Emmanuel, sing-alongs and more. Many students were already familiar with his music, as they listened to it and practiced beforehand. Emmanuel's concert also featured song lyrics displayed on a large scree, which helped students follow along. Throughout the event, Emmanuel engaged his audience, inviting them on stage to sing along with him and try out different instruments. He also shared messages about learning the Spanish language, along with his personal mission experiences. "Any other language can help you out," he

told students. "Take advantage of every moment that you have in your Spanish class." Students also participated in a special dance number, the "Ennio Shake," popularly known as the Harlem Shake. "We know that Spanish can help you out in business, it can help you out in getting to meet new people, understanding new cultures, if you want to get married to a Spanish person," Emmanuel said. "We know Spanish can help you out in your life." After the concert, students were invited to visit with Emmanuel and to purchase memorabilia, if desired. To learn more about Ennio Emmanuel, his music and his concerts, visit ennioemmanuel.com.

Schools

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students in grades 4-8 in reading and mathematics since the last school year; this is called the Value-Added Measure. Districts are assigned a score of "above" if greater than one year of progress has been achieved, "met" if one year of progress has been achieved and "below" if less than one year of progress has been achieved. Because Minster met its Value-Added, but did not exceed it, the district was not named an "Excellent with Distinction" district, Boeke explained. "Because our kids perform so high, it becomes increasingly difficult to get them to stretch one more year," she said. "But we are definitely looking at that and will continue to monitor our Value-Added to make sure our kids are growing." The 2011-12 report card marks the last year for this type of report,

Boeke said. "Next year, they are going to an A to F system; every school district in Ohio will be graded in the same areas, but with an A, B, C, D or F. And then in 2015 and 16, their plan is to give an overall average grade to every school district. If we take our scores right now, according to how we did this year, we'd be at a B plus — our Value-Added is keeping us away from an A. And so we are looking at that and we will address that." In other school updates, like many other schools in the area, enrollment has been declining since 1999. Other factors have also been contributing to the declining enrollment, Boeke said. "Every single student that lives in the Minster school district is supposed to come to Minster schools," she said. "But that's not what's happening." Currently, there are 25 students who live in the Minster school district,

but who are attending different schools — five who technically live in the village of New Bremen, but are still considered in the Minster school district; six students whose parents didn't want them to be a part of what they think is Minster and the release-time program; seven whose parents took them elsewhere for all-day kindergarten; two for custodial reasons; two for JVS reasons; one for personal choice. Two other students moved away after the count week. "We receive funding per student, but if they go out, they take more than the funding we receive," she said. "So that's why we are watching these outgoing students very, very closely, because it affects our bottom line." Finally, Boeke spoke of a few upcoming changes for the 2013-14 school year, which will include the implementation of all-day, every day kindergarten, dual enrollment classes, as well as restructuring the current release time program.

"Currently, kids go to release time two days a week for about 35 minutes," she said. "We're now going to make that into one day a week. They'll still have

Wednesday morning as their day to go to Mass if they so choose. But the release time instruction will actually take place at the end of the day, so a parent whose child doesn't participate can also come get their child

for their release time and hopefully, won't make them feel as different as they do now." "Our mission is to challenge today's students to become tomorrow's leaders," Boeke said. "And we continue to do that."

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Obituaries

Thomas J. Froning

Thomas J. Froning, 95, of Elmwood of New Bremen, formerly of Second Street in Minster, died at 6:18 p.m. Monday, April 1, 2013, at Joint Township District Memorial Hospital.

He was born Jan. 19, 1918, in Minster, the son of the late Bernard and Philomena M. (Droesch) Froning.

He married Bernadine F. Poepelman on Jan. 19, 1946, in Minster, and she preceded him in death on Feb. 18, 1993.

He is survived by three daughters, Kathryn and John Andrews of Warrenton, Va., Elizabeth and Douglas Betz of Bellbrook, Sarah and Ken Sommer of Minster; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by one grandchild; brothers and sisters, Sylvester and Florence Froning, Cletus and Sophia Froning, Bertilla and Raymond Oliver, Wilbur and Hildegard Froning, Rita and George Daugherty; infant brother, Benedict; sister-in-law, Loretta Froning.

He was a member of St. Augustine Catholic Church in Minster, where he was a member of the Men's Choir for 68 years. He was a member of the U.S. Army Air Corps as A Tech Sergeant from 1942 until his honorable discharge in 1945. He was also a member of the American Legion, VFW, FOE 1391, the Minster Civic Association, T.P.A. and the Cataract Fire Company, all of Minster. He was retired from Post Printing in Minster after 38 years of service. Tom enjoyed singing, traveling and refinishing furniture. He also loved his Sunday drives listening to music.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held April 5 at St. Augustine Catholic Church, with the Rev. Rick Nieberding officiating. Burial took place in St. Augustine Cemetery with full military honors.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Williams Syndrome Association and to the St. Augustine Men's Choir. Condolences may be made at www.hogenkampfh.com.

Joan A. Eilerman

Joan A. Eilerman, 78, of Fort Loramie, died at 11:15 a.m. Thursday, April 4, 2013, at Dorothy Love Retirement Community.

She was born on May 8, 1934, in Maria Stein, the daughter of the late Edward J. and Olivia (Brunswick) Bergman.

She married Donald P. Eilerman on Oct. 6, 1954, and he preceded her in death on Nov. 16, 1994.

She is survived by her children, Donna and Paul Hoying of McCartyville, Carol and Jerry Hoying of Fort Loramie, Robert and Janet Eilerman of New Bremen, Elizabeth "Betsy" and Michael Schieltz of Fort Loramie, Teresa and Greg Winner of Minster, Paul and Margo Eilerman of Wilder, Ky., Kathleen and Wally Meyer of Newport, Steve Eilerman and fiancée Mary Zamudio of Fort Loramie, Barbara and Keith Brown of Troy, Joyce and Paul Bremigan of Russia; 23 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; sister, Patricia and Jim Winner of Minster; sister-in-law, Ruth Spaugy of Sidney.

She was also preceded in death by brothers and sisters, Mary and Floyd Schwegman, Henry and Betty Bergman, Walter Bergman, Dorothy and Henry Beckman, Ruth and John Barhorst.

She was a member of St. Michael Catholic Church in Fort Loramie, St. Anne's Rosary Alter Society, Fort Loramie American Legion Auxiliary 355 and the Minster FOE Auxiliary 1391.

A Mass of Christian burial was held April 8 at St. Michael Catholic Church, with the Rev. Steven Shoup officiating. Burial took place in St. Michael Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be directed to Senior Independence Hospice and to Fort Loramie Rescue.

Condolences may be made at www.hogenkampfh.com.

Writers club convenes

The Stateline Writers Club met on Saturday, March 16 at the Mercer County District Library after a two month hiatus. After a short business meeting, in which the next topic was chosen and dues collected, members read what they had written. This was followed by a writing activity presented

by Eileen Whitsett. Next month's program will be led by Alian Rion. Participants are asked to write a "What If" or "What might have been" story for next month's meeting which will be held on April 20 at 10 a.m. at the Mercer County District Library. Meetings are free and open to the public.

Minster names honor roll students

The Minster Junior High/ High School Honor Roll for the third quarter is as follows:

Grade 7
Highest Honors: Grace Butler, Allison Fischer, Pilar Slonkosky

High Honors: Claire Borgerding, Mya Dirksen, Aria Gibson, Veronika Gottschalk, Allison Grieshop, Jared Huelsman, Jeremy Kauffman, Erin Keller, Adam Knapke, Jenna Nixon, Paige Philipps, Carter Pohl, Joshua Rietzman, Alice Schmiesing, Emma Schmiesing, Isaac Schmiesing, Paige Thobe, Maya Watercutter, Carlie Watkins, Regan Wuebker

Honors: Daniel Becker, Jordan Berelsman, Gavin Bernhold, Anthony Boehnlein, Collin Bornhorst, Andrew Broering, Abigail E. Brown, Abigail L. Brown, Ryan Cavanaugh, Cassie Francis, Remy Francis, Rene Gabel, Emma Goodwin, Jared Heitkamp, Catherine Hilgefert, Taylor Hoying, Alec Huber, Hannah Koenig, Taylor Kogge, Morgan Kuether, Rebecca Lehmkuhl, Nathaniel Moeller, Katherine Perryman, Maxwell Prenger, Kayla Steger, Logan Tebbe, Kendra Thien, Shania Weigandt, Cricket Wuebker

Grade 8
Highest Honors: Lisa Borges, Colleen Jutte

High Honors: Carly Barhorst, Hayley Baumer, Alison Borgerding, Jordan Brackman, Nicklaus Chalk, Isaac Dorsten, Caleb Francis, Ava Goebel, Jordyn Heitbrink, Sarah Huwer, Aaron Kitzmill-

er, Morgan Pohl, Kyle Prenger, Paige Purdy, Lindsay Roetgerman, Nathan Schwieterman, Madison Stewart, Benjamin Stubbs, Jennifer Trzaska, Amanda Winner

Honors: Alejandro Blanco, Leah Brandewie, Dylan Byers, Samuel Dirksen, Macey Elder, Zoe Heid, Carter Hogenkamp, Sable Hudson, Morgan Koverman, Savanah Luthman, Alex Oldiges, Hailey Oldiges, Noah Poeppelman, Sara Ripploh, Cody Schlatter, Bryce Schmiesing, Hallie Sherman, Austen Vanderhorst

Grade 9
Highest Honors: Kaci Bornhorst, Katherine Burke, Benjamin Butler, Erin Cavanaugh, LeAnn Huelsman, Amanda Lehmkuhl, Madison Schmidt, Hannah Schmittmeyer, Conner Tumbusch, Katie Wuebker

High Honors: Jessica Berelsman, Adam Bornhorst, Jesse Burkhead, Logan DeLoye, Jacob Dues, Austin Dwenger, Alexander Eiting, Peter Falk, Mya Francis, Reid Frick, Megan Gabel, Kyle Heitkamp, Brett Hoelscher, Evan Huelsman, Wesley Kogge, Margaret Meiring, Laura Meyer, Madison Meyer, Ethan Monnin, Joshua Nixon, Joshua Otting, Maxwell Pelletier, Jack Poeppelman, Peter Ranly, Lindsey Schmidt, Jason Schultz, Jacob Stechschulte, Chad Stoner, Cortney Thien, Jared Thobe

Honors: Lisa Barlage, Adam Boehnlein, Ryan Brown, Jenna Collins, Dane Dahlinghaus, Zach-

ary Eiting, Isaac Gibson, Derek Grieshop, Pierce McGowan, Brooke Monnin, Kelsey Richard, Julia Slonkosky, Allison St. Clair

Grade 10
Highest Honors: Elizabeth Baker, Maria Heckman, Cassandra Jutte, Rebekah Monnin

High Honors: Gabrielle Barga, Austin Brackman, Caleb Broering, Carlin Elder, Andrew Fausey, Xavier Francis, Megan Hilgefert, Blake Malory, Mariah McKenzie, Danielle Monnin, James Nixon, Erica Oldiges, Alana Poeppelman, Nathan Riethman, Lauren Roetgerman, Loren Schmidt, Jenna Sekas, Kayla Thien, Matthew Trushaw, Joseph Trzaska, Nicole Will

Honors: Alicia Arling, Logan Arnold, Nicole Borgerding, Maurice Bornhorst, Chase Cassel, Mara Cull, Samuel Dues, Michaela Goettemoeller, Regan Hahn, Bridget McGowan, Taylor Meiring, Logan Pack, Clifton Perryman, Samuel Schutte, Jonathon Tipton, Rachel Wehrman, Elijah Wolf, Alexis Wuebker

Grade 11
Highest Honors: Nicole Brandewie, Joshua Grieshop, Anthony Huelsman, Dana Jutte, Megan Kaiser, Leah Niekamp

High Honors: John Burke, Olivia Enneking, Claire Fischer, Sara Hosey, Brandon Hoying, Kara Kitzmiller, Aubrey Klosterman, Alexis Kyburz, Whitney Oakley, Casey Schmidt, Chelsea Stewart, Katelyn Thie-

Honors: Andrew Albers, Stephanie Albers, Hannah Barga, Alexander Barhorst, Christian Boehnlein, Clay Brown, Trey Conkle, Marissa Conrad, Paul Dues, Macy Eshleman, Christopher Garrett, Mark Hackemoeller, Rachel Heckman, Wesley Hegemann, Jonathon Heuker, Kristin Hilgefert, Garrett Hogenkamp, Courtney Kuether, Peter Morsey, Samantha Osterfeld, Jessica Otting, Kathryn Prenger, Alissa Puthoff, Brittany Reeves, Kayla Richard, Sydney Schmidt, Jarod Schmittmeyer, Adam Schulze, Ryan Schulze, Scott Se-

Grade 12
Highest Honors: Andrew Borges, Hannah Butler, Rachel Cull, Sara Dahlinghaus, Natalie Fausey, Samantha Forsthoefel, Allison Jutte, Andrew Knapke, Alisha Monnin, Adam Niemeyer

High Honors: Taylor Arnold, Major Bernhold, James Borges, Breanna Dahlinghaus, Jay Eilerman, Craig Flaute, Jack Fullenkamp, Bridget Geiger, Mason Haney, Nicholas Kemper, Jennifer Phlipot, Devon Poeppelman, Morgan Richard, Corey Schultz, Amanda Sherman, Kayla Sturwald, Theodore Trzaska, Joshua Tumbusch, Adam Wehrman

Honors: Eric Dahlinghaus, Adam Dirksen, Troy Kauffman, Megan Liening, Claire McGowan, Kelsey Sturwald, Alan Tebbe, Kurtis Thobe.

News from Osgood

The Osgood Legion will have a Wing Fry on Saturday, April 13. Serving starts at 4:30 p.m. and lasts until 7:30 p.m. This is eat in or carry out.

The one with lucky cards at the Osgood Legion Euchre Tournament on Thursday, April 4 were Dennis Homan, Bob Brunswick, Ralph Winner, Thelma Ruchty, Vernon Gudorf, Ray Koesters and Norb Schlatter.

The Osgood Area Rescue Benefit Night is Saturday, April 20 from 8 p.m. through 2 a.m. at the Silver Spur. There is a raffle with 79 prizes, a 50/50 jar and karaoke. You must be 21 to drink. Raffle tickets can be obtained from any

squad member.

The annual clean up at St. Martin Cemetery will be held on April 15. All items not attached to the footer are subject for removal. Also there are flower saddles blown off the stones and have been placed in the building. If the saddles have the name on they will then be placed back on the stone. All flowers left in the building on the 15 of April will be disposed of.

St. Nickolas Church Cleaning will be held on Tuesday, April 23 starting at 6 p.m. Check the bulletin if you're scheduled. There will be pizza served in the basement; please bring your own drink.

University of Findlay announces Dean's List

The University of Findlay recently announced area students who were named on the Dean's List:

- Albers, Brooke, Fort Loramie, Ohio, physical therapy major
- Gehret, Steven, 4.0, Fort Loramie, Ohio, education major
- Hoelscher, Bethany, Fort Loramie, Ohio, intervention specialist education major
- Holthaus, Andrea, Fort Loramie, Ohio, bi-

ology/pre-medicine major

- Meyer, Rebecca, Fort Loramie, Ohio, social work major
- Berning, Jenise, Minster, Ohio, occupational therapy major
- Collins, Derek, Minster, Ohio, business major
- Frilling, Mark, 4.0, Minster, Ohio, biology/pre-medicine major
- Winner, Johanna, Minster, Ohio, physical therapy major.

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Photo provided
Pictured above is a Model No. 2, New Idea Manure Spreader, for two horses; capacity - 50 bushels.

Our Old Book Case

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

May you be the first to know that the New Idea Historic Preservation Committee members of the Mercer County Historical Society are planning to three major projects this summer. Do you want to help?

COLDWATER'S OLD PHOTO-GRAPHS! First, the Coldwater 175th Celebration Committee is making major plans for this summer. As you recall, for Coldwater's sesquicentennial celebration in 1988, Eugene Weber and I edited the "Coldwater at 150" history book, for that event.

That's right; a quarter of a century has gone by, quicker than we thought possible. Mindy Kremer is a member of that 175th committee and she contacted Phil Naumann, vice president of the Mercer County Historical Society, to check with me about Coldwater's old photographs, as her husband is planning a website for this event. The historical society is glad to help preserve Coldwater's history as a part of Mercer County's history.

OLD NEW IDEA EQUIPMENT & TRACTORS! Second, Allen Hartings, president of the Coldwater Community Picnic for this summer, contacted me about the Mercer County Historical Society hosting a vintage tractor exhibit as well as an exhibit of New Idea farm equipment.

As you recall, when Agco closed the Coldwater New Idea Plant on Dec. 8, 1999, I asked Agco for the records and artifacts of the New Idea Company for the Mercer County Historical Society. With those records and artifacts, I planned and implemented the New Idea Historic Preservation Committee in 2000. This committee has hosted New Idea company equipment manual sales over the past dozen

years. This committee has hosted exhibits of New Idea equipment, every other year, at the Coldwater Community Picnic. The committee also hosted a New Idea equipment exhibit at the Old Fashioned Farmers Days at Van Wert, and at the Power of the Past Show at Greenville.

HELP THE EXHIBIT! Therefore, we are making a public request for those of you who have New Idea equipment, especially the old equipment, and those of you who have vintage or antique tractors, to contact me and make plans to reserve a place and exhibit your equipment Aug. 2-4, at the Coldwater Community Park. (My phone number and email address are listed below.) Please help the Mercer County Historical Society and its New Idea Historic Preservation Committee to make this Coldwater 175th anniversary exhibit at the park, the best it has ever been.

A NEW BOOK: "NEW IDEA SPREADER COMPANY HISTORY OF HORSE DRAWN MANURE SPREADERS!" Third, this New Idea Historic Preservation Committee has been gathering the history of New Idea company these past dozen years. Since so many people who worked at the New Idea in the 1950s, worked on the corn picker, we have been interviewing people about that era. We will continue these interviews this summer at Coldwater Park in August.

The NIHP Committee members have decided to begin printing a series of volumes about New Idea's history, beginning with the first volume as a history of New Idea Spreader Co. and its horse drawn manure spreaders at Maria Stein.

The second volume will continue the history of New Idea's horse drawn manure spreaders, at Coldwater.

HELP WITH THE BOOK! New Idea employees' families and community members, I am asking for your help this April! The history of the New Idea company is a major task to consider. However, breaking the topic into various products and time periods makes the challenge into something we can accomplish.

We would like to have these two volumes in print by July 1. When the two books are ready to go to the printer, I will notify you, so you can send in your orders at the lower pre-publication price, in order for the historical society to know how many books to print.

However, to make this book happen, we are asking you if you have photographs, documents or other materials, which would relate to New Idea's early history of horse drawn manure spreaders, at Maria Stein and at Coldwater, to contact me this month.

Thanks for helping the Mercer County Historical Society to preserve local history.

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

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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
In many parts of Mercer County, money and food has been collected and sent to the suffering people in Dayton.

Two carloads of smoked meat were sent by the farmers around St. Anthony.

The Pioneer Canning Factory of St. Henry sent 600 cases of canned food.

In Celina about eight hundred dollars and nine barrels of food were collected.

Last Tuesday morning news came out of Dayton that Mrs. Ed Schunk (born Carrie Miller) was killed in the floods.

Mrs. Schunk had to flee from her house because it was on fire from a gas explosion.

She then clung to a telephone pole until she was exhausted, fell into the water and drowned.

She was 32 years old and is survived by her husband and a son.

Minster mayor M. A. Anthony died on Tuesday afternoon, April 8 after a 2 week illness.

He was afflicted with lung fever and was 36 years of age.

Mr. Anthony was one of the most prominent and energetic young business men of Minster.

Louis Drees, Acting Mayor, requests the business places of Minster to close for two hours on the morning of the

burial.

The street commissioner Joseph Brunegraf and some helpers are busy this week filling and smoothing the so-called Race.

It will then be used as a roadway and known as the Third Street.

The old race has always been a thorn in the side for some people, and this improvement will certainly be regarded as very advantageous.

75 years ago
Drilling of a new water well behind the power house in Minster has been completed, the well has been capped and the town is awaiting the result of a test of the water, being made by the state at its laboratories in Columbus.

After weathering driving rains, sleet and snow storms for years, the clocks on the twin towers of St. Augustine church here and on the Ft. Laramie church steeple went on a "stand-up" strike at 9:40pm Wednesday, and refused to budge an inch until early Friday morning after warmer weather had corrected this prank of the storm.

Townpeople peered toward the village timepieces and were not sure Wednesday morning whether they had got up too early or not.

Custodians discovered the hands of the clock were coated with ice.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stueve who resided in the Henry Niemeyer brick residence south of the Big H. filling station, have moved into the Ed Seger dwelling.

The Ed Seger family moved onto the farm operated by Anton Liening.

Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Woehrmyer and daughter Norma Jean visited with friends in Van Wert and Lima

Friday.

50 years ago
More than 2500 persons were shown through the Minster State Bank during open house at the new building last Saturday. More than 50 floral pieces bearing cards of congratulation were received prior to the opening.

Grand opening of the new modern Maytag Self-Service Laundry, located in Minster at 13 South Frankfort Street, will be held next week Thursday April 18, from 9am -- 9pm according to announcement by Norbert Gudorf, the owner.

Announcement of the engagement and approaching marriage of Carol Jean Lachey to Tom Feldman is made by her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Lachey of Osgood.

The future bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clem Feldman of Minster.

The nuptial vows will take place Sept. 28.

Baptized Sunday in St. Augustine's Church were Daniel Braun, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Braun (Marian Frey, born March 26 at Joint Township Hospital in St. Marys, with Louis Braun and Elizabeth Overman as sponsors.

Also baptized was Mary Kay Heitbrink, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Heitbrink (Mary Hoying), born March 25 at Joint Township Hospital in St. Marys, with William Drees and Janet Heitbrink as sponsors.

Current news
Museum hours are Sunday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

We are always looking for photos, histories, and artifacts of Minster, volunteers, too.

Minster disaster meeting planned

A meeting will be held at 7 p.m. May 8 in the Minster High School cafeteria to inform the citizens of Minster what to do if there is a disaster.

The following personnel will be present to explain: Troy Anderson,

Auglaize County Emergency Management; Dale Dues, fire chief; Randy Houseworth, police chief; Kendra Kemper, Rescue Squad president; The American Red Cross; Don Harrod.

Let's be prepared if disaster strikes.

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Mackinaw Island - May 3-5- Two nights on the island!

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Shotgun Red Variety Show - May 13 - Performed many times on the General Jackson Showboat in Nashville.

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June 4 - BB King - See the King of Blues!

Mormon Tabernacle Choir - June 12 - limited seats

Sound of Music at LaComedia - June 19

Sound of Music, Belterra Casino & Reds Ballgame - June 19-20- seats going fast!

Reds Ballgame - June 20 - very limited seats!

Las Vegas - June 24-28 - Hotel right on the strip! Must register by May 10th

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Turkeyville, Firekeepers Casino & Broadway's "WICKED" - Aug 14-15

Broadway's " WICKED" - Aug. 15 - Lunch & show at Toledo

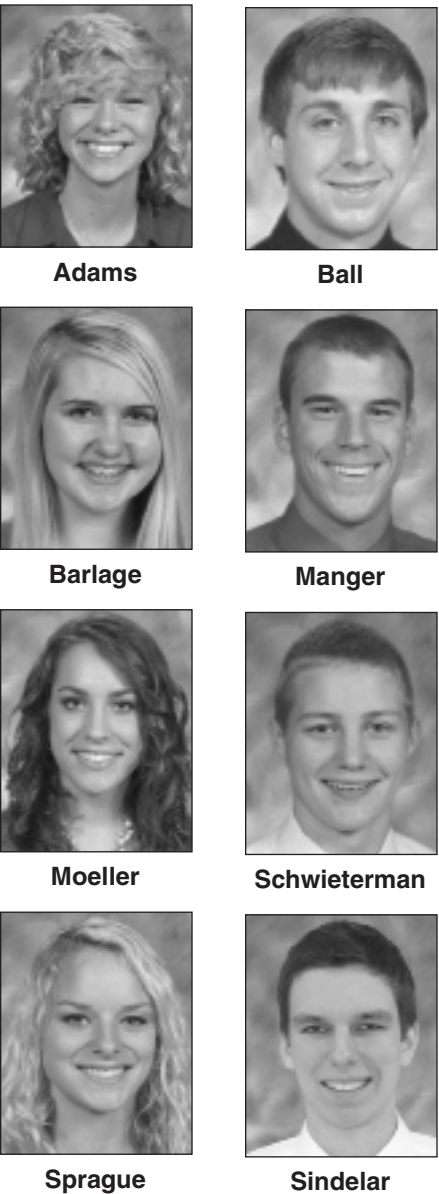
Daniel O'Donnell at Toledo - One day trips on both Sept. 14 & Sept 15 - Accepting reservations as of May 1st at 9:00 am

Niagara Falls, New York Finger Lakes & Pennsylvania Grand Canyon Foliage Tour - Oct. 1-5 - No Passport Needed! Wonderful opportunity to see the fall colors.

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Prom court selected



New Bremen High School will hold its prom on April 20, with the theme “Midnight in Paris.”

Prom will be held in the New Bremen High School commons and gym.

There will be an open house from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The dance will be held from 9 p.m. to midnight.

The crowning of the king and queen to be held from 8:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

After prom activities will be held at Speedway Lanes in New Bremen.

The prom court for this year includes the following seniors:

- Chrissy Adams, daughter of Ron and Brenda Adams.
- Madison Barlage, daughter of Kevin and Cindy Barlage.
- Haley Moeller, daughter of Gary and Amy Moeller.
- Kristin Sprague, daughter of Brian and Diana Sprague.
- Caleb Ball, son of Richard and Andrea Ball.
- Parker Manger, son of Keith and Lisa Manger.
- Luke Schwieterman, son of Brian and Maria Schwieterman.
- Morgen Sindelar, son of Mike and Kendra Sindelar.

Students named to rolls

The Marion Local High School honor rolls for the third quarter are as follows:

First Honors

Seniors: Malorie Bergman, Kristen Hemmelgarn, Megan Kuether, Kristen Kemper

Juniors: Olivia Hemmelgarn, Matt Bertke, Marisa Spoltman, Courtney Albers, Megan Klosterman

Sophomores: Nathan Heckman, Melinda Meiring, Allie Thobe, Jessie Wynk, Holly Lochtefeld, Cadence Jacobs, Emily Bomholt

Freshmen: Derek Pieron, Lee Hess, Hannah Moeller, Jacob Zizelman, Kyle Homan, Shannon Bertke, Emily Mescher, Nicole Heckman, Michaela Tangeman

Second Honors

Seniors: Carmen Meyer, Jacob Tangeman, Claire Heitkamp, Dea Stucke, Brianna Hess, Casey Schmittmeyer, Clint Knapke, Alyssa Homan, Jennifer Lange, Kyle Kramer, Keith Bohman, Tyler Fleck, Mark Thobe, David Tangeman, David Evers, Chelsea Winner, Conner Unrast, Austin Ball, Chelsea Kemper, Kelsey Smith, Kyle Mescher, Sarah Otte.

Juniors: Emily Long, Abby Fleck, Bethany Wilker, Sophie Heitkamp, Monica Hemmelgarn, Stacy Hartings, Beth Wolters, Clara Wuebker, Jason

Brunswick, Gina Kramer, Brooke Winner, Amy Will, Michelle Schwieterman, Megan Wendel, Adam Bertke, Dillon Hilgeford, Allison Wendel, Patrick Hess, Katie Elking, Chris Jones, Austin Albers, Kristi Moorman, Alex Ungruhn, Abbi Bergman, Katie Heitkamp, Troy Homan, Hannah Heitbrink, Brianna Bragg, Mitchell Spieth, Jill Evers, Madison Chrisman, Kendra Schemmel, Nathan Nagel.

Sophomores: Rachel Berning, Taylor Homan, Chris Lochtefeld, Kevin Bruns, Joe Schwieterman, Carla Smith, Ryan Bruns, Cory Heitkamp, Dustin Rethman, Lucas Prenger, Kate Smith, Alexis Wilker, Jon Zumwald, Jennifer Rethman, Alex Grieshop, Amber Rutschilling, Beth Buening, Meg Schwieterman, Sara Thwaits

Freshmen: Kendra Frey, Nicholas Heitkamp, Alyssa Ruhenkamp, Ashlynn Berning, Kevin Tangeman, Andrea Wynk, Maria Kramer, Chelsey Klosterman, Justin Bohman, Jordan Heitkamp, Nicole Brunswick, Nathan Saintignon, Molly Kindle, Allison Evers, Haley Habodasz, Hailey Mescher, Rose Berning, Lisa Lange, Allie Prueter.

Third Honors

Seniors: Nate Hess, Cheyla Heckman, Brooke

Mescher, Paige Pohlmann, Nicole Moorman, Brandi Rethman, Cory Homan, Riley Homan, Josie Winner, Ryan Roeckner, Hannah Arling, Tiffany Bruggerman, Jacob Shafer

Juniors: Heather Tuente, Randy Knapschaefer, Kate Goodwin, Mindy Puthoff, Molly Berning, Alison Rosenbeck, Stephen Arling, Brandon Prenger, Eric Schmittmeyer, Charlie Fortman

Rose Homan, Darin Broering, Jo Hartings, Megan Subler, Abby Moles, Brook Albers, Tim Driesch, Sam Poepelman, Erin Griesdorn, Madison Puthoff

Sophomores: Heather Mescher, Rachel Rohr, Rachel Otte, Karina Mizer, Jason Will, Luke Knapke, Ian Janson, Claudia Mescher, Jacob Kunkler, Dustin Seitz, Lucas Schmittmeyer, Blake Benton, Peyton Kramer, Oksana Mizer, Jason Frey, Lacie Mueller, Adam Kremer

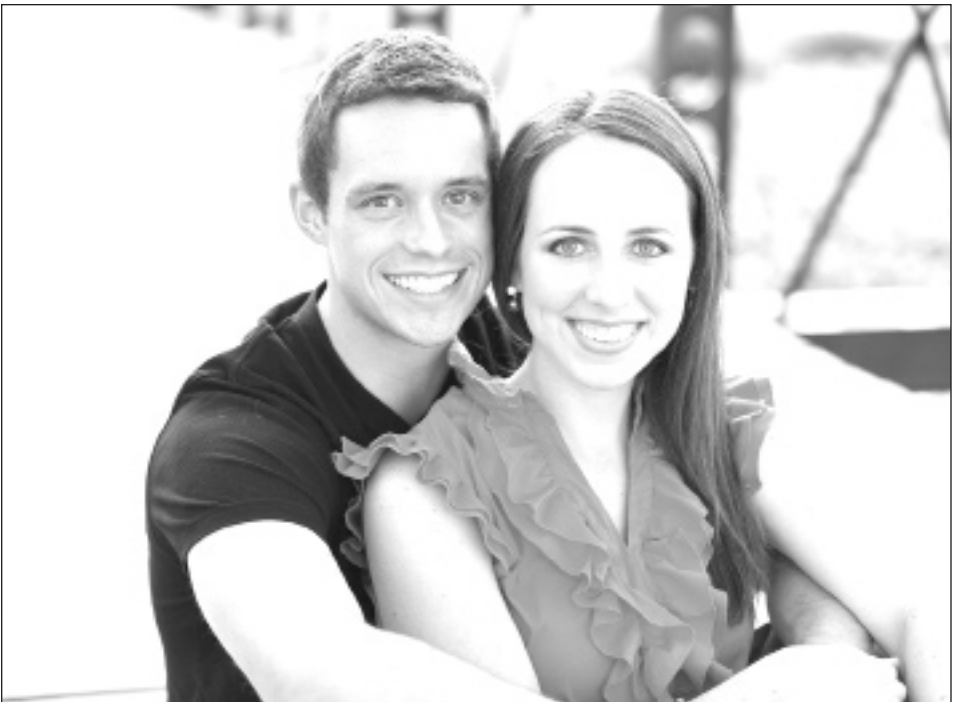
Freshmen: Emily Buening, Tyla Bergman, Zach Hemmelgarn, Caleb Schemmel, Jacob Kleinhenz, Shelby Pleiman, Makenzie Albers, Charlene Homan, Brian Schemmel, Alisha Bell, Jessica Hoyt, Jamie Dirksen, Derek Platfoot, Ashley Homan, Joe Wuebker, Brianne Homan, Megan Grieshop, Juliette Mueller.

Winner's Meats wins big



In early March, the Ohio Association of Meat Processors Convention was held in Columbus. Meetings and classes were held at this three-day event. A trade show was also held. A friendly product competition is then held on Saturday where the Meat Processors from all over the state enter their finest homemade products in the products competition. This year, Robert Winner Sons, Inc., or Winner's Meats, came home with two Reserve Champion Awards. One ribbon was for their award winning summer sausage and another for their beef smokey sticks. Additionally, later in the month they also won the “Specialty Wing Award” for their grilled chicken wings at the MAC Wing fest, which was held at the American Legion in New Bremen. The Winner clan grilled more than 900 chicken wings at this event, and would like to thank everyone that enjoyed and voted for them.

Engagement announced



Melissa Gusching and Ryan Quellhorst have announced their engagement and approaching marriage.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mark and Linda Gusching of Minster. She is a 2006 graduate of Minster High School, a 2009 graduate of Ball State University and a 2013 graduate of The Ohio State University College of Den-

tistry.

The prospective groom is the son of Tim and Vicki Quellhorst of Minster. He is a 2006 graduate of New Bremen High School, a 2009 graduate of Bowling Green State University and a 2013 graduate of Wright State University. He is currently employed as an engineer at Crown Equipment Corporation.

Marion Local releases junior high honor roll

The Marion Local honor roll for seventh and eighth-grade students during the third quarter is as follows:

Grade 7

Morgan Heckman, Nathan Heitkamp, Allison Hess, Emily Kahlig, Alex Partington, Seth Pierron, Lauren Sanders, Amber Schmitz, Thomas Ungruhn, Adaline Mescher, Jonathan Schmitz, Marah Moeller, Maddie

Smith, Tyler Mescher, John Dirksen, Emily Meyer, Taylor Huelsman, Collin Everman, Kara Evers, Olivia Budde, Jocelyn Tangeman, Nathan Arling, Carrie Frysinger, Anna Kleinhenz, Kylie Albers, Trent Bohman, Sarah Fleck, Cassie Pohlman.

Grade 8

Lindsay Bergman, Nathan Bertke, Nick Heckman, Mikayla Spoltman, Chloe Bertke, Jessie

Kramer, Austin Schlater, Jon Knapschaefer, Megan Schoenlein, Morgan Ranly, Alaina Sanders, Sarah Fesenmyer, Vivian Garmann, Joel Goodwin, Duane Leugers, Noah Percy, Jared Bergman, John Freeman, Shane Hemmelgarn, Mitchell Kuether, Lydia Wendel, Kyle Koenig, Amanda Schott, Nathan Moeller, Ashley Bruns, Chloe Nagel, Ryan Thobe, Rachel Reichert.

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Could it have been? Could the dream still come true?

In 1947, the British, who had the Mandate over Palestine, decided that they had enough of the decades of fighting and slaughter between Arabs and Jews. They washed their hands of the Mandate and turned it over to the United Nations.

What are the facts?

A solution not accepted. Wishing to end the bloodshed and to create a stable and, hopefully, permanent solution to the decades of conflict, the U.N. decreed a partition of the country west of the Jordan River into an Arab and a Jewish state. In deference to Arab Muslim insistence that it was their “third holiest city,” the city of Jerusalem, the focus of all Jewish aspirations for two millennia, was to be “internationalized.” For the Jews this was bitterly disappointing. Still, in order to create their dreamed-of state, to normalize the lives of the Jewish inhabitants, and to make possible the ingathering of the Holocaust survivors, they accepted the partition plan. They declared their state, Eretz Yisrael – the Land of Israel – and became a nation. Forever to his credit, US President Harry Truman recognized the nascent state of Israel within minutes of its declaration of independence.

The Arabs rejected the partition proposal out of hand. Goaded mostly by their leaders to make room for the invading armies, about 650,000 fled the fighting. They were not accepted by their Arab brethren. They were interned and live to this day in so-called refugee camps, slum cities, in which they lead miserable and totally unproductive lives, dependent on the dole of the world. They are consumed with hatred against the Jews who, they believe, have deprived them of their patrimony.

Prosperity despite unending attacks. But Israel was not

allowed to live in peace. Virtually without interruption, it was victimized by attacks from Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, and Egypt. There were two major wars: the Six Day War of 1967 and the Yom Kippur War of 1973. Israel prevailed in both. It acquired major territories, most of which, in its never-ending quest for peace, it returned. Following these unsuccessful wars, the Palestinians subjected Israel to almost uninterrupted “intifadas,” essentially one-sided civil wars, in which suicide bombings and other assorted terrors were the main weapons.

Despite these unending tribulations and absorbing close to 4 million migrants from all parts of the world, Israel prospered mightily. Its population is now close to 8 million. Over 1 million of them are Arabs. They are Israeli citizens, have all the rights of their fellow Jewish citizens, serve in the Knesset (Israel’s parliament) and in the diplomatic corps. They are full participants in the economic prosperity that permeates Israel. Israel’s product per person is on the same or higher order as that of most European countries. It is a center of science and of culture. Its industrial output encompasses some of the most advanced technology and sophisticated production in the world. Next to Canada, Israel is the most represented country on US stock exchanges. Most major high-tech companies have facilities – factories and research establishments – in Israel.

All of this is admirable, of course. But there is a flip side to this edifying story. That is the fate of the Arab descendants of those who fled Israel in the 1948 War of Liberation. Had they followed the example of the Jews and agreed to the partition decreed by the U.N., they could today be in the same advanced position as Israel, instead of the misery in which they live. Because there is no question that Israel would have been more than willing to enter into a federation with Palestine, in which citizens of both countries could peacefully partake in common prosperity.

Can that dream still come true? Of course it can! Israel has accepted virtually all of the “conditions” for reconciliation on which the Palestinians have insisted, with the sole exception of the demand for the “right of return.” That “right” would swamp Israel with hundreds of thousands of Arabs. And it would with one stroke be the end of Israel as the Jewish state. Even for the thorny question of Jerusalem a compromise could be found. But, having been misled by the thuggish Arafat for decades, Arab Palestine needs a wise leader in order to finally make peace with Israel. In view of Israel’s experience in Lebanon and Gaza and because it would be fatally vulnerable if an armed enemy occupied the Judean heights, the state of Palestine would have to be totally demilitarized and controlled (probably by US military) for compliance. It would be a difficult condition to swallow, but it would have to be the price to gain their own country. But the dream could then finally be fulfilled and peace and prosperity could be extended over all of the Promised Land. Milk and Honey could indeed flow.

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National Autism Awareness Month observed during April

By MICHELLE STEIN
Staff Writer

Autism affects around 1 in 88 American children, according to statistics from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC.)

Furthermore, autism spectrum disorder affects more than 2 million people in the nation and tens of millions worldwide.

During April — National Autism Awareness Month — organizations in the United States are bringing awareness to the prevalence of autism and the ongoing research, aiming to shed more light on this often puzzling diagnosis.

“Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and autism are both general terms for a group of complex disorders of brain development,” according to Autismspeaks.org. “These disorders are characterized, in varying degrees, by difficulties in social interaction, verbal and non-verbal communication and repetitive behaviors.”

Included on the spectrum are: autistic disorder, Rett syndrome, childhood disintegrative disorder, pervasive developmental disorder-not otherwise specified (PDD-NOS) and Asperger syndrome.

ASD can be associated with a number of different symptoms, according to the Autism Speaks web-



site, including intellectual disability, difficulties in motor coordination and attention and physical health issues, such as sleep and gastrointestinal disturbances. Some people with ASD excel in visual skills, math, music and art.

But what causes autism?

While research is ongoing, it is clear that autism seems to have its root in very early brain development, as the most obvious signs of autism tend to emerge between 2 and 3 years of age.

“First and foremost, we now know that there is no one cause of autism just as there is no one type of autism,” the website explains. “Over the last five years, scientists have identified a number of rare gene changes, or mutations, associated with autism. A small number of these are sufficient to cause autism by themselves. Most cases of autism, however, appear to be caused by a combination of autism risk genes and environmental factors influencing early

brain development.”

A combination of nongenetic stresses seem to increase the risk autism in a child who already has a genetic predisposition. Some of these nongenetic risk factors can include advanced parental age at time of conception, maternal illness during pregnancy and certain difficulties during birth, namely those involving periods of oxygen deprivation to the baby’s brain.

“A growing body of research suggests that a woman can reduce her risk of having a child with autism by taking prenatal vitamins containing folic acid and/or eating a diet rich in folic acid (at least 600 mcg a day) during the months before and after conception,” Autism Speaks notes

Autism Speaks continues to fund research on effective methods for earlier Autism diagnosis, as early intervention with proven behavioral therapies can improve outcomes.

For more information on Autism and Autism research, visit Autismspeaks.org.

Nurses honored at event

The Association for Ohio Occupational Health Nurses recently held their Spring Conference at the Blue Moon Event Center in Grove City. During the conference three members of the West Ohio group were honored with awards.

Two honorees are employed by Crown Equipment in New Bremen, Nancy Warren; a staff nurse in the Crown Medical Clinic was winner of the Mariester Johnson Nurse of the Year award. Joann Boyer, a nurse case manager at Crown, was awarded the Menique Leader Award.

Lisa Stroh, employed by Nidec Corp, formerly Minster Machine, was awarded the Moore Excel-

lence Award.

The nurses were given a certificate of acknowledgment along with a cash

award. Currently, Joann serves as director for the local group and Lisa is the State Treasurer.



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Dr. Kupper joins UVMC staff and cardiology team



Thomas Kupper, M.D., has joined Upper Valley Cardiology and the UVMC Medical Staff.

Dr. Kupper received his medical degree from Wright State University School of Medicine. He completed an internal medicine internship and residency and cardiovascular disease fellowship at Miami Valley Hospital, Dayton. He is board certified in cardiovascular

disease and internal medicine. Prior to joining Upper Valley Cardiology, he practiced in Lima, Dayton and Greenville.

Dr. Kupper joins Cass Cullis, M.D.; William Czajka, M.D.; and Aaron Kaibas, D.O., in the Upper Valley Cardiology practice located at 3006 N. CR 25-A/Suite 104, Troy. To schedule an appointment, call 937-335-3518.

JTDMH kicks-off campaign for an Ambulatory Surgery Center

Joint Township District Memorial Hospital’s board of directors has set a goal positioning the hospital to respond to the needs of people who require surgery in our area through the continuation of top-quality medical and surgical care in a redesigned and renovated Ambulatory Surgery Center.

The new center will provide an attractive, efficient, state of the art epicenter that will better provide for increasing need, patients’ comfort, and improved outcomes with the latest in equipment and therapeutic advances.

The center will be located on the hospital’s first floor and will create a self-contained ambula-

tory surgical space that provides a much more efficient unit including a second much-needed endoscopy suite. Each surgical patient will be able to register into one of 24 rooms (an increase of 8), be prepared there for surgery, and return to the same room for recovery. Thus an improved work flow, and better utilization of surgical related space.

The cost of this project is over \$4 million. The Foundation has committed to a goal of \$1.25 million to help support this effort.

The Foundation will be hosting a public reception to announce its success in raising over a million dollars for the Renovation & Expansion of Ambulatory Surgery on Monday,

March 25 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in conference rooms 1-3, followed by a tour of the first phase of construction.

To donate or for more information, please contact Karen Ryals, Executive Director at 419-394-3387, ext. 3574 or email kryals@jtdmh.org. Donations are tax deductible, with pledges accepted for up to 5 years. Limited seating is available, please call to reserve seating.

JTD Hospital Foundation is the fundraising arm of the Hospital and is a 501c3 non-profit corporation whose mission is to secure funds for the benefit of Joint Township District Memorial Hospital’s efforts to meet the health care needs of our communities.

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Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, who light all roads so I can attain my goals.

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A spectacular evening benefits Wilson Memorial

The nineteenth annual Wilson Memorial Hospital Foundation Ball took place Saturday evening at the Piqua Country Club and netted nearly \$40,000 for Wilson Memorial Hospital Foundation's general endowment fund.

There were over 140 guests in attendance for the evening's festivities.

The decor of the Piqua Country Club was a beautiful contrast of black and white in a variety of geometric shapes. The ambiance was further enhanced with striking floral arrangements, crystal, mirrors, and candlelight. A black and white Murano glass letter opener incorporated into the tablescape was the favor for attendees.

Guests enjoyed a variety of hot and cold hors d'oeuvres followed by a dinner selection of tantalizing entrees including: New York strip steak; Mediterranean baked haddock with tomatoes, capers and black olives; grilled bone-in pork chop; or a stuffed eggplant filled with quinoa, goat cheese, mushrooms and onions as the vegetarian option. A lemon cheesecake with red raspberries and sauce will be offered for dessert.

Bonnie Faulkner, executive director of the Wilson Memorial Hospital Foundation welcomed guests to the charity event. "The gifts of your time and resources are vitally important to the future of Wilson Memorial. I am reminded daily as I walk through the hallways just how important Wilson is to our community. Seldom does a week go by that someone doesn't express to me their appreciation of the hospital and the care that either they or a loved one received."

Since 1994, the annual foundation ball has been one of the primary friend and fundraisers for Wilson Memorial. Including the revenue

from this evening's festivities, a net total of more than \$531,200 has been raised for Wilson. Faulkner continued, "We couldn't possibly have achieved this without the help of our underwriters and all of you, our special guests, who join us each year."

Following Faulkner's presentation, Wilson Foundation board chair, Mike Dodds, was introduced and he shared his comments. "A high quality, progressive hospital is critical to the growth and success of our community. Young families are concerned about the quality of life in their community. Wilson Hospital adds immensely to the quality of life factor and the ability to attract new residents to our area." Dodds continued his accolades stating, "Since I began serving on the foundation board in 2006, I have gained a new appreciation of the Wilson Memorial foundation board and I continue to be more and more impressed by this organization and the wonderful people who diligently work to make Wilson an exceptional medical facility."

All proceeds from the 2013 charity ball will be added to the Foundation's endowment fund to provide future funding to ensure that the hospital continues to maintain the high level of service and technology.

Tom Boecker, President and CEO of Wilson Memorial then offered his comments. "2012 was a very successful year for Wilson. I want to briefly describe several ways we measure success. First are the financial measures. We again were very profitable. Our profitability allows us to keep up with technology. Last year we spent over \$7 million just to meet the government's requirements on electronic medical records. "Boecker continued, "Even more important than financial is quality. We measure

quality through many indicators. In 2012 we continue to meet and, in many cases, exceed national benchmark standards." He explained further, "Another measure is commitment. I can tell you we are committed to our customers' needs and expectations. Several recent new services to better meet our customers' needs are the Cardiac Cath and Interventional lab, the Urgent Care Clinic, and the Coumadin Clinic."

Following dinner, guests enjoyed music for all types of dancing provided by DJ Tony Brown. They also had the opportunity to participate in a raffle for a variety of outstanding prizes, bid on silent auction items, and purchase "sparkling diamond" rings to win two \$1,000 gift certificates from Harris Jeweler.

Winners of this year's raffle prizes include: Vance and Linda Stewart four tickets to Dream Girls at the Schuster courtesy of Russ and Rene Gottemoeller; Tom & Mardie Milligan – one week in a condominium anywhere in the world at a Resort Condominiums International (RCI) affiliate provided by the Wilson Memorial Hospital Foundation; David Andrick and Cyndy Emerson – a Pamper Yourself gift basket containing gift certificates from Arabella, Pro Nails and Harmony Farms; Tom and Sandy Boecker – a gift basket courtesy of Kathy Nichols containing a variety of specialty items; and a gift certificate for a one-hour consultation by Interior Motifs went to Roger and Lesley McKinstry courtesy of Jamie Metzger.

Harry Faulkner and Bonnie Faulkner and Jim and Tonya Thieman were the lucky winners of the \$1,000 gift certificates from Harris Jeweler.

Successful bidders in the silent auction were: Mitch Kastein – Bart Starr photo and autograph; 2013 UC Bearcats autographed

team basketball – Chad Sollmann; Tom Izzo autographed basketball – Craig Lannoye; Johnny Cueto autographed jersey – Carmen Bowling; Thad Matta autographed Ohio State basketball – Dennis Sollmann; Sparky Anderson autograph and photo and the Cleveland Browns Kaluka Maiava autographed football – Jeff Klingel.

Dr. Robert and Kathy McDevitt were the successful bidders for the luxury suite for twenty at an April Dayton Dragons home game. They also secured the Roe Limo Service owned by Robert & Jodell Roe will provide luxury transportation for up to eighteen people within a sixty-five mile radius of Sidney.

Herschel Roe will be the chauffeur for up to six hours and fuel will be provided by Beth and Shane Roe.

Corporate underwriters for the 2013 event include: Airstream; Amos Press, Walt and Carol Bennett; Blue & Co.; Continental Express; Dale Peterson & Associates; Dickman Supply; Edward D. Jones – Vance and Linda Stewart; Elsass, Wallace, Evans and Schnelle; Emerson Climate Technologies; Harry and Bonnie Faulkner; Ferguson Construction Company; Freshway Foods; Honda of America Mfg., Inc.; Peoples Federal; Ruese Insurance; Sidney Tool & Die; Sollmann Electric; and US Bank.

The 2013 Foundation ball committee included: Scarlet Francis, Amy Gleason, Rhonda Keister, Melissa McDonald, Beth Roe, Linda Stewart and Kiera Sullivan.

The next Wilson Foundation Ball will take place on March 15, 2014.

For information about making a donation to Wilson Hospital or to be added to the mailing list for next year's ball, call the Wilson Foundation at 937-498-5575 or visit www.wilsonhospitalfoundation.com



Mercer weight center expanding

Mercer Health Weight Management Center is expanding services at its new location

The Mercer Health Weight Management Center has expanded its weight management services beyond the LAP-BAND surgical program and now offer a nine-week weight management program titled Rev It Up!.

The next nine-week program will begin on Wednesday, April 3, 2013. Classes will be held at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. at the Mercer Health Weight Management Center, located at Mercer Health's West Campus (former Briarwood Manor). Participants in this program will meet each Wednesday for 9 consecutive weeks.

Rev It Up!® Weight Management is a nine-week interactive lifestyle program led by a registered dietitian that covers topics such as hunger and fullness signals, fluid needs, meal timing, sim-

plified portion guidelines, eating out strategies, aerobic exercise, and more.

This program is appropriate for those looking to lose weight as well as those wanting to learn how to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

The Rev It Up!® Program includes a Rev It Up!® book, weekly weigh-ins, pre- and post-program body measurements and lab work, class material, pedometer, mood magnet, and a MedGem Indirect Calorimeter session.

For more information, pricing, or to register for the Rev It Up! program, please contact the Mercer Health Weight Management Center at 419-678-8446.

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Pleiman receives certification

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RN, Nicole not only administers lots of immunizations but also takes the lead at insuring the safety of all employees, patients and visitors in the event of exposure to highly infectious diseases or an epidemic

such as the recent flu season. She is also responsible for many prevention programs and providing infection control guidance on construction projects, patient processes and clinical care.

Blood drives upcoming

As the snow melts and spring rains bring fresh flowers, green grass, and warmer weather, the American Red Cross encourages area residents to be a part of change, too.

Spring is about rejuvenation and research studies show that the increase in temperature is a major mood booster. "The need for blood remains constant, especially as the weather becomes warmer," said Tracy Duncan Fox, spokesperson for the American Red Cross Indiana-Ohio Blood Services Region. "A single blood donation can save more than one life, so as the season changes, allow some change within yourself by getting into the habit of donating blood."

While spring lasts for a few months, donating blood only takes a fraction of that time; the donation process only takes about one hour. A healthy donor can donate red blood cells every 56 days and platelets can be given every 7 days, but no more than 24 times in one year. According to

Fox, each and every day, the Indiana-Ohio Blood Services Region needs to have at least 500 blood donors to help meet the need of patients in the hospitals we serve.

"Strong donor turnout in April and May can give us good momentum into summer. And with only eight percent of eligible individuals donating blood each year, there's great potential for solid collections during spring," commented Fox. Approximately 38% of the U.S. population is eligible to donate blood. But only eight percent of those eligible — or three percent of the general population — donates blood each year.

Every day, patients across the U.S. need an average of 44,000 units of red blood cells. That's about 16-million donations transfused to 5 million patients each year.

Upcoming American Red Cross Blood Drives in the area:

Monday, April 1, from noon until 6 p.m. at Wayne Street United Methodist

Church, located at 130 N. Wayne St. in St. Marys.

How to Donate Blood

To schedule an appointment to donate please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org for more information. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental permission in Indiana and Ohio), meet weight and height requirements (110 pounds or more, depending on their height) and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. Please bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive ID when you come to donate.

About the American Red Cross:

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families.

Hospice care announces hiring of new employees

State of the Heart Hospice has announced the appointment of four new employees with the non-profit agency. With offices in Greenville, Coldwater and Portland, State of the Heart cares for patients and families in eastern Indiana and western Ohio who are confronting a life limiting illness.

Kimberly Blasius of Greenville has been named Director of Inpatient and Palliative Care and will work from the Greenville office. Her appointment follows an announcement recently of a new hospice care unit at Wayne Health-Care. A registered nurse, she has an MSN, MBA and HCM. She has been an ER nurse and has over ten years of clinical experience.

"I have always had an interest in oncology," she said, "and had heard that State of the Heart was a great organization to work for. I am looking forward to rounding out my understanding of hospice care." When not working, she enjoys walking, listening to music and spending quiet

time around water. She and her husband Eric have three children.

Kelly J. Kunkler of St. Henry joins State of the Heart as a Nurse Practitioner. She will work from all of the agency's offices. She joined State of the Heart, she explained "as I have a belief in the philosophy of State of the Heart and the care the agency provides."

She has been a family nurse practitioner with experience in the United States Air Force and an outpatient multiple sclerosis clinic. She has worked also on a blood and marrow transplant unit, as an ICU nurse along with long term care facilities. In her spare time, she enjoys exercising, photography and traveling. She is married to Andy Kunkler.

State of the Heart has hired two Licensed Practical Nurses also: Rick Alexander and Crystal Prager. Both will work from the Greenville office.

Alexander, of Versailles, has his degree from the Miami Valley Career Technology Center, graduating

in 2003. He was attracted to State of the Heart, he explained, "because of the care that the patient and the family receive." He and his wife Corinna have a son and daughter. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with his grandchildren and fishing.

Prager, who lives in Greenville, has an LPN background in hospice palliative care. "I have always found hospice work rewarding and am very excited about helping provide hospice care in my community." Her hobbies include reading, gardening, and outdoor activities. She and her husband Aaron have two daughters and one grandson.

State of the Heart Hospice has served area communities for 32 years, providing quality, compassionate hospice care to those facing a life limiting illness. For more information about any of the services provided by State of the Heart, call 1-800-417-7535 or visit the web site at www.stateoftheheartcare.org.



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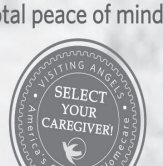
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Ironbear Karate fights cancer

On March 16, students from Ironbear Martial Arts in Celina competed in a benefit to collect money for the Cancer Association of Mercer County. The tournament was held at the Celina Intermediate School in Celina, Ohio. Those competing were, pictured above, from left to right: Tim Linniman, Henry Linniman, Nicholas Tambon, Jonathon Rodriguez, Maverick Nelson and Cameron Now.

Auglaize County Library offering computer courses

Computer classes and computer assistance will now be offered at all six of the Auglaize County Public District Library System locations! The Auglaize County Public District Library System is proud to announce the arrival of their new IT Services Manager, Fred Miller Jr. A graduate of Rhodes State College, Fred brings over 12 years of experience working in the computer and IT field. Fred will be working with all six of the libraries to oversee system administration for the county libraries and provide assistance and classes to library patrons.

Computer classes are scheduled to begin in May. All classes will be FREE to the public. The first class scheduled in May will be "Computer Basics For All Ages." This class will be offered at all six libraries. Patrons are encouraged to find a day and time that works best for their schedule and register for the class at one of the area libraries. Upcoming classes will range from computer basics, How to Download eBooks to eReaders, Navigating Windows 8, Facebook for Beginners, Tracking Online Social Security Accounts, Starting in Social Media, Accessing the Library from Home, and much, much more!

Computer Help times will be scheduled at all libraries starting in April. If you have computer questions, need help finding information online, setting up an email account, as well as other computer questions, feel free to stop in during the scheduled "Computer Help" times at all libraries and ask for assistance.

Please visit the library website at www.auglaize.oplin.com and click on "What's Happening" to view the latest calendars and listing of events. To register for computer classes please call the library where the class will be held.

Kroger helping local school

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Specifically, services include psychotherapy, consultation to schools and businesses, life and career coaching, and workshops/seminars.

Our clinicians currently work with children and adults, helping them cope with stress, anxiety, depression, bereavement, attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder, oppositional defiant disorder, and adjustment to life transitions.

Chamber to host annual luncheon

April 24 is the Celina Mercer County Chamber's annual Administrative Professional Day Luncheon.

This luncheon will be at the Galleria in Celina from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Ticket holders do not have to stay the whole two hours; take whatever time your schedule allows.

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Approximately twenty vendors will be showcasing their goods and services. Perfect Party Catering will be serving a delicious lunch and will have a table filled with tasty cupcakes.

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shop titled "Dealing with Everyday Stress: A Guide to Daily Stress Reduction and Relaxation."

This workshop will provide an explanation of stress and the harmful physical and mental effect it has on the body, stress management techniques and coping strategies, and tips for managing stress in various situations.

This workshop takes place on Monday, April 15 at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$45 per person.

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Minster Dominates Tiger Invitational

300 Meter Hurdles		
1 Tebbe, Alan	Minster	43.60
2 Westerbeck, Garrett	NB	44.00
3 Dues, Sam	Minster	44.72
200 Meter		
1 Schultz, Korey	Minster	24.09
2 Mackie, Andrew	NK	24.17
3 Fridley, Daniel	WG	24.39
3200 Meter		
1 Dahlinghaus, Eric	Minster	10:29.46
2 Jester, Devon	Houston	10:46.55
3 McBride, Brady	Newton	10:59.06
Shot Put		
1 Hegemann, Wes	Minster	47-04.75
2 Paulus, Nick	Russia	46-07.25
3 Huber, Joliffe	WG-	44-09.00
Pole Vault		
1 Huelsman, AJ	Minster	12-06.00
2 Davis, Tyler	Houston	12-00.00
3 Braun, Jacob	Houston	12-00.00
4x800 Meter Relay		
1. Minster		8:30.33
2 New Bremen		8:59.40
3 Marion Local		9:09.02
4x200 Meter Relay		
1 Minster		1:35.89
2 Waynesfield-Goshen		1:37.49
3 New Bremen		1:38.32
Boys 1600 Meter Run		
1. Slonkosky, Dominic		4:40.76
2 Fausey, Andrew		4:44.46
4x100 Meter Relay		
1 Minster		46.12
2 Waynesfield-Goshen		46.37
3 New Bremen		47.70
4 x 400 Relay		
1 Minster		3:42.94
2 Waynesfield-Goshen		3:43.83
3 Russia		3:50.95
Team Totals		
1) Minster		230
2) Waynesfield-Goshen		108
3) New Bremen		68
4) Houston		59

By **DEAN EVERSOLE**
Staff Writer

VERSAILLES — The only thing shining brighter than the sunshine Saturday afternoon at Versailles was the Minster Wildcats. The Cats tallied a stunning 230 team points in capturing the Tiger Invitational title.

The record setting performance was over 100 points better than second place Waynesfield-Goshen's 108 points.

Although just the first meet of the season, the performance has risen some eyebrows.

Breaking the 200 point mark is a tremendous accomplishment and a sign

of just how deep and strong the Cats are in 2013.

Minster won 10 events, including a sweep of the relays, wins in the discus, shot put and pole vault. The Cats also took both long distance runs in the 3200 and 1600 meters.

It seemed that no matter the event, Minster was garnering points.

The invitational was split into two divisions, Orange and Black with Minster winning the Orange division. New Bremen was third and Marion Local was seventh in the Orange division.

Covington won the black division with Versailles finishing second.



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Old Man Winter gives in and the spring games begin



Minster's Ethan Wolf tags out Russia runner at home plate.

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The Marion Local catcher readies for a throw.

Photo by Fred Kremer



Lady Wildcats score a run in softball action.

Staff photo/Dean Eversole



Minster's Alexis Robinson snags a pop up.

Staff Photo/ Dean Eversole



Week one MAC baseball and softball scores

Baseball Scores:

Parkway- 1	Versailles- 8
Celina- 4	Arcanum- 7
St. Henry- 3	Versailles- 10
St. Marys- 0	Miami East- 2
St. Henry- 3	Versailles- 1
Wapakoneta- 1	Piqua- 8
St. Henry- 12	Softball Scores:
LCC- 3	Marion Local- 2
	Crestview- 8
Delphos Jefferson- 3	New Bremen 12
Delphos St. Johns- 2	St. Marys 1
Shawnee- 2	New Bremen 5
Coldwater- 7	Bradford 4
Ft. Recovery- 12	Ft. Loramie 22
Miss. Valley- 1	Fairlawn 0
Fort Recovery-3	Fort Loramie 9
Lincolnview- 2	Coldwater- 0
Fort Recovery-3	Parkway-5
Lincolnview- 2	Wapakoneta- 9
Fort Recovery- 5	Parkway- 12
Crestview- 8	Wapakoneta- 6
Fort Recovery- 8	Coldwater- 8
Crestview- 0	Eaton- 3
Celina-2	Coldwater- 14
Fort Recovery- 1	Eaton- 13
Waynefield Goshen -4	New Bremen- 2
New Knoxville- 6	Crestview- 2
New Knoxville 3	New Bremen- 14
Covington 8	Spencerville- 7
Versailles- 18	
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Picture above: Minster baseball team.

Picture below: Minster softball team.

Week one in review

By DEAN EVERSOLE
Staff Writer

Coach Mike Wiss' club isn't following the old baseball adage that offenses heat up as the season progresses; they have come out hot.

In the first week of the season the Cats scored 56 runs in four games. It started in Russia on Tuesday at the Cats put up 20 runs, downing Russia 20-3. They came home Thursday night and not only put up 10 runs, but shutout Spencerville behind Matt Trushaw. Friday night the Cats traveled to Anna and pounded out 17 runs and on Saturday they capped the week with a 9-2 win over St. Marys at 53rd Field in Dayton.

Pinpointing an offensive star is difficult because it was the entire line up, but the senior duo of

Adam Niemeyer and Devon Poeppelman are playing like seniors. Hitting in the third and fourth slots, they are driving in runs and making opposing pitchers pay for mistakes.

This was evident Thursday night as Poeppelman laced a pair of doubles and had another RBI double Tuesday against Russia.

Creating the scoring opportunities Jay Eilerman and Andrew Knapke. As the one and two hitters they are the table setters and in the opening week the table has been full.

The season may only be four games old, but the Cats look in midseason form. Minster will have another week of non-conference games, before opening play against Delphos St. Johns on April 16 at home.

Marion Local and New Bremen venture to 53rd

Field for a non-conference contest. The Cards came out on top, 9-3.

Marion Local picked up a win against Greenville, downing the Wave 11-4. The Flyers were aided by eight Wave errors.

On the softball diamond the Lady Cats showed some offense of their own Saturday afternoon. The Wildcats swept a double header from Delphos Jefferson 21-0 and 16-2.

New Bremen picked up a big win over St. Marys 21-1 in five innings. The Cards fell behind early 1-0, but the bats awoke and Bremen rolled to the victory. The Cards split a pair of games on Saturday and finished the opening week at 3-2.

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