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David Edward Barth

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SALEM

St. Paul celebrating Catholic Schools Week

By MARY ANN GREIER
Staff Writer

SALEM — Faith. Academics. Service.

That's what St. Paul School principal Patricia Bauman said Catholic schools are all about, with those three words resonating the theme for Catholic Schools Week which kicks off today.

"We are different by design — we are able to pass on Catholic traditions to families and children," she said.

When a child is baptized, parents are blessed and reminded that they are the first teachers of the Catholic



faith and then the school helps them along the way.

Catholic teachings are incorporated into academic subjects and students are invited to share

through service programs, both locally and globally.

St. Paul School has been serving the area since 1904, now teaching preschool through sixth grade with a current enrollment of 141 students, up five students from last year. Students don't have to be Catholic to attend, with about 10 percent of the student population non-Catholic.

"We teach our students faith, not just the basics of Christianity, but how to have a relationship with God. We hold them to high academic standards and do everything we can to help students reach their

full potential," Bauman wrote in a letter to members of the St. Paul parish in Salem and the St. Patrick parish in Leetonia. "We also teach them how to serve, both as a way to express their faith and to become good citizens."

Each day of Catholic Schools Week focuses on an individual theme, with today looking at the students involvement in their parish, with the school choir leading the songs at the 11:15 a.m. Mass. A spaghetti dinner cooked by Frank Zamarelli will be held from noon to 3 p.m. in the school gym.

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In honor of late officer

In honor of longtime Beaver Township police officer Jim Ball who passed away Monday, an American flag was draped over the intersection of state Routes 164 and 165, as the hearse and a long line of police, EMS and fire personnel passed underneath shortly before noon Saturday. The procession wound through the area and ended with a burial service at Firestone Cemetery in Columbiana.

(Salem News photo by Deanne Johnson)



Economic Summit is May 7-8

County-based gathering will focus on oil and gas industry

By LARRY SHIELDS
Staff Writer

SALEM — The third annual Columbiana County Economic Summit will zero in on "Doing Business in the Oil & Gas Industry" when it is held May 7 and 8 at the East Liverpool Motor Lodge, said Larry Kosiba, executive director of the Sustainable Opportunity Development Center (SOD Center).

The event is called "Teaming4Success - 2012."

All seven Columbiana County chambers of commerce, the Columbiana County Economic Development Office and the Port Authority will participate, Kosiba said, adding that U.S. Rep. Bill Johnson (R-6) will host a job fair focusing on

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Some will see tax increases; others decreases

By TOM GIAMBRONI
Staff Writer

LISBON — With the new year comes tax increases for some property owners and decreases for others.

Property tax bills for the first half of the year expected to be mailed

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out this week by the Columbiana County Treasurer's Office will reflect those changes, including self-inflicted increases in communities where voters approved new levies

in 2011.

The following is a list of areas where property taxes will increase:

- East Liverpool: Voters approved a new 2-mill levy to help fund the Carnegie Public Library, which will raises property taxes by \$61 a year for the owner of a

- Wellsville: Voters approved a new 1.5-mill police levy, which will raise property taxes on village residents by \$45 a year for the owner of a \$100,000 home.

Property owners in the Leetonia

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Salem High up to the Challenge

By KEVIN HOWELL
Staff Writer

SALEM — The Salem High School academic challenge team survived a close final round to take home its fifth consecutive championship at the county meet held at Salem High School Saturday.

The team will represent the county at the Regional Ohio Academic Competition April 21 at Jefferson Community College in Steubenville.

The victory marked the seventh time in the past eight years the team has won the tournament, but it didn't come easy as Salem narrowly defeated runner-up East Palestine in the tournament's final round to finish 9-0 and avoid a



The 2012 Columbiana County Academic Challenge tournament took place Saturday at Salem High School. The event, coordinated by the Columbiana County Educational Service Center (ESC), featured 10 public high schools in the county. Salem won the tournament for the fifth consecutive year and will compete in the regional competition at Jefferson Community College in April. Shown is the champion Salem team, from left, Stephanie Wood, Nick Costa, Ian Chandler, Thomas Panek, Jocelynne Samu, Ciara Andrews and coach Elaine Habeger. (Salem News photo by Kevin Howell)

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WEATHER


THE FORECAST

AREA: Today... Snow likely...Mainly in the morning. Snow accumulation around an inch. Highs in the mid 30s. Chance of snow 60 percent. Tonight...Mostly cloudy in the evening...Then clearing. Lows around 19. Monday...Partly sunny in the morning...Then becoming mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 30s. Monday night...Mostly cloudy in the evening...Then clearing. Not as cold with lows in the lower 30s. Tuesday...Partly sunny in the morning...Then becoming mostly cloudy. Not as cool with highs in the upper 40s. Tuesday night...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers. Lows around 40. Wednesday...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers. Highs in the upper 40s. Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Colder with lows around 30. Thursday...Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain and snow showers. Highs in the lower 40s. Chance of precipitation 30 percent. Thursday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Friday...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of snow showers. Highs in the upper 30s.

CLEVELAND: Today...Snow likely...Mainly in the morning. Snow accumulation around an inch. Brisk with highs in the lower 30s. Chance of snow 70 percent. Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s. West winds 15 to 20 mph. Monday...Partly sunny in the morning...Then becoming cloudy. Highs in the mid 30s. Monday night...Mostly cloudy in the evening...Then clearing. Not as cool with lows in the lower 30s. Tuesday...Partly sunny in the morning...Then becoming mostly cloudy. Not as cool with highs in the mid 40s. Tuesday night...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers. Lows around 40.


Extended Forecast

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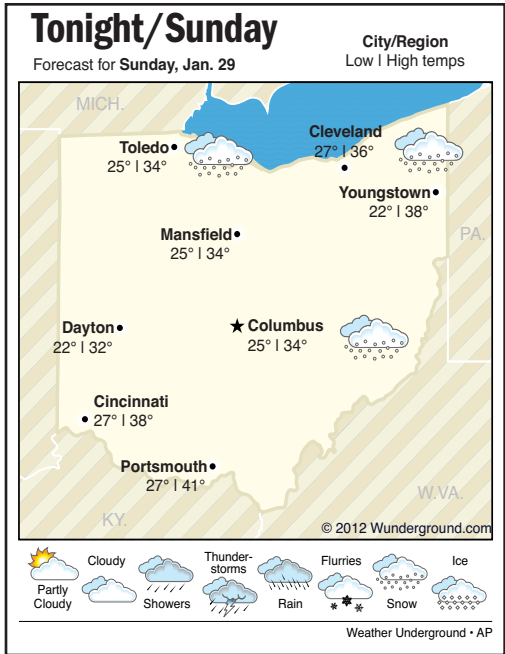
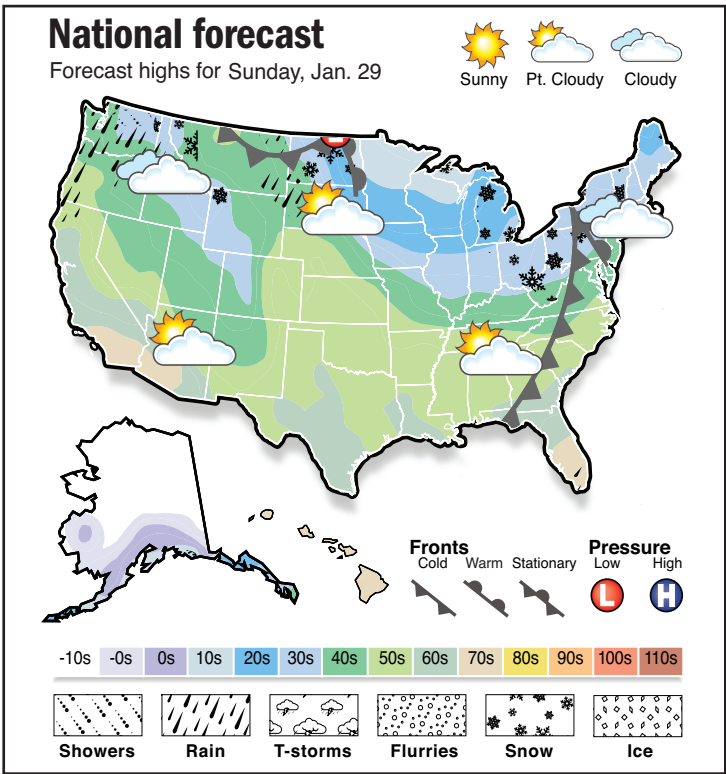


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Wednesday



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ALMANAC

On Jan. 29, 1845, Edgar Allan Poe's poem "The Raven" was first published in the New York Evening Mirror. In 1843, the 25th president of the United States, William McKinley, was born in Niles, Ohio. In 1919, the ratification of the 18th Amendment to the Constitution, which launched Prohibition, was certified by Acting Secretary of State Frank L. Polk. In 1936, the first members of baseball's Hall of Fame, including Ty Cobb and Babe Ruth, were named in Cooperstown, N.Y. In 1963, the first members of pro football's Hall of Fame were named in Canton, Ohio. Poet Robert Frost died in Boston at age 88. In 1979, President Jimmy Carter formally welcomed Chinese Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping to the White House.

St. Paul

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The cost is \$7 for adults, \$5 for children 10 and under and free for children under 5.

On Monday, students will focus on community and present booklets for health care people and donate canned goods for the 4th Annual Hickory Rib Food Drive. On Tuesday, the focus will be the students as they wear their comfy clothes or pajamas, get treated to ice cream sundaes and write or draw pictures about their school and what makes it great.

On Wednesday, past or current members of the United State Armed Services are invited to attend the 9 a.m. Mass at the

church where students and staff will be dressed in red, white and blue or camouflage clothing to honor the troops as part of the focus on the nation. The day will include a guitar demonstration by school alumnus Lake Baum and the annual Family Fun Night.

Vocations will be the focus on Thursday as priests and sisters speak to the classes. The faculty, staff and volunteers will get the spotlight on Friday with an appreciation lunch and the annual volleyball game between the sixth grade students and faculty, staff and alumni.

For information about St. Paul School, check the school website at www.stpaul.k12.oh.us. The school also has a Facebook page.

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Catholic Schools Week Activities at St. Paul School

Today—Faith. Academics. Service: In Our Parish

- ▶ 11:15 a.m. Mass, with school choir leading in the singing of songs used during Wednesday school Masses
- ▶ noon to 3 p.m., school open house
- ▶ noon to 3 p.m., spaghetti dinner in Scullion Hall, \$7 adults, \$5 children 10 and under, free children under 5, Cookie Lee Jewelry sale also.

Monday—Faith. Academics. Service: In Our Community

- ▶ 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. school open house, please sign in at the office
- ▶ donate canned goods (peanut butter, cereal, canned vegetables, tuna fish, canned soup, macaroni and cheese) to 4th Annual Hickory Rib Food Drive for Second Harvest Food Bank
- ▶ present booklets made for health care persons, hospital, hospice, ambulance service, Eucharistic ministers, Meals on Wheels, nursing homes
- ▶ 1:15 p.m., spelling bee grades 3 and 4
- ▶ 1:45 p.m., spelling bee grades 5 and 6

Tuesday—Faith. Academics. Service: In Our Students

- ▶ 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. school open house, please sign in at the office
- ▶ students will wear comfy clothes or pajamas to school
- ▶ write paragraphs or draw pictures of what makes St. Paul School a great school
- ▶ ice cream sundaes (sponsored by Baskin Robbins) will be served to students as a treat from Home and School.

Wednesday—Faith. Academics. Service: In Our Nation

- ▶ 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. school open house, please sign in at the office
- ▶ 9 a.m. Mass, grade 4 God Bless America, members of armed forces invited to attend Mass and a light breakfast over at school
- ▶ staff and students will recognize our troops and our nation by wearing red, white, and blue or camouflage clothing.
- ▶ 2 p.m., St. Paul School alumnus Lake Baum will demonstrate three different types of guitars and play some audience participation songs.
- ▶ 6:30 p.m., Family Fun Night, sponsored by the Home and School and the sixth grade class as a fundraiser for Camp Fitch expenses, dinner served for a small fee and a dance will follow with the music of Juke Box Joe until 8 p.m.

Thursday—Faith. Academics. Service: In Our Vocations

- ▶ 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. school open house, please sign in at the office
- ▶ students will write letters to retired sisters and priests
- ▶ students will receive a vocation card and John, Father Bob, Father Steve and guest priests and sisters will speak to classes.
- ▶ present spiritual bouquet to Father Bob
- ▶ proclamation to mayor

Friday—Faith. Academics. Service: In Our Faculty, Staff and Volunteers

- ▶ 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. school open house, please sign in at the office
- ▶ Jeans Day for students and staff
- ▶ notes to volunteers
- ▶ The Home and School Association will hold an Appreciation Luncheon for teachers and staff.
- ▶ 2:15 p.m., annual volleyball game between faculty, staff, and alumni vs. the sixth grade students.

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ACROSS OHIO

Crews stabilizing casino site

CINCINNATI (AP) — A hospital spokesman says a worker who was injured when a floor collapsed at an Ohio casino construction site remains in serious condition a day later as investigators work to figure out what happened. More than a dozen workers were hurt Friday morning at the Horseshoe Casino Cincinnati site, where they were pouring a section of concrete floor. Most of the injured had been treated for bumps and scrapes and released by Saturday afternoon. One man was hospitalized in serious condition. The Cincinnati Enquirer (<http://cin.ci/yenxpz>) reports crews were stabilizing the site Saturday amid investigations by city and workplace safety officials. The collapse occurred weeks after a similar accident at a Cleveland casino with the same developers. The developers have said there's no link between the two accidents.

Cross-burning plea deal reached

MT. GILEAD (AP) — Court records indicate that a man accused of burning a wooden cross bearing a racial slur in the yard of a black Ohio family has reached a plea deal. A federal complaint alleges the man and a juvenile co-conspirator also wrote "KKK will make you pay" on the cross burned in Morrow County last March. The suspects are white. Federal court records show Brandon Rhodes of rural Marengo was charged this week with conspiring to threaten the civil rights of a black juvenile. An attorney for the 20-year-old tells The Columbus Dispatch (<http://bit.ly/ArFH4x>) that earlier state charges of ethnic intimidation and aggravated menacing were dismissed.

Sheriff's sexual battery trial set

WAPAKONETA (AP) — A judge has set a trial date for a suspended western Ohio sheriff facing a sexual battery charge stemming from an alleged assault on a female ex-deputy. The Lima News reports (<http://bit.ly/zsFUKR>) a judge in Auglaize County on Friday decided the trial for Shelby County Sheriff Dean Kimpel will start May 7. After Kimpel was indicted on the sexual battery charge, he also was indicted in Shelby County on five counts of unauthorized use of a state computer program used by law enforcement. He has pleaded not guilty to all charges.

Coast Guard investigating calls

SANDUSKY (AP) — The U.S. Coast Guard Investigative Service is working to identify the source of dozens of fake distress calls over the past two years.

The Coast Guard says the messages were sent over marine band radio on a frequency used for distress calls. The callers report being in distress in boats or planes on Lake Erie. The agency says fake calls are dangerous because they distract crews that might be needed for real emergencies.

Investigators believe the calls came from somewhere in southeastern Michigan, south of Monroe. An award of up to \$3,500 is being offered for information leading to the conviction of whoever is responsible.

Pawn shop buys Purple Heart

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — A central Ohio pawn shop buyer says he bought a military combat medal from a seller in hopes of returning the Purple Heart to the family of the original recipient. The Purple Heart is awarded to U.S. military members who are hurt in action or die of injuries from combat. WCMH-TV says a seller who reported finding a Purple Heart on a street sold the item to Uncle Sam's Pawn Shop in Columbus this week for \$30. The medal is inscribed for Leroy Bryant, the name of a serviceman from Franklin who was killed overseas. Buyer Gary Chasin says the medal doesn't belong in his pawn shop. He said he's researched the background of the award and would like to return it to Bryant's family.

DEATHS

David Edward Barth



SALEM — David Edward Barth, 83, of Salem, went to be with his Lord at 6:20 a.m. Friday, Jan. 27, 2012 at his home.

He was born Jan. 16, 1929 in Youngstown, Ohio, the son of the late Paul and Ethel (Regal) Barth.

Mr. Barth was a 1947 graduate of Fairfield High School and a 1957 graduate of Southeastern Bible College, Lakeland, Florida.

He retired in 1991 from General Motors where he had been a tool & die maker for 15 years. He had previously worked at Gottschall Tool & Die in Salem.

He was a member of the Real Life Assembly of God Church in Salem for 60-plus years. His life’s passion was world missions.

His loving wife of 62 years, Carol Jane (Waithman) Barth, whom, he married Aug. 10, 1949, survives him along with a son, Jerry (Jane) Barth of Green Valley, Arizona; two daughters, Karen Johnson and Marcella (Lou) Boston, both of Cincinnati; brothers, Rev. Richard (Mari-belle) Barth of Eastlake, Ohio, Daniel Barth of Vermilion, Robert S. (Elaine) Barth of Live Oak, Fla. and Paul (Joan) Barth Jr. of Dalton, Ohio; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

A brother, John Barth preceded him in death. A celebration service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Real Life Assembly of God Church with Rev. Louis Boston and Rev. Jason Vickory officiating. Calling hours will be held on Monday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the church. Burial will be at Bunker Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested contributions be made to Real Life Assembly of God Church Mis-sions, 12824 Salem-Warren Road, Salem, OH 44460.

Arrangements were handled by the Stark Memorial Fu-neral Home.

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(Paid obituary)

Rescuers recover body of girl swept away

ESTACADA, Ore. (AP) — The body of a 6-year-old girl has been found nearly a week after she was swept away in a frigid, fast-moving Oregon river.

Sheriff’s officials say a citizen found the body of Vi-nesa Snegur Saturday on the rocks of a shallow island in the middle of the Clackamas River.

The Clackamas County Sheriff’s Office says the body was about four miles downstream from the spot where the girl fell in.

The girl’s parents took her to play in the snow last Sun-day in the Mount Hood National Forest. Authorities say her father has described the seconds before she fell in as a “moment of inattention.”

Rescue crews scoured the area for two days but sus-pended the search on Tuesday when weather conditions made it too dangerous.

Romney tops poll in conservative SW Ohio

SHARONVILLE, Ohio (AP) — Republican presiden-tial hopeful Mitt Romney has won a straw poll of GOP voters in southwest Ohio, a conservative corner of the bat-tleground state.

The Cincinnati Enquirer (<http://cin.ci/xOmUtk>) reports 277 people cast ballots in the unscientific poll Saturday at the Northeast Hamilton County Republican Club’s pan-cake breakfast in Sharonville.

Romney took nearly half the vote, with 48 percent compared to 24 percent for Newt Gingrich. Former Penn-sylvania senator Rick Santorum got 22 percent, and Texas congressman Ron Paul had 6 percent. Some attendees did-n’t vote because they were undecided or unsatisfied with the options.

Blue Ash council member Rick Bryan conducted the official vote count and said the outcome would be a good indicator of how local Republicans feel because those in attendance represented the area’s GOP base.

Duck found with zip tie on beak is healing

COLUMBUS (AP) — A veterinarian says a duck is healing well after being found emaciated in a central Ohio parking lot with a zip tie clamping its beak shut.

The Columbus Dispatch reports (<http://bit.ly/A2nngj>) that Dr. Donald Burton of the Ohio Wildlife Center says the mallard found Jan. 11 should be ready for release when it gets warmer.

Gayl Weiser says she and other employees of the Home Depot in Reynoldsburg captured the animal from the store’s parking lot earlier this month, clipped off the tie and took it to the center.

Staff at the center in Columbus say the duck has gained more than seven times its initial weight.

The veterinarian says it’s obvious someone intention-ally put the tie on the beak, calling the act “cruelty and persecution of wildlife.”

Ohio plans effort against prescription abuse

COLUMBUS (AP) — Ohio’s governor is launching a campaign aimed at reducing prescription drug abuse by highlighting the stories of those who have been impacted by addictions.

Gov. John Kasich’s office says the campaign to be for-mally unveiled Tuesday will employ convenience store posters, online banner ads, select social media sites and billboards in highly affected counties.

It also will include a web site with details on addiction and mental health boards in each county and a link to treatment options.

The governor is announcing the effort in partnership with the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services and the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities.

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine also has been a crusader on the issue, focusing on the elimination of “pill mills” where doctors sell illegal prescriptions.

POLICE

SALEM REPORTS

— A Continental Drive resident reported at 2:51 p.m. Friday that a neighbor had harassed his wife at her place of employment approximately three hours prior that day. He said the issue had been ongoing for two years.

— A Lexington Avenue woman reported at 3:09 p.m. Friday that someone had stolen her WIC coupons from her unlocked home within the past few weeks.

— A resident of East Perry Street, reported at 8:45 p.m. Friday that someone had attempted to kick in a basement window at the residence at approximately 8 p.m. Thursday.

— A man reported on station at 1:28 a.m. Saturday that someone had pushed him down and stole his tobacco and \$20 after they left a business in city that night.

— Police responded to the 800 block of East Sixth Street at 1:56 a.m. Satur-day where a resident reported a suspicious vehicle had been sitting at the in-tersection of Vine Avenue for several minutes. An officer contacted the driver who stated that he was talking to his girlfriend before she went home.

— While on patrol at 2:37 a.m. Saturday an officer had been flagged down at Foxes Den for a man lying on ground bleeding from the face. Medical as-sistance responded to the scene and transported him for medical treatment.

— Officers responded to an Arch Street residence at 3:07 a.m. Saturday for a possible dispute. When they arrived the complainant said that she and her husband had a verbal argument and then he left. The complainant stated no physical violence had taken place, but was concerned he left the residence in-toxicated. Officers checked for the vehicle but couldn’t locate it.

— Officers responded to the Salem Community Hospital Emergency Room at 3:41 a.m. Saturday for a report of a patient that had been assaulted. Upon ar-rival, officers spoke with the male victim who advised he was walking from Foxes Den toward Wing Warehouse when he was jumped by more than one person. The victim sustained injuries and the incident is under investigation.

PERRY TOWNSHIP REPORTS

— A Benton Road resident reported at 6:43 p.m. Thursday that a babysitter had returned their child that night and made inappropriate comments and actions to suggest the child had been abused. Medical personnel examined the child and investigators were contacted to look into the incident.

— Police responded to a report of a power outage on Egypt Road at 4:22 a.m. Friday and found that a tree had fallen and pulled down some power lines. The roadway was cleared for Ohio Edison to restore power.

— Officers responded to a Prospect Street business at 12:26 p.m. Friday for a report of an attempted theft in which the driver almost ran over an employee with a vehicle. The officers checked the suspect’s last known residence and found he no longer resided there.

— A Brittany Lane resident reported at 3:09 p.m. Friday that someone had called multiple times regarding various winnings. The resident believed it to be a scam and wanted the incident documented.

SHERIFF’S OFFICE

— Michelle McKinnon, Lisa Lane, Lisbon, reported at 8:03 a.m. Saturday a relative was banging on her door, but left and went across the street. The re-lative told deputies there is a family issue and he was going to ask McKinnon to leave. Deputies explained they would have to go through the court to evict her.

— A domestic dispute was reported at a North Street, Beloit, home where a man had reportedly came and yelled at the woman at 12:36 p.m. Friday. He was upset because a warrant had been issued and he was not allowed to be there. Deputies checked the area, but did not find him.

— Toby Rice, Hammondsville Road, Hammondsville reported at 7:45 a.m. Saturday a neighbor has been driving through their field. Deputies learned the matter is a civil property dispute between brothers who both own the property.

— Barbara Turturice, Pine Hollow Road, Rogers, reported at 9:17 a.m. Sat-urday that when she attempted to use her bank card, it had been suspended due to abnormal charges to her account.

— Jack Jarvens, Hazel Run Road, Salineville, reported at 4:02 p.m. Friday a truck of a company doing construction work in the area had accidentally run into his fence. He had tried to get insurance information from the company, but was getting a hard time. Deputies contacted John Walker of Kimble Stone, who said the matter is being looked into and he would contact Jarvens about the damages shortly.

— John Sadler, Eagleton Road, Lisbon, reported at 3:57 p.m. Friday multiple extension cords, the cord to his floodlight and the cord to his mig welder had all been taken from his barns.

HIGHWAY PATROL

— Travis J. Mathias, 19, state Route 172, East Rochester, was cited with driving without reasonable control. Mathias had been eastbound on state Route 344 in Fairfield Township at 6:45 a.m. Tuesday when he went off the north side of the road, struck a culvert, rolled over and then struck a fence. He was not injured.

— Marie W. McDonald, 60, Sherman Street, Lisbon, was stopped south-bound in traffic on state Route 45 in Center Township at 1:28 p.m. Tuesday when she was struck from behind by another vehicle, which then left the scene. McDonald was listed with minor injuries, but not treated.

— Emily Derby, 28, High Street, Salineville, was southbound on state Route 164 in Wayne Township at 6 p.m. Monday when a deer struck the front of her vehicle. She was not injured and the deer was not found.

— Jonathan T. Montini, 21, Ellett Road, Beloit, was in a line of traffic behind a school bus on U.S. Route 62 in Butler Township at 8:20 a.m. Tuesday when he struck a vehicle in front of him driven by Jodi M. Keck, 37, Valley road, Salem. Neither driver was injured. Montini was cited with assured clear distance.

— Luke H. Hoppel, 25, Smith Road, Negley, was southbound on Pancake Clarkson Road in Middleton Township at 2:02 a.m. Jan. 15 when he went off the left side of the road, struck a rock, a retaining wall and then a home owned by David Michael, 48418 Fredricktown Clarkson Road, Negley. Hoppel was not injured, but was cited with operating without reasonable control.

— Brian J. Russell, 37, Columbia Street, Leetonia, was westbound on state Route 344 in Salem Township at 5:25 a.m. Monday when he struck a deer crossing the road from the south. The deer was killed. Russell was not injured.



Man charged with stealing railroad tracks

ALIQUIPPA, Pa. (AP)

— Police say a western Pennsylvania man attempt-ed to steal several hundred

feet of railroad track to sell as scrap metal.

The Beaver County Times reports Saturday that 30-year-old Raymond Blaze Lambing was using cutting torches, a Bobcat tractor and a rolling dumpster to re-move rails in Aliquippa, about 25 miles northwest of Pittsburgh, when police an-swered a call on Nov. 22. Police have charged Lamb-ing, of Bethel Park, with theft, criminal mischief and damaging railroad property. The paper reports that the Ohio Central Railroad esti-mates the damages at \$83,431. Police say Lamb-ing claimed he had been hired to remove the track.



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COOPER, Grace (97)
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SHORT, Richard L. Sr. (64)
Services: 11 a.m. Monday
Stark Memorial
Calling hours: 6 to 8 p.m. tonight, Elks
Service at 7:45 p.m.
Stark Memorial

WINN, Marjorie A. (69)
Services: 10 a.m. Tuesday
Winona Friends Church
Calling hours: 5 to 8 p.m. Monday, 9
to 10 a.m. Tuesday
Winona Friends Church

BARTH, David E. (83)
Celebration Service: 11 a.m. Tuesday
Realife Assembly of God Church
Calling hours: 5 to 7 p.m. Monday
Realife Assembly of God Church

Taxes

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school district will see their taxes increase because of the library levy voters adopted back in 2006. To continue gen-erating sufficient money to make the construction bond payments, the levy was automatically increased from 1.06 mills to 2.06 mills.

The full effect of this increase is being offset by the de-crease in a Leetonia school district operating levy. The col-lection rate for this levy was reduced from 5.8 mills to 5.4 mills because of the automatic reduction factor, which pro-hibits a levy from generating more revenue than when it was first passed. So as property values increase, millage has to be decreased to continue generating the same amount of revenue.

The end result of all this is property owners in the Lee-tonia school district will see their taxes increase by 0.6 mills, or \$21 a year for the owner of a \$100,000 home.

"There are people in Columbiana County who fail to rec-ognize that when they approve a levy it will have in impact on their taxes. It doesn't necessarily have to be a new levy," said Chief Deputy County Auditor John Goempel.

Those Knox Township residents in the Alliance school district — about 10 of them — will also see their prop-erty taxes increase because of an Alliance library levy ap-proved by voters several years ago. The levy had gone un-collected in Columbiana County until the oversight was discovered last year by the Stark County Auditor's Office.

Goempel said they were never advised to begin collect-ing on the library tax until told to do so earlier this month by the Ohio Department of Taxation, which had been ad-vised of the oversight by Stark County.

The state is also allowing the Alliance library to collect what it is owed from 2011, which will be tacked onto the second-half tax bill of these property owners.

"We didn't make the mistake. We were just stuck in the middle," Goempel said.

The following is a list of areas where there will be small decreases in property taxes and why:

— All of Franklin Township, due to the abovementioned reduction factor involving levies from Summitville and the Southern Local and United Local school districts.

— The portion of Knox Township in the West Branch school district, due to the reduction factor.

— The portion of St. Clair Township in the Beaver Lo-cal school district, due to the reduction factor.

— Wayne Township, due to expiration of a township road levy.

— The portion of West Township in the Minerva school district, due to the reduction in the millage of an operating levy.

Summit

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“Hire-A-Vet” on May 7.

Kosiba said this year’s summit includes several new aspects.

“The summit remains fo-cused on bringing business owners; entrepreneur’s; non-profit agencies; our federal, state, and local elected officials; and vari-ous economic development programs together at one time; to stimulate the cre-ation of new companies; grow our existing compa-nies; while attracting new businesses to the area,” he said.

“This is an exciting and robust two-day event pro-viding insight into the oil and gas industry and vari-ous business opportunities for entrepreneurs and busi-ness owners, while provid-ing the opportunity to hire our outstanding veterans by focusing on creating jobs for Columbiana Coun-ty and the entire Northeast Ohio Region.

“The addition of the sev-en county chambers of commerce and port author-ity in leading the event is a major step in creating the vision of bringing the en-tire Columbiana County economic development community together for the singular purpose of creat-ing an economic climate across the entire county fo-cused on economic devel-opment and job creation.

“We are in various stages of developing the agenda; identifying corpo-rate sponsors and our vari-ous speakers; and all the details associated with pre-senting such an event,” ac-

cording to Pam Hoppel of the Columbiana County Chamber of Commerce.

Kosiba said additional information will be avail-able on Feb. 1 at www.Teaming4Success.net.

Anyone wishing to be-come a corporate sponsor can contact any of the Columbiana County Chambers of Commerce; Columbiana County Port Authority; or by contacting the Sustainable Opportu-nity Development Center at 330-205-3050.

For additional informa-tion and for registration for U.S. Rep. Bill Johnson’s sponsored job fair go to: billjohnson.house.gov or call his Salem office at 330-337-6951.

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SUN/29
LEETONIA
Leetonia Cherry Valley Beehive Coke Oven Advisory Commission, 4-6 p.m., Leetonia Community Public Library.

LISBON
Deadline to order a dozen boxed roses for Valentine's Day, \$20; Lisbon Ruritan Club; 330-831-1795.

SALEM
St. Paul School, open house and registration for preschool-sixth grade, noon-3 p.m. Spaghetti dinner, noon-3 p.m., Scullion Hall; \$7 for adults, \$5 for 12 and under, free for under 5.

"Next to Normal," presented by Spotlight Players, 4 p.m., Masonic Temple, 788 E. State St.; \$15.

WASHINGTONVILLE
Breakfast, 8-11 a.m., VFW Post 5532. Carryouts, 330-427-2533.

MON/30
COLUMBIANA
TOPS 720, Presbyterian Church, weigh-ins-9-9:35 a.m.; 330-482-5946.

LISBON
AAA Driver Education, 3-6 p.m., Lisbon High School; 330-277-0052.

Al-Anon meeting, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Fleming House, 7300 Rose Drive.

Alateen meeting, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Fleming House, 7300 Rose Drive.

SALEM
Food distribution, 9-11:30 a.m., Salem Community Pantry, 794 E. Third St.

Free lunch, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Salvation Army, 1249 N. Ellsworth Ave.

TOPS 1380, 6:15 p.m., Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 251 S. Broadway Ave.; 330-744-

8983, 330-337-6577.

R-Weigh weight groups, 1 and 5 p.m. meetings, Faith Chapel; 330-332-1078.

Bingo, 6:45 p.m., Salem Little Quakers Hall, 1688 S. Lincoln Ave.; 330-332-2152.

TUE/31
COLUMBIANA
Free family movie, 3:30 p.m., Columbiana Public Library.

LEETONIA
Valentine stamp crafts with Pat, 6-8 p.m., Leetonia Community Public Library; register at 330-427-6635.

Veterans Outpost and Home Front (family) support meeting, 7 p.m., Point Man's LZ Refuge, 243 Main St.; Phil Kinsey, 800-877-8387.

LISBON
Deadline for dog license renewal, Columbiana County auditor's office, 105 S. Market St.; and other sites.

Columbiana County Educational Service Center, informational meeting for gifted high school students to attend the 45th presidential inauguration, 6:30 p.m., 38720 Saltwell Road.

Overeaters Anonymous, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Fleming House, 330-337-0940.

SALEM
The scheduled meeting of the Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks Committee of city council has been canceled.

Free lunch, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Salvation Army, 1249 N. Ellsworth Ave.

Rotary Club, lunch, 11:45 a.m., Salem Community Center.

Food distribution, 5-7:30 p.m., Salem Community Pantry, 794 E. Third St.

Salem Jubilee Chorus, 7-9 p.m., First United Methodist Church.

SEBRING
Al-Anon meetings, Pine Lake Christian Church, 636 Pine Lake Road. Beginner's meeting, 6:30 p.m.; regular meeting, 7 p.m.

WED/1
LEETONIA
Area Singles, 6 p.m., Iron Rails Cafe.

Village of Leetonia's Police Committee meeting to follow the regular council meeting at village hall.

Free meal, 6 p.m., Leetonia Mennonite Church; program, 7 p.m., "Stress and Heart Health."

SALEM
Saxon Retirees, meeting canceled.

Salem High School Class of 1951, breakfast, 9 a.m., Skyline Diner.

Men of the Salem High School Class of 1960, lunch, noon, Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

Adult Children of Alcoholics (Al-Anon), 7:30 p.m., Episcopal Church; 330-831-4983 or 330-332-8233 after 6 p.m.

Free lunch, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Salvation Army, 1249 N. Ellsworth Ave.

SEBRING
Al-Anon meetings, Pine Lake Christian Church, 636 Pine Lake Road. Beginner's meeting, 6:30 p.m.; regular meeting, 7 p.m.

WASHINGTONVILLE
Drive-thru soup sale, 4-6 p.m., Robbins United Methodist Church, 100 High St.; \$6 per quart.

THU/2
ALLIANCE
Alzheimer's Association, Caregiver Support Group meeting, 7 p.m., Alliance Community Hospital, 200 E. State St.; 330-650-0552.

DAMASCUS
TOPS Chapter 1329, 9 a.m., Damascus United Methodist Church; 330-525-7785.

SALEM
TOPS 1598, 9:50 a.m., First United Methodist Church. Weigh-ins, 8:45-9:30 a.m.; 330-332-1127. Handicap accessible.

Free lunch, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Salvation Army, 1249 N. Ellsworth Ave.

Girls of the Salem High School Class of 1957, pizza party and reunion planning session, noon, Salem High School Alumni Association.

"Chicken on the Run" drive-thru chicken dinners, 4-6 p.m., or until sold out, First United Methodist Church, 244 S. Broadway Ave.; \$7.

Overeaters Anonymous, 6 p.m., Faith Chapel, 511 E. Pershing St.; 330-853-9311.

Pistol League make-up shoot, 6 p.m., Salem Hunting Club.

Salem Area Amateur Radio Association, monthly meeting, 6:30 p.m., Quaker Room, Salem Public Library.

Salem Relay For Life, Salvation Army, 1249 N. Ellsworth Ave. Teams, 6 p.m.; committee, 7 p.m.

Salem Bird Study Club, 7 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 436 E. Second St.; use rear entrance

WINONA
Winona Area Historical Society meeting, 6:30 p.m., Winona Friends Meeting House, Winona Road. Scouts month being celebrated. Public welcome.

FRI/3
SALEM
Free lunch, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Salvation Army, 1249 N. Ellsworth Ave.

Food distribution, 9-11:30 a.m., Salem Community Pantry, 794 E. Third St.

Salem City Spelling Bee, 9:30 a.m., Salem High School auditorium, 1200 E. Sixth St.

Bingo, 6:45 p.m., Salem Little Quakers Hall, 1688 S. Lincoln Ave.

Addiction recovery, open meeting, 7 p.m., Faith Chapel, 511 E. Pershing St.; 330-332-8573.

"Next to Normal," presented by Spotlight Players, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 788 E. State St.; \$15.

SAT/4
LISBON
Steak fry, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4111, 210 E. Lincoln Way, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Dance, 8-11 p.m., music provided by Last Time Around; 330-424-7586.

NEGLEY
Soup night, 4-7 p.m., Negley Masonic Lodge, 50873 Richardson Ave.

SALEM
All-you-can-eat breakfast, 7-11 a.m., Salem Hunting Club.

Salem High School Class of 1949, breakfast, 9:30 a.m., Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

"Next to Normal," presented by Spotlight Players, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 788 E. State St.; \$15.

Second Ward residents, meeting to discuss problems or concerns in Second Ward neighborhoods with Councilman Clyde Brown, 10 a.m., council chambers, city hall.

WINONA
Winona Area Historical Society's square dance, 8-11 p.m., United Local Elementary cafeteria; \$5

SUN/5
HOMEWORTH
Homeworth and North Georgetown fire departments, all-you-can-eat community breakfast, 7 a.m.-1 p.m., Homeworth Fire Station, 4354 Middle St.; \$7 for adults, \$3 for ages 6-12; free for 5 and under and emergency services personnel.

SALEM
"Next to Normal," presented by Spotlight Players, 4 p.m., Masonic Temple, 788 E. State St.; \$15.

MON/6
COLUMBIANA
TOPS 720, Presbyterian Church, weigh-ins-9-9:35 a.m.; 330-482-5946.

LISBON
Budget Commission meeting for reorganization, 10 a.m., Columbiana County auditor's conference room, main floor, courthouse.

Al-Anon meeting, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Fleming House, 7300 Rose Drive.

Alateen meeting, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Fleming House, 7300 Rose Drive.

SALEM
Food distribution, 9-11:30 a.m., Salem Community Pantry, 794 E. Third St.

R-Weigh weight groups, 1 and 5 p.m. meetings, Faith Chapel; 330-332-1078.

TOPS 1380, 6:15 p.m., Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 251 S. Broadway Ave.; 330-744-8983, 330-337-6577.

Bingo, 6:45 p.m., Salem Little Quakers Hall, 1688 S. Lincoln Ave.; 330-332-2152.

WASHINGTONVILLE
Council meeting, 7 p.m. administration building.

TUE/7
LEETONIA
Veterans Outpost and Home Front (family) support group, 7 p.m., Point Man's LZ Refuge, 116 1/2 Oak St.; 800-877-8387.

LISBON
Overeaters Anonymous, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Fleming House; 330-337-0940.

SALEM
United Quilt Guild, UnFinished Objects, 9:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church; business session, 6:30 p.m.

Free lunch, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Salvation Army, 1249 N. Ellsworth Ave.

Rotary Club, lunch, 11:45 a.m., Salem Community Center.

Quota International, conference meeting at the clubhouse, 6:30 p.m.

Food distribution, 5-7:30 p.m., Salem Community Pantry, 794 E. Third St.

Salem Lions Club, 6 p.m., Memorial Building (second floor).

Salem Jubilee Chorus, 7-9 p.m., First United Methodist Church.

Muzzle loader shoot, 7 p.m.; gate opens at 6 p.m., Salem Hunting Club.

WED/8
SALEM
Area Singles, 6 p.m., Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

Men of the Salem High School Class of 1960, lunch, noon, Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

Adult Children of Alcoholics (Al-Anon), 7:30 p.m., Episcopal Church; 330-831-4983 or 330-332-8233 after 6 p.m.

SEBRING
Al-Anon meetings, Pine Lake Christian Church, 636 Pine Lake Road. Beginner's meeting, 6:30 p.m.; regular meeting, 7 p.m.

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International Coin Collectors are in Town to Purchase All Types of Coins

By KEN MCINTOSH
STAFF WRITER

ICCA will be placing ads in newspapers, radio and running television spots this week asking people to bring in any old silver and gold coins made before 1970. Those that do bring in their coins will be able to speak with collectors one on one and have their coins looked at by a specialist. With the help of these ICCA members, offers will be made to those that have coins made before 1970. Offers will be made based on silver or gold content and the rarity of the coins. All coins made before 1970 will be examined and purchased including gold coins, silver coins, silver dollars, all types of nickels and pennies. Those that decide to sell their coins will be paid on the spot.

If you are like a lot of people, you might have a few old coins or even a coffee can full lying around. If you have ever wondered what they are worth, now might be your chance to find out and even sell them if you choose. They could be worth a lot according to the International Coin Collectors Association, also known as ICCA. Collectors will pay a fortune for some coins and currency for their collections. If they are rare enough, one coin could be worth over \$100,000 according to Eric Helms coin collector and ICCA member. One ultra rare dime, an 1894S Barber, sold for a record \$1.9 million to a collector in July of 2007. While that is an extreme example, many rare and valuable coins are stashed away in dresser drawers or lock boxes around the country. The ICCA and its collector members have organized a traveling event in search of all types of coins and currency. "Even common coins can be worth a significant amount due to the high price of silver and gold," says Helms. Washington quarters and Roosevelt dimes and worth many times their face value. Recent silver markets have driven the price up on even common coins made of silver. Helms explains, "All half dollars, quarter and dimes made before 1970 contain 90% silver and are

sought after any time silver prices rise. Right now it's a sellers market."

The rarest coins these collectors are looking for include \$20, \$10, \$5 and \$2 1/2 gold coins and any coin made before 1850. These coins always bring big premiums according to the ICCA. Silver dollars are also very sought after nowadays.

Other types of items the ICCA will be purchasing during this event include U.S. currency, gold bullion, investment gold, silver bars, silver rounds, proof sets, etc. Even foreign coins are sought after and will be purchased.

Also, at this event anyone can sell their gold jewelry, dental gold or anything made of gold on the spot. Bring anything you think might be gold and the collectors will examine, test and price it for free. If you decide to sell you will be paid on the spot – it has been an unknown fact that coin dealers have always paid more for jewelry and scrap gold than other jewelers and pawn brokers.

So, whether you have one coin you think might be valuable or a large collection you recently inherited, you can talk to these

collectors for free and if your lucky you may have a rarity worth thousands. Either way, there is nothing to lose and it sounds like fun!

For more information on this event visit the ICCA website at www.internationalcoincollectors.com.



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1849
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1803
\$10 Gold
PAID \$14,000

Feedback from public wanted

By CATHY BROWNFIELD
Family Recovery Center

Mama’s condition was deteriorating even though she insisted, “I don’t think the Alzheimer’s is as bad as everyone else thinks it is.”

Her daughter didn’t hold back. “I think it’s much worse than you realize. You are in the Alzheimer’s. We are outside of it, watching what it’s doing.” This whole situation was overwhelming to the family, but especially to the daughter who took over the primary caregiver duties when her father passed away. Her mother had been such a vibrant, warm woman with an active, clear mind. How could this have happened? And how did the firefights happen? One moment they were talking and the next there was an epic battle between them.

Alzheimer’s Disease is a most devastating illness, more for the family, friends and neighbors who watch the progression of the disease in someone they know and love. It isn’t easy to watch the decline and death of the brain of a loved one who used to be so alive, so sharp.

The person who has the disease insists it’s not as bad as everyone thinks, but the caregivers know it is much worse than the person understands. And what damage can happen between family members because of the demands and stress of Alzheimer’s in the family.

Midmonth, there was a meeting of the Advisory Council on Alzheimer’s Research, Care and Services regarding the development of a National Alzheimer’s Plan.

“With as many as 5.4 million Americans living with Alzheimer’s and nearly 15 million friends and family members providing care for them, [there is] need to develop an ‘urgent, achievable and accountable strategy,” advises the advisory council.

Alzheimer’s is the sixth leading cause of death and the only one of the top ten with no cure, no prevention, not even a means of slowing the disease.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has a time table for the National Alzheimer’s Plan. A first draft is to be ready by mid-February. The final plan is expected in late spring, said Robert Egge, vice president of public policy at the Alzheimer’s Association. The plan includes funding for research, clinical care and long term services and support. You can read the draft framework at aspe.hhs.gov/daltcp/napa/Framework-Draft.pdf.

Essentially, they hope to be able to prevent and effectively treat AD by 2025. In May, the National Institute on Aging (NIA) will host a research summit to identify research priorities, study research collaborations (public and private) and form the plan. These

proceedings will be open to the public.

The newest technologies have enabled health care providers to identify the onset of AD — beginning up to 10 years before symptoms become evident. This allows them to provide some earlier intervention, trying to slow or delay progression of the disease.

“Far too many people with Alzheimer’s Disease are not diagnosed until their symptoms have become severe,” the report notes. Why? Some are limited because of no access to health care coverage or the lack of the technology to diagnose earlier. Ten years ago the only way to diagnose Alzheimer’s was to autopsy the brain after death.

Today’s technology is much better, identifying the disease 10-15 years before symptoms appear, before the Alzheimer’s does so much damage.

There is a long way to go in Alzheimer’s research. A nationwide group of advocates will take the message to Congress in Washington, D.C. and fight for a future without Alzheimer’s Disease April 23-25. To register visit alz.org/forum.

If the stress and demands of AD is affecting your family and you need assistance coping, contact Family Recovery Center for more information. FRC promotes the well being of individuals, families and communities. Our programs are funded, in part, by Ohio Department of Mental Health.

Cancer screening below target rates

Screening rates for breast, cervical, and colorectal cancer remain below target levels in the United States and are especially low among Asians and Hispanics, the Centers for Disease Prevention and Control (CDC) reported last week.

Screening rates for breast and cervical cancer have remained relatively stable over the past decade, with about three out of four eligible women receiving mammograms and four out of five having Pap tests to screen for cervical cancer. Target rates set by federal officials in the Healthy People 2020 initiative are 81 percent and 93 percent, respectively, for breast and cervical cancer screening.

Cancer Screening: Room for Improvement

Colorectal cancer screening rates are much lower, although more people than ever are being screened. For example, in 2010, about 59 percent of eligible men and women had colonoscopies or another colorectal cancer screening test — well below the 70 percent target screening rate for both sexes.

The cancer screening update appears in the Jan. 27 issue of the CDC's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report. “We have made progress, but breast and cervical cancer screening rates appear to have plateaued,” says Marcus Plescia, MD, MPH, who directs the CDC’s Division of Cancer Prevention and Control. “We really need to get the numbers up for all three cancers. These are important tests. They can make a huge difference in our ability to treat these cancers early and effectively.”

Take control of your health and reduce your cancer risk:

- Stay away from tobacco.
- Stay at a healthy weight.
- Get moving with regular physical activity.
- Eat healthy with plenty of fruits and vegetables.
- Limit how much alcohol you drink (if you drink at all).
- Protect your skin.
- Have regular check-ups and cancer screening tests.

Routine tests getting a second look

WASHINGTON (AP) — Recent headlines offered a fresh example of how the health care system subjects people to too many medical tests — this time research showing millions of older women don't need their bones checked for osteoporosis nearly so often.

Chances are you've heard that many expert groups say cancer screening is overused, too, from mammograms given too early or too often to prostate cancer tests that may not save lives. It's not just cancer. Now some of the nuts-and-bolts tests given during checkups or hospital visits are getting a second look, too — things like routine EKGs to check heart health, or chest X-rays before elective surgery. Next under the microscope may be women's dreaded yearly pelvic exams.

The worry: If given too often, these tests can waste time and money, and sometimes even do harm if false alarms spur unneeded follow-up care.

It begs the question: Just what should be part of my doctor's visit?

If you're 65 or older, Medicare offers a list of screenings to print out and discuss during the new annual wellness visit, a benefit that began last year. As of November, more than 1.9 million seniors had taken advantage of the free checkup.

For younger adults, figuring out what's necessary and what's overkill is tougher. Whatever your age, some major campaigns are under way to help. They're compiling lists of tests that your doctor might be ordering more out of habit, or fear of lawsuits, than based on scientific evidence that they are really needed.

"Too often, we order tests without stopping to think about how (if at all) the result will help the patient," wrote Dr. Christine Laine. She's editor of Annals of Internal Medicine, which this month published a list of 37 scenarios where testing is overused.

Not even physicians are immune when it comes to their own health care. Dr. Steven Weinberger of the American College of Physicians had minor elective surgery for torn knee cartilage about a year ago. The hospital

required a pre-operative chest X-ray, an EKG to check his heart, and a full blood work-up — tests he says aren't recommended for an otherwise healthy person at low risk of complications.

Weinberger should know: He led the team that compiled that new list of overused tests. All three examples are on it.

"If anyone should have objected, I should have objected, but I took the easy way out. I didn't want to be raising a fuss, quite frankly," he says.

The college of physicians' push for what it calls "high-value, cost-conscious care" — and similar work being published in the Archives of Internal Medicine — aims to get more doctors to think twice so their patients won't be put in that uncomfortable position. Another group, the National Physicians Alliance, is studying whether training primary care doctors in parts of Connecticut, California and Washington about the most overused care will change their habits.

Medical groups have long urged patients not to be shy and to ask why they need a particular test, what its pros and cons are, and what would happen if they skip it. This spring, a campaign called Choosing Wisely promises to provide more specific advice. The group will publish a list of the top 5 overused tests and treatments from different specialties. Consumer Reports will publish a layman's translation, to help people with these awkward discussions.

For now, some recent publications offer this guidance:

- No annual EKGs or other cardiac screening for low-risk patients with no heart disease symptoms. That's been a recommendation of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force for years. Yet a Consumer Reports survey of more than 8,000 people ages 40 to 60 found 44 percent of low-risk, people with no symptoms had undergone an EKG or similar screening. Simple blood pressure and cholesterol checks are considered far more valuable.
- Discuss how often you need a bone-density scan for osteoporosis. An

initial test is recommended at 65, and Medicare pays for a repeat every two years. A study published last week found that a low-risk woman whose initial scan is healthy can wait up to 15 years for a repeat; those at moderate risk might need retesting in five years, high-risk women more often.

- Women under 65 need that first bone scan only if they have risk factors such as smoking or prior broken bones, say the two new overtesting lists.
- Most people with low back pain for less than six weeks shouldn't get X-rays or other scans, Weinberger's group stresses.
- Even those all-important cholesterol tests seldom are needed every year, unless yours is high, according to the college of physicians. Otherwise, guidelines generally advise every five years.
- Pap smears for a routine cervical cancer check are only needed once every three years by most women. So why must they return to the doctor every year to get a pelvic exam (minus the Pap)? For no good reason, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported last month.

Pelvic exams aren't a good screening tool for ovarian cancer, and shouldn't be required to get birth control pills, the report says.

Yes, simple tests can harm. Cleveland Clinic cardiology chief Dr. Steven Nissen cites a 52-year-old woman who wound up with a heart transplant after another doctor ordered an unneeded cardiac scan that triggered a false alarm and further testing that in turn punctured her aorta.

A close relationship with a primary care doctor who knows you well enough to personalize care maximizes your chances of getting only the tests you really need — without wondering if it's all just about saving money, says Dr. Glen Stream of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

"The issue is truly about what is best for patients," he says.

Online:
Medicare preventive services list: <http://1.usa.gov/aiOTnS>

Affordable Care Act Having Impact

Plescia says the sweeping federal health reform law has already had a positive impact on access to screening among insured Americans by requiring health insurers to cover the preventive tests. The law should have an even bigger impact when provisions expanding access to health care insurance kick in, he says.

But the report highlighted continuing racial, ethnic, and financial disparities in screening, finding that:

- Cancer screening rates were significantly lower among Asians — 64 percent for breast cancer, 75 percent for cervical cancer, and 47 percent for colorectal cancer.
- Hispanics were less likely than non-Hispanics to be screened for cervical cancer (78.7 percent compared to 84 percent) and colorectal cancer (46.5 percent vs. 60 percent).

People without health insurance were less likely to be screened for all three cancers than people with insurance.

Cancer Screening Recommendations

For people at average risk, the following cancer screenings are recommended:

- **Breast cancer:** According to the American Cancer Society (ACS), women age 40 and older should have a mammogram every year and should continue to do so for as long as they are in good health. In addition, women in their 20s and 30s should have a clinical breast exam (CBE) as part of a regular health exam by a health professional preferably every 3 years. Starting at age 40, women should have a CBE by a health professional every year.
- **Cervical cancer:** According to the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, a young woman should get her first Pap test when she turns 21 and continue having a Pap test every two years until age 30. Women age 30 and beyond who have three consecutive negative Pap test results can be screened once every three years, the college says.
- **Colon Cancer:** The ACS recommends that beginning at age 50, both men and women should follow one of these testing schedules:

Tests that find polyps and cancer

- Flexible sigmoidoscopy every five years*, or
- Colonoscopy every 10 years, or
- Double-contrast barium enema every five years*, or
- CT colonography (virtual colonoscopy) every five years*

Tests that primarily find cancer

- Yearly fecal occult blood test (gFOBT)***, or
- Yearly fecal immunochemical test (FIT) every year***, or
- Stool DNA test (sDNA), interval uncertain***

** If the test is positive, a colonoscopy should be done.*
**** The multiple stool take-home test should be used.*
One test done by the doctor in the office is not adequate for testing. A colonoscopy should be done if the test is positive.

SOURCES: Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, Jan. 27, 2012. Marcus Plescia, MD, MPH, director, division of cancer prevention and control, CDC.

— Submitted by the Salem Community Hospital

Nationwide estimate: Oral cancer virus affects 7 percent of Americans

CHICAGO (AP) — About 16 million Americans have oral HPV, a sexually transmitted virus more commonly linked with cervical cancer that also can cause mouth cancer, according to the first nationwide estimate.

HPV — human papilloma virus — is increasingly recognized as a major cause of oral cancers affecting the back of the tongue and tonsil area. Smoking and heavy drinking are also key causes.

Until now, it was not known how many people have oral HPV infections.

Overall, 7 percent of Americans aged 14 to 69 are infected, the study found.

But the results are not cause for alarm. While mouth cancers are on the rise — probably from oral sex — most people with oral HPV will never develop cancer. And most don't have the kind most strongly linked to cancer. Also, tests for oral HPV are costly and mainly used in

research. Still, experts say the study provides important information for future research that could increase knowledge about who is most at risk for oral cancer and ways to prevent the disease.

The nationally representative study is based on 30-second gargle tests given to about 5,500 people in a 2009-10 government health survey. Their mouthwash samples were tested for HPV.

The results were published online Thursday in the Journal of the

American Medical Association.

There are many types of HPV, but one in particular, known as HPV-16, is most strongly linked with oral cancer and also is a common cause of cervical cancer. That form was found in about 1 percent of people studied, translating to about 2 million Americans. Dr. Maura Gillison, the lead author and a researcher at Ohio State University, said the study "provides us some reassurance" that most people with oral HPV will not get oral cancer. Millions may have oral HPV, but fewer than 15,000 Americans get HPV-linked oral cancer each year.

She said the study should prompt research into whether the existing vaccines for cervical cancer protect against oral HPV, too.

Oral HPV was more common in men than women — 10 percent versus almost 4 percent; in smokers; and in people who had many sexual partners. People aged 55 to 59 were most at risk.

OF MUTUAL INTEREST

Veteran: Toughest fund market I've seen

By MARK JEWELL

AP Personal Finance Writer

BOSTON (AP) — Government debt grows while political leaders feud. Record-low interest rates persist as yields shrink. Investors remain nervous and pull their money from stock mutual funds for five years running.

It's the most challenging time to invest that Bill Nasgovitz has seen in a career spanning more than 40 years. It's particularly difficult in his area of expertise, picking stocks of small companies. Overall, it's been a good ride for Nasgovitz and investors in the mutual fund he runs with two co-managers. Since he launched the fund in 1984, Heartland Value (HRTVX) has returned an average 12.4 percent a year, beating the 9.4 percent average for the Russell 2000 index of small-cap stocks.

When picking stocks, Nasgovitz looks for a low price relative to the company's earnings and to the strength of its balance sheet. Yet these factors offered little protection in 2011. The European debt crisis worried investors, who preferred the relative safety of dividend-paying large-cap stocks.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index returned 2 percent including dividends, while the Russell 2000 lost 4.2 percent. But that doesn't tell the whole story. Split that Russell 2000 index into five groups — from the biggest among the small-caps to the tiniest — and the largest group actually climbed, finishing up an average 11 percent. The smallest group took a huge hit, plunging 49 percent.

Volatility is the norm for the smallest stocks, but the vast size of that gap, 60 percentage points, frustrates Nasgovitz. The wide disparity is reflected in his fund's performance. Heartland Value

lost nearly 7 percent last year. Things are looking better. Less than a month into this year, the fund is up 6.7 percent and small-caps are outperforming large. Yet Nasgovitz still believes investors have become so afraid of risk that they're unwilling to take a chance on the smallest companies. That's true regardless of whether they're financially sound and have decent prospects. It's a huge concern because nearly two-thirds of his fund's portfolio was recently invested in micro-caps, defined as companies with a market value of less than \$300 million. Here are excerpts from a recent interview:

Q: Why did small-caps have such a rough 2011?

A: We've got these big headwinds, like the nation's debt problem, that have damaged the appetite for long-term investing. It has especially hurt the high-risk, high-reward segments of the market, including small- and micro-caps. We went through a horrific bear market in 2011 for micro-caps. The smallest of the small were punished by fear and a flight to safety.

Q: Can you cite an example of a small-cap that was hurt especially hard?

A: One of my fund's holdings is Clayton Williams Energy, a Texas-based producer of oil and natural gas. With high oil prices and increased production, its 2011 earnings should come in about three times higher than its 2010 earnings. Its stock started last year at around \$85. But the shares plummeted to less than \$40 in October. The stock has since recovered to about \$84.

Q: Can a small stock whose business is fundamentally sound manage to attract attention from investors in this environment?

A: Fundamentals don't count anymore. A lot of the small companies we like have no debt. But people were still selling these stocks indiscriminately last year, putting money into bond funds and Treasuries because that is a place to hide. Perhaps it will change. But investors just don't have confidence. We've had five years in a row when investor withdrawals from stock funds have exceeded deposits. People don't understand how huge this has been. This has put pressure on mutual funds and professional investors to sell securities to meet redemptions. So this aggravated last year's bear market for small stocks. To the extent that people are investing in stocks, they're crowding into the biggest names that are managing to grow, such as Amazon.com and Apple.

Q: Why are investors so worried?

A: The nation's debt problem has scared people so much that they're afraid to invest for the long term. The government owes roughly as much as the nation's economy produces in a year. Yet 10-year Treasuries are yielding 2 percent, suggesting risks are low. We've never seen this before. If our cost of borrowing goes to 5 percent, where Italy is today, we'll reach the point where we can't pay interest and principal. Back in the early 1980s, long-term Treasuries were yielding 14 percent. But the government could handle those high rates, because the debt-to-gross domestic product ratio was less than half what it is now.

At some point, what's happening in Europe is likely to happen here if we continue on this path. It's a question of when, not if, unless we do something. Our elected officials love to spend more than we take in and at some point we hit the wall.

Millionaires can be just like everyone else

By CANDICE CHOI

AP Personal Finance Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Millionaires can be just like everyone else. At least when it comes to paying taxes.

Mitt Romney released records this week that show he pays a tax rate of about 15 percent of his income. The relatively low figure is raising eyebrows because it's on par with the rate paid by many middle-class households. That's despite the Republican presidential candidate's impressive income of \$45 million over the past two years.

The disparity seems to fly in the face of the basic rule that tax rates move in tandem with wages; the more you earn, the more you pay. So Romney's disclosure may stir suspicions that the system is tilted toward the rich.

In his State of the Union speech Tuesday night, President Barack Obama focused on the issue by noting that a quarter of all millionaires pay lower tax rates than millions of middle-class households.

"We need to change our tax code so that people like me, and an awful lot of members of Congress, pay our fair share of taxes," Obama said in a speech that repeatedly touched on the gap between the rich and poor.

On average, the wealthy pay taxes at a much higher rate than the middle-class individuals.

But the primary reason that many pay a lower tax rate is that more of their income comes from investments, which is generally taxed at a far lower rate than wages. Even if investment income doesn't play a big role in your finances, understanding the basics of how tax rates work can help even the average wage earner save hundreds, if not thousands of dollars a year.

Here's an overview of what you need to know:

TAX RATE BASICS

Although it's common to grumble about taxes, taxpayers often don't know precisely what percentage of their income goes to the government. So an essential starting point is to look at how tax rates are applied.

Taxpayers can currently fall into one of six federal tax brackets depending on their taxable income. This amount includes items such as wages and distributions from retirement accounts. The tax rate for each bracket ranges from 10 percent to 35 percent. This is the most basic building block of tax planning because your taxable income can be reduced considerably by various

credits, exemptions and deductions.

Here's the breakdown of how much single filers would pay in federal income taxes depending on their taxable income for 2011:

1. 10 percent - income up to \$8,500
2. 15 percent - over \$8,500 up to \$34,500
3. 25 percent - over \$34,500 up to \$83,600
4. 28 percent - over \$83,600 up to \$174,000
5. 33 percent - over \$174,400 up to \$379,150
6. 35 percent - amount over \$379,150

Keep in mind that these are marginal rates, meaning your income is taxed in tiers. The first \$10,000 you earn, for example, is taxed at a lower rate than the next \$10,000.

So let's say you earned \$100,000, putting you in the 28 percent tax bracket. This doesn't mean you'd fork over \$28,000 in federal income taxes. It means that the amount you earn above a certain threshold is taxed at 28 percent. Your federal income taxes would actually be closer to about 22 percent of your income.

The current federal rates are set to expire at the end of this year. If Congress doesn't act by then, the rates would revert to levels from before the Bush-era tax cuts, which ranged from 15 percent to 39.6 percent.

For now, federal income tax rates overall are near historic lows, says Joseph Rosenberg, a research associate at the Tax Policy Center in Washington, D.C.

He also said that nearly half of Americans do not pay any federal income taxes as a result of various exemptions given to those with dependents and limited incomes. Federal income taxes are only a piece of the larger tax picture, however. Payroll taxes, which go toward Social Security and Medicare, eat up another 5.65 percent of wages.

That rate returns to 7.65 percent if the payroll tax cut pushed by Obama isn't extended past February.

State taxes are another factor and can vary widely, with rates ranging from as low as 3.4 percent in Indiana to 11 percent in Hawaii and Oregon, according to H&R Block's Tax Institute. A handful of states, including Alaska and Florida, do not have an income tax.

THE EXCEPTIONS

Not all income is taxed at the rates outlined above. A key exception is any money earned from long-term invest-

ments, such as stocks, mutual funds and real estate held for at least a year. This income is classified as capital gains and is taxed at a flat 15 percent. That's regardless of whether it's \$100 or \$1 million.

"This is why someone who's a millionaire might have an effective tax rate that's lower," said Gil Charney, a tax analyst with H&R Block's Tax Institute. "A higher percentage of their income is going to be from long-term investment income."

In Romney's case, a chunk of his income in 2010 and 2011 came from Bain Capital, the private equity firm he founded and managed between 1984 and 1999.

Bain still pays Romney "carried interest," which is a classification of pay for managers of hedge fund and private equity firms. Critics say this type of compensation and should be taxed as salary at ordinary rates. But as it stands, carried interest is considered capital gains because it's profit in excess of what investors paid into the fund, Charney said.

The tax rate for capital gains wasn't always 15 percent. The rate has moved up and down through the years. In the 1970s, for example, the figure was close to 40 percent. And if Congress doesn't act by the end of the year, the capital gains tax rate will revert back to 20 percent.

REDUCING TAXES

Tax rates are subject to political influences. But there are a few standby strategies taxpayers can use for reducing their tax bill.

A key tactic is to reduce taxable income; this is why financial planners are such advocates of maximizing contributions to 401(k) accounts. Workers can reduce their taxable income by as much as \$17,000 a year. For traditional individual retirement accounts, the maximum contribution is \$5,000 a year.

Most large employers also let workers set aside up to \$5,000 of pre-tax wages in a health care flexible spending account. This money can be used for a variety of medical costs, including co-pays, prescription drugs and supplies such as cold packs. There are also numerous tax breaks for donations and education and health care costs that you may incur anyway.

Not everyone will be able to get their tax rate down to 15 percent. Yet there are numerous steps you can take to minimize your tax bill.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Sauerwein joins Janney Montgomery

SALEM — Janney Montgomery Scott LLC, one of the nation's largest full-service regional securities broker/dealers and one of the oldest in the nation, has announced the addition of Financial Advisor Shawn C. Sauerwein, CRPS. He will be based out of the Salem office.

"The addition of Shawn is a great for the continued growth of Janney," said James Foley, branch manager of the Salem office. "Shawn's overall industry experience allows him to not only successfully meet the needs of his clients, but will also benefit the entire Janney team in the Salem location."

Sauerwein holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Youngstown State University. He also holds the Chartered Retirement Plan SpecialistSM designation. In his role at Janney, Sauerwein will be responsible for nurturing and developing long-term client relationships in the community, while managing each individual's risks, goals, and unique financial picture. He has over 10 years of investment experience and is a lifelong resident of Salem where he resides with his wife Kelly.

"Bringing a financial advisor like Shawn to our team exemplifies our dedication to our proven client focused philosophy, and upholds Janney's long history of excellence in the financial service industry," said Foley. "We look forward to the experience, expertise and insight Shawn will bring to our community and to our clients."

Established in 1832, Janney Montgomery Scott LLC provides comprehensive financial advice and superior service to individual, corporate and institutional investors. A full-service, financial services firm. Janney provides advice and service to clients through a network of professionals in branch offices located along the entire east coast.

Picciano named president of chamber

SEBRING — Don Picciano Jr. was recently named president of the Sebring Area Chamber of Commerce.

Picciano previously served as vice president. He is the director of marketing and public relations at Copeland Oaks and Crandall Medical Center in Sebring.

Gayle Agnew accepted the position of vice president. Agnew is a photographer/reporter at the Alliance Review.

Outgoing President Doug Burchard, Sebring village manager, resigned from the board due to other obligations. Sebring Water Department administrative assistant Jennifer Rieger took Burchard's place on the board.

Nancy Whinnery of West Branch Local Schools agreed to continue as secretary and Todd Sage of Huntington Bank will remain as treasurer. Additional board members are Frank Minear, the Alliance Review; Jim Williams of Williams-Case Insurance Agency and Mark Calderone of Calderone's Diamond Beverage Express.

Board meetings are held at noon on the first Wednesday of each month in the Buckeye Room at Copeland Oaks. All interested chamber members and guests are invited to attend. For more information, log on to www.sebringohiochamber.net or see the chamber's Facebook page.

Packer Thomas adds Kacerski

CANFIELD — Packer Thomas, a leading regional certified public accounting and business consulting firm, announces the hiring of Steven D. Kacerski, CPA as a manager in their Canfield.

Kacerski is a graduate of Youngstown State University and has 13 years experience in the accounting profession. He spent the last 11 years with RSM McGladrey in Gaithersburg, Md. His specific areas of expertise are agriculture, real estate, tax exempt organizations, and professional service groups.

Kacerski is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Ohio Society of Certified Public Accountants. In addition, he is very active with his family's 450-acre grain farm in eastern Trumbull County, where he raises corn and soybeans. He and his spouse reside in Hartford.

Celebrating over 88 years, Packer Thomas maintains two offices that are located in Canfield, and New Castle, Pa. The firm provides business consulting services as well as accounting, auditing and tax services with industry concentrations for manufacturing companies, wholesale distribution, automotive dealerships, construction trades, and health care.

Packer Thomas also performs SSAE16 auditing, internal auditing for hospitals, universities and clients in other industries, as well as SOX 404 consulting services for various publicly traded companies. Their information technology services consist of, but are not limited to, information technology security auditing and Sage Accpac and CRM systems implementation. Packer Thomas also provides tax compliance and consulting for high net worth individuals and assistance in the area of forensic accounting.

Area lawyers recognized for volunteering

LISBON — In 2011, local volunteer attorneys provided free legal services to over 2,500 families in central north-east Ohio.

Cases were accepted for the purposes of preserving homes, providing economic stability and ensuring safety and health.

Community Legal Aid would like to acknowledge and thank the following 10 Columbiana County attorneys who generously donated their time and talents to assist clients in 2011: Stacey L. Alejars, Virginia Barborak, Shirley Christian, George A. Gbur, Tad Herold, Stephen A. Hill, Amanda Jo Jackson, R. Eric Kibler, Charles Parry and Constance L. Witt.

Community Legal Aid is dedicated to providing free, high quality civil legal services to those who would otherwise go without. Members of the local legal community are relied upon to join us in the mission and support work through the Volunteer Legal Services Program (VLSP).

For more information about Community Legal Aid and how to become a volunteer, visit www.CommunityLegalAid.org. Low-income individuals with a legal problem can apply for help by visiting www.CommunityLegalAid.org or by calling the HelpLine at 800-998-9454.



The Crestview High School academic challenge team, from left, Josh Schlueter, Logan Muraco, Josh McGooghan and Kayla Turner, listens to a question from reader John Daubenspeck.

(Salem News photos by Kevin Howell)



Second-place East Palestine team, from left, coach Lisa Bircher, Curtis Myers, Jacob Thomas, Jordan Molnar, Alana Carson and Clinton Rosa.



Third-place tying Beaver local team, from left, Clinton Taubert, Adam Leheny, Ashley Ricciardi, Alex Boggs, Natalie Shreeve and Chris Shaw.

Challenge

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tie breaker match. The Bulldogs finished with seven match victories while Beaver Local and East Liverpool finished tied for third with six.

“There was a lot of great competition this year and I’m proud of our team for rising the occasion,” said coach Elaine Habeger.

Salem’s recent run of success — matched only by East Liverpool’s five year run from 1983-87 — has instilled a sense of pride throughout the academic challenge program at the school.

“As freshmen we look up to the upper-classmen and want to follow in their footsteps,” said senior Nick Costa. “It’s an

honor to be able to carry on in the tradition of Salem High School Academic Challenge.”

Testing its participants’ knowledge of a variety of topics ranging from math and science to current events, the quiz show-type tournament, at 35 years, is the longest running academic competition of its kind in the county, according to event coordinator Vaughn Musser.

The Columbiana County Educational Service Center (ESC) has coordinated the event for the past 13 years.

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Third-place tying East Liverpool team, from left, Andrew Martin, Matt Bigelow, Levi Palmer, Joseph Mercer (kneeling), Renee Dickey, Griffin Claypool, Tony Wade and coach Ericka Burkey.

Businesses oppose proposed fraud legislation

DAYTON (AP) — Some Ohio businesses are opposing a bill backed by the attorney general that would create tougher penalties on fraud and give whistle-blowers a slice of the damages or repayments.

The proposed legislation, known as the Ohio “false claims act” in a reference to its federal counterpart, would apply to any contracts issued by the state and the money paid out for them, the Dayton Daily News reported Saturday.

The attorney general’s office depicts it as a way to provide incentives that encourage people who know of fraud to report it, but business groups like the Ohio Chamber of Commerce and the Ohio Hospital Association contend it would open the door for more people to bring false claims in hopes that companies would settle and they’d get a chunk of the settlement. The chamber and the OHA said they support anti-fraud measures but won’t back the bill in its current form.

“We think it does nothing more than encourage lawsuits,” said Linda Woggon, the chamber’s executive vice president. “You can make a business out of just bringing lawsuits knowing a business is going to settle and you’re going to get a third of it.”

Opponents of the measure say the possibility of such payoffs outweighs the risk of the bill’s penalties for lawyers who bring frivolous suits.

It’s not clear how the measure would fare in the Legislature. A tamer version limited to Medicaid fraud was opposed by business groups and died in committee five years ago, the newspaper said.

The bill also would allow Ohio to keep 50 percent of the damages instead of the current federal limit of 40 percent during cases involving misuse of federal money, and whistle-blowers would get 15 to 30 percent of a settlement, the newspaper said. One such case helped renew the call for a false claims act. Allegations of Medicaid fraud by Dayton-based CareSource led to a \$26 million settlement in a case spurred by two former employees under the federal false claims act, which applies only to federal funds.

But Medicaid fraud is only one of the areas that would be covered.

“The most important part of this bill for me is that it would allow the Ohio taxpayers to recover on things like road construction on bridge construction or building construction, or IT services that are paid to a state agency,” said attorney Rick Morgan Jr., who represented the CareSource whistle-blowers.

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GOLF

Eyes on Tiger

Woods tied for lead through three

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Tiger Woods put himself in position to win his second straight tournament Saturday, and this one would leave little doubt about which direction his game is going. He finally won two months ago against an 18-man field in California.



LEADERBOARD	
Tiger Woods	-11
Robert Rock	-11
Paul Lawrie	-9
Francesco Molinari	-9
Rory Mclroy	-9
Peter Hanson	-9
Notables:	
Sergio Garcia	-5
Miguel A Jimenez	-5

On Saturday, against the strongest field golf has seen in at least three months, Woods shot a 6-under 66 for a share of the lead with Robert Rock going into the final round of the Abu Dhabi Golf Championship. The topic suddenly shifts from the state of See TIGER, 3B



Tiger Woods plays a ball in sand on the 17th hole during the third round of Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship, Saturday in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. (AP Photo)

NFL



Browns QB Colt McCoy still appears to be a question mark for the squad. The team could draft another QB or try to land one in free agency, but until they make some sort of move it remains a hot debate in Cleveland. (AP Photo)

Browns will have to make QB decision

Mel Kiper says team will 'kick McCoy to the curb'

By JEFF SCHUDEL
News-Herald.com

Now that the Browns have their offensive coordinator, they can get down to the more pertinent issue of whether they need another quarterback and whether they can get the one they want if they do decide to "kick Colt McCoy to the curb," as ESPN draft analyst Mel Kiper says they will. Brad Childress was a success as an assistant coach in Philadelphia from 1999-2005, and he was steadily more successful as a head coach in Minnesota each year from 2006-2009 before circumstances ended his stay with the Vikings 10 games into 2010. Childress knows offense, so he should be a boost to what was the Browns' downfall last year, whether he designs the offense and Pat Shurmur calls plays or whether he ends up calling plays himself. Four weeks ago today, the Browns' season ended with McCoy on the sideline recovering from a concussion and one big question unanswered: Who will be the starting quarterback next season? Good teams never have to ask that question. The two quarterbacks most See BROWNS, 2B



PREP BASKETBALL

Warriors closing in

West Branch beats Salem, move closer to NBC crown



In their sights

West Branch's Rebekah Zets drives toward the hoop while Salem's Mallorie Davidson defends during their game Saturday at John A. Cabas Gymnasium in Salem. The Lady Warriors won to keep pace as the Northeastern Buckeye Conference leader. With just four league games remaining, the Lady Warriors control their destiny for the NBC crown. More pics, 2B. (Salem News/B.J. Lisko)

Staff Reports

West Branch 57, Salem 33

SALEM — West Branch moved one step closer in its bid for a Northeastern Buckeye Conference title with a 57-33 win at John A. Cabas Gymnasium in Salem Saturday. West Branch improved to 9-1 in the league (13-1 overall) with four league games remaining all against teams the Lady

Warriors beat earlier in the season.

On Saturday, an injury-plagued Salem hung with the Lady Warriors for the first quarter scoring a few buckets in transition and trailing just 15-10 after the frame. But the Lady Warriors turned things up to pull away for a 57-33 win. Leading West Branch was Rebekah Zets and Melinda Trimmer with 10 points each.



Trimmer added nine assists. Pavin Heath had eight points and seven rebounds, and Niki Carlton tallied nine points. For Salem, Megan Lehwald had 10 points. Ciera Trybend added eight points, and Lindsey Foster had five points and six rebounds. Julia Dundon also added six boards and six assists. West Branch will travel to Carrollton Wednesday.

Salem (4-12, 4-7 NBC) travels to East Liverpool Monday.

WEST BRANCH: 15 16 14 12 — 57
SALEM: 10 9 10 4 — 33
WEST BRANCH SCORING: Brittany Bryte 0-4-4, Melinda Trimmer 4-0-10, Kelsey Loiselle 2-2-6, Amanda Linhart 1-0-2, Rebekah Zets 4-1-10, Niki Carlton 4-1-0, Pavin Heath 4-0-8, Taryn Hahn 4-0-8. TEAM TOTALS: 23, 8-12, 57.
SALEM SCORING: Megan Lehwald 3-2-10, Lindsey Foster 1-3-5, Julia Dundon 1-0-2, Ciera Trybend 4-0-8, Mallorie Maher 2-0-4, Mallorie Davidson 2-0-4. TEAM TOTALS: 12, 7-9, 33.
THREE POINTERS: West Branch 3 (Trimmer 2, Zets), Salem 2 (Lehwald 2)

NCAA BASKETBALL



Pittsburgh's Nasir Robinson (35) strips Georgetown's Henry Sims (14) of the ball as he tries to shoot in the second half Saturday in Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh upset ninth ranked Georgetown 72-60. (AP Photo)

Kentucky cruises

Pitt upsets No. 9 Georgetown

NO. 1 KENTUCKY 74, LSU 50

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Terrence Jones highlighted a 27-point performance with a 13-0 run on his own and No. 1 Kentucky pulled away in the second half for a 74-50 win over struggling LSU on Saturday. Anthony Davis had 16 points and 10 rebounds despite briefly leaving the game when he hurt his right shoulder in a scramble for a loose ball. Darius Miller added 13 points, including three 3-pointers for Kentucky (21-1, 7-0 Southeastern Conference), which has won 13 straight. Johnny O'Bryant III had 12 points and nine rebounds for LSU (12-9, 2-5), which has

lost four of five. Jones had the last four points of the first half, then helped Kentucky break the game open by scoring the first nine of the second half on two dunks, a fast-break layup and another basket inside as he was fouled. His last of 13 straight points in the game gave Kentucky a 44-26 lead.

NO. 2 MISSOURI 63, TEXAS TECH 50

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — Kim English scored 19 points in the first half, Marcus Denmon added 13 after the break and Missouri had just enough to avoid a second straight

See NCAA, 5B

TIM DAHLBERG

Manning, Indianapolis headed for Splitsville

What was once thought improbable appears to be right around the corner

The idea didn't seem so outlandish at the time. Not for a city about to open a spanking new \$720 million stadium, and surely not for a team with Peyton Manning under center.

Hosting a Super Bowl would put Indianapolis on the map, sure. Give residents something to do, too, like talk to those people with the funny accents from New York or ride the new zip lines downtown.

But couldn't Colts fans dream of the day when their team became the first home team to play in the big game?

They could, and they did. It wasn't the biggest stretch, either, because the Colts had already won a Super Bowl behind Manning and were coming off a 13-3 regular season when the game was awarded to Indianapolis in the spring of 2008.

Then Manning got hurt. And the Colts went south in less time than it takes to complete a warmup lap at the Speedway.

Now, on the eve of what was supposed to be a glorious week in Indianapolis, the home team is a dysfunctional mess.

A joint statement issued Friday by Manning and Colts owner Jim Irsay claimed otherwise, though that was to be expected. The dirty laundry aired publicly the previous few days was so distasteful that something had to be said to get the attention off the home team and back on a game that means so much to the city's pride.

The self-styled great protector of the horseshoe himself — that would be Irsay — says it was all a misunderstanding. Surely not anything that a good talk between friends — or, say, a payment of \$28 million — couldn't resolve.

Manning got the talk. Whether he gets the check will ultimately determine just how friendly the owner and his quarterback really are.

The Colts seem ready to move on without the face of their franchise, a player so valuable that they may not have been able to build their new stadium without him. Manning transformed a woe-filled franchise into a perennial playoff contender, taking the Colts to two Super Bowls and

See PEYTON, 2B

Indianapolis Colts QB Peyton Manning might not be with the team much longer. (AP Photo)



THEACTION

AUTO RACING 9 a.m. SPEED — Rolex Sports Car Series, 24 Hours at Daytona, finish of race, at Daytona Beach, Fla.
BOWLING 12:30 p.m. ESPN — PBA, USBC Masters, at Henderson, Nev.
EXTREME SPORTS 2 p.m. ESPN — Winter X Games, at Aspen, Colo. 9 p.m. ESPN — Winter X Games, at Aspen, Colo. 2 a.m. ESPN2 — Winter X Games, at Aspen, Colo. (delayed tape)
FIGURE SKATING 3 p.m. NBC — U.S. Championships, at San Jose, Calif.
GOLF 1 p.m. TGC — PGA Tour, Farmers Insurance Open, final round, at San Diego 3 p.m. CBS — PGA Tour, Farmers Insurance Open, final round, at San Diego
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL 1 p.m. CBS — Michigan at Ohio St. 6:30 p.m. FSN — Oregon St. at Oregon 8:30 p.m. FSN — Stanford at California
NBA BASKETBALL 3:30 p.m. ABC — Chicago at Miami 6:30 p.m. ESPN — San Antonio at Dallas
NFL FOOTBALL 7 p.m. NBC — Pro Bowl, at Honolulu
NHL HOCKEY 4 p.m. NBCSP — All-Star game, at Ottawa
SOCCER 8 p.m. NBCSP — Women's, Olympic Qualifying Tournament, championship match, teams TBD, at Vancouver, British Columbia
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Noon FSN — Marshall at Tulane 2 p.m. FSN — Iowa St. at Texas A&M 3 p.m. ESPN2 — Penn St. at Michigan St. 4 p.m. FSN — UCLA at Colorado 5 p.m. ESPN2 — Tennessee at Georgia

APSPORTLIGHT

1950 — In an Associated Press poll of sports writers and broadcasters, Jack Dempsey is voted the greatest fighter of the past 50 years. Dempsey received 251 votes to 104 for Joe Louis.

1958 — The St. Louis Cardinals give Stan Musial a contract for \$100,000, making him the highest paid player in the National League.

1963 — Eleven players and six officials are elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Jim Thorpe, Red Grange, Bronco Nagurski, Sammy Baugh, Dutch Clark, Johnny McNally, Ernie Nevers, Mel Hein, Pete Henry, Cal Hubbard and Don Hutson are the players. The six officials are Bert Bell, Joe Carr, George Halas, Curly Lambeau, Tim Mara and George Preston.

1971 — Hal Greer of Philadelphia becomes the sixth player in NBA history to score 20,000 points as the 76ers lose to Milwaukee 142-118.

1985 — Edmonton's Jari Kurri scores his 100th point in the 39th game of the season with a goal in a 4-2 victory over the Calgary Flames.

1985 — Bryan Trottier of the New York Islanders scores his 1,000th point with a goal in a 4-4 tie with the Minnesota North Stars.

1988 — Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson breaks his own world indoor best in the 50-yard dash at the Toronto Sun Challenge. Johnson's time of 5.15 seconds erases his previous mark of 5.20 seconds, set two weeks earlier.

1994 — Julio Cesar Chavez suffers his first loss in 91 fights when Frankie Randall knocks him down in the 11th round and wins the WBC super lightweight championship on a split decision.

1997 — Brian Himmler leads two perfect games to take the lead after the first two rounds of qualifying at the PBA's Columbia 300 Open.

2000 — Utah's Karl Malone becomes the third player in NBA history to score 30,000 points when he makes a layup with 8:53 left in the third quarter of a 96-94 loss to Minnesota.

2004 — Minnesota has its NHL record for most consecutive overtime games without a victory or defeat snapped at 15 with a 3-2 loss to Montreal.

2005 — Serena Williams fends off six break points in the fifth game of the second set, then wills herself to overcome an aching back in a 2-6, 6-3, 6-0 victory over Lindsay Davenport in the Australian Open final.

NHL

Penguins: Crosby dealing with neck injury

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Sidney Crosby isn't just dealing with the lingering effects of a concussion. A California doctor says the Pittsburgh Penguins' star also is recovering from a neck injury.

Crosby visited with neurological spine specialist Dr. Robert S. Bray in Los Angeles this week as he continues treatment for symptoms that resurfaced during a loss to Boston on Dec. 5.



While Crosby initially said he didn't sustain a concussion against the Bruins, the team says Bray diagnosed Crosby with one and also discovered an unspecified neck injury, though Bray told the team the neck injury is "fully healed." Crosby missed more than 10 months after sustaining head shots in consecutive games in early January 2011. He returned on Nov. 21 and had 12 points in eight games before the symptoms resurfaced following a physical game against the Bruins.

The team said Bray's findings will be

evaluated by independent specialists.

General manager Ray Shero said at the All-Star game in Ottawa that Crosby had returned from California and that he was "optimistic" Crosby will play again this season.

"He's back in Pittsburgh now, hopefully we'll see next week where he is and we'll get the reports from California and compare notes to what's been done so far," Shero said.

The Canadian web site sportsnet.ca, citing unidentified sources, reported Crosby visited with a doctor in Utah, where an MRI revealed an abnormality

in two vertebrae in Crosby's neck.

Crosby's agent, Pat Brisson, did not immediately return a request for comment from The Associated Press.

The 24-year-old Crosby acknowledged earlier this month he was still experiencing headaches and motion problems. He traveled to Atlanta recently to visit with Dr. Ted Carrick, a chiropractic neurologist who successfully treated Crosby last summer.

Crosby has been cleared for light exercise and skated with his teammates during a road trip through Florida two weeks ago.



Salem's Mallory Maher brings the ball up court while West Branch's Katie Kubeck defends Saturday in Salem. (Salem News/B.J. Lisko)



West Branch's Melinda Trimmer tries to get past Salem's Julia Dundon Saturday in Salem. (Salem News/B.J. Lisko)



West Branch's Pavin Heath collides with Salem's Lindsey Foster during their game Saturday. (Salem News/B.J. Lisko)

PEYTON FROM 1B

winning one. The prospect of even better times ahead helped Indianapolis residents swallow the increased taxes they were forced to pony up for the new stadium, which opened in 2008. The NFL gave the city a Super Bowl as a reward, something that seems to have boosted civic pride even if few area residents will actually get inside the Lucas Oil Stadium for the event. As an added bonus, it gave Colts fans a chance to forget about a 2-14 season

that was doomed the moment the first rumors about Manning's health began circulating during the summer.

But Irsay couldn't stop firing people. Manning couldn't keep his mouth shut.

And instead of happy chatter about the Super Bowl coming to town, the buzz in Indy in recent days has been a definite downer.

There's a Manning playing in the Super Bowl, but it's the wrong one. And the chances of Peyton Manning — still recovering from three neck surgeries — playing another down for the Colts seem to be about as good as the chances

Indianapolis ever lands another Super Bowl.

He's owed \$28 million by March 8 if the Colts are to keep him, but that's just part of the problem. The Colts are almost sure to use their No. 1 draft pick on Stanford's Andrew Luck, and it doesn't make much sense to be paying millions of dollars to two different quarterbacks — especially if there's no guarantee Manning will even be healthy enough to play again.

In Irsay's defense, there's no real template on how to handle this. Money aside, he still has to think about the future of the team, and that fu-

ture likely doesn't include an aging and suddenly fragile Manning.

Irsay already sacked much of the front office and the coaching staff, something that clearly upset Manning. He's in the midst of rebuilding the Colts, and has to be looking at Luck as the new face of the franchise, much like Manning was when the Colts picked him No. 1 in the 1998 draft.

That it came down to the owner and the star player sniping at each other this week was perhaps inevitable. Decision time is coming, and it's becoming increasingly clear what that decision has to

be. Odds are Manning is done playing for the Colts, perhaps even done playing football entirely. Those reading tea leaves surely noted that the joint statement Manning and Irsay issued on Friday contained no reference to Manning playing for the team again, no reassurance that he was healing and would be able to play quarterback again.

For the next week the big question in Indianapolis will be who wins the Super Bowl.

For Colts fans, though, there's an even bigger question to be answered once the game is over.

BROWNS FROM 1B

often linked to the Browns are Robert Griffin III from Baylor and Matt Flynn from the Green Bay Packers.

The Browns pick fourth in the draft, and unless they are willing to swing a huge trade with the Rams to move up two spots, they won't get Griffin. The Vikings, owning the third pick, announced last week they are willing to trade down. Neither the Rams nor the Vikings need a quarterback, but at least two teams not far behind them in the draft — the Redskins (picking sixth) and the Dolphins (eighth) — do. So do the Seahawks (12th pick).

The good news for the

Browns is the Rams are reportedly locked in on USC tackle Matt Kalil and/or Oklahoma State wide receiver Justin Blackmon. One of them would be left if they acquire the Browns' fourth pick, but both would likely be gone before the sixth pick is made. Kalil and Blackmon would practically be in their new team's minicamp before the Rams would get to use the eighth pick in a swap with the Dolphins.

Packers starting quarterback Aaron Rodgers has said he expects Flynn to wind up in Miami. New Dolphins head coach Joe Philbin was the Packers' offensive coordinator before taking over the Dolphins last week.

The Dolphins are also interested in landing the biggest

fish — Peyton Manning. Owner Stephen Ross would love to make a big splash by signing Manning if the Colts release the future Hall of Famer.

Let's suppose Manning announces he is retiring or doctors tell him his neck will never be healthy enough for him to play again. In that case, how hard the Dolphins go after Flynn when free agency begins on March 13 will indicate whether Philbin believes Flynn can be the next Rodgers or whether he thinks Flynn's success in a total of two NFL starts was a product of the system used in Green Bay and the receivers Flynn threw passes to.

Philbin should know better than anybody how good Flynn can be. If the Dolphins

aren't hot to get him, maybe the Browns shouldn't be, either.

The Packers could also sign Flynn, then trade him, in which case the Browns could offer the 22nd pick in the first round and still hold on to the fourth pick. The Browns (Nos. 4 and 22), Bengals (17 and 21) and Patriots (28 and either 31 or 32) all have two first-round picks, but neither Cincinnati nor New England needs a quarterback.

The Redskins are the team to be wary of if Browns general manager Tom Heckert decides he wants to go after Griffin in the draft.

Heckert is smart and conservative.

He will not trade his entire draft to get Griffin. He would be very reluctant to trade his

top three picks for RGIII, who played in the shotgun at Baylor. But by all reports, he can learn to play under center quickly.

Redskins owner Dan Snyder might think conservatively when he steps into a voting booth, but that's where it ends. He is the type who would be willing to trade Washington's entire draft and more for Griffin if someone whispers to him RGIII could be the next Super Bowl winning quarterback for the Redskins.

The Browns got the offensive coordinator they want. Getting the quarterback they want if they have decided McCoy isn't the answer might not be as easy.

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► GOLF

Stanley builds 5-shot lead at Torrey Pines

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SAN DIEGO — Kyle Stanley overpowered Torrey Pines and opened a five-shot lead Saturday in the Farmers Insurance Open.

About the only regret for Stanley was missing a 4-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole that would have broken the 54-hole tournament record set by Tiger Woods in 1998, before Rees Jones beefed up the South Course for the 2008 U.S. Open.

Stanley still managed a 4-under 68, a spot alongside Woods in the record book at 18-under 198 and great position for his first victory.



LEADERBOARD	
Kyle Stanley	-18
John Huh	-13
John Rollins	-13
Bill Haas	-12
Sang-Moon-Bae	-12
Notables:	
Bubba Watson	-8
Hunter Mahan	-8
Vijay Singh	-6



Kyle Stanley tees off on the seventh hole of the South Course at Torrey Pines during the third round of the Farmers Insurance Open Saturday in San Diego. (AP Photo)

and said to him with a smile.

John Huh, a 21-year-old rookie who spent three years on the Korean Tour, and John Rollins each had 68 and were at 13-under 203. FedEx Cup champion Bill Haas (70) and Bae (72) were another shot behind. Bae was 5 over through five holes until he ran off four straight birdies to start the back nine to get his name back on the leaderboard.

The question is whether anyone else is in contention.

Stanley is no surprise to those who play with him or watch him hit balls, and he nearly joined the parade of rookie winners last year until Steve Stricker rallied with birdies on the last two holes to beat him in the John Deere Classic.

Stanley had a one-shot lead over Brandt Snedeker going into the third round at Torrey Pines, and before long had a comfortable lead, just as

Woods has done on this public course.

From deep rough on the par-5 sixth, Stanley hammered a shot just short of the green and pitched up to 12 feet for birdie. He hit sand wedge to 10 feet on the 10th for another birdie, then established himself on the back nine.

Along with the easy birdie on the 13th, Stanley saved par on the 14th.

The day before, his approach jumped out of the rough and over the green for a double bogey. Playing it safe this time, he hit 9-iron that went well short, into the bunker, but blasted out to 8 feet and made a tricky, downhill putt for par.

His final birdie came on a 20-foot putt at the par-3 16th. No one else could make a move.

Snedeker went to tap in a 2-foot par putt on the seventh and was shocked when it made a

horseshoe around the cup. He then missed his next five greens in regulation, and when he got home in two on the 13th, he three-putted. Snedeker had a 74 and fell seven behind.

“This is something you dream about as a kid,” Stanley said.

“But there’s still one more round.”

Equipped with a big lead, he said he won’t play any more conservatively.

DIVOTS: Jay Don Blake in 1991 was the last player to make Torrey Pines his first PGA Tour victory. ... Ryo Ishikawa had his third consecutive round of 69 and was tied for 11th. ... Jonas Blixt had the low round Saturday at 65. Under a “University of Farmers” campaign, that was worth a \$20,000 donation to his alma mater, Florida State. Cameron Tringale (Georgia Tech) had a 66 to finish second, which was worth \$10,000.

TIGER FROM 1B

his health. Woods has a 55-8 record worldwide when he has at least a share of the lead going into the final round, and a win would be the first time since August 2009 that he has won consecutive starts.

More than being atop the leaderboard, it’s how Woods got there.

“It’s fun when I’m able to control the golf ball like I did,” Woods said.

There wasn’t a lot of fist-pumping from Woods, who traded drama for consistency, racking up six birdies in a bogey-free round. It was a memorable performance by the American, mostly for his ability to hit fairways, tame the par 5s and sink clutch putts — including a 6-footer for birdie on the final hole.

“It just seemed like I didn’t do a lot of things right but I didn’t do a lot of things wrong today, it was just very consistent,” Woods said. “You know, made a couple putts here and there. ... I stayed away from trouble and tried to keep the ball towards the fat side of some of these pins, and I think I did a pretty good job.”

Woods finished at 11-under 205. Rock, at No. 117 in the world, birdied his final two holes to join Woods in the last group along with Peter Hanson, who had a 64 and was two

shots behind.

Also two back at 9-under 207 were Rory McIlroy, who played with Woods for the third straight day and had a 68, keeping the No. 3 player very much in the picture.

Francesco Molinari (66) and Paul Lawrie (68) also were tied for third. George Coetzee (65), James Kingston (67), overnight leader Thorbjorn Olesen (71) and Jean-Baptiste Gonnet (69) were another shot back.

The two-month break did little to slow Woods’ progress. This was the first time in 20 months — dating to The Players Championship in 2010 — that he broke par in the opening three rounds of any tournament. It was his lowest score since a 66 in the second round of the Masters last year, and his first time atop the leaderboard in a full-field event since he won the Australian Masters in November 2009.

Woods was two shots back after the second round, but started climbing up the leaderboard Saturday with an opening birdie, followed by another on No. 7.

He stepped up his game on the back nine and grabbed a share of the lead after he just missed an eagle putt on 10 and settled for a birdie. He briefly took the outright lead with a birdie on 14.

The crowd of several hundred cheered every birdie, with some yelling “Tiger’s back.”

Woods refused to talk about his chances of winning, saying there were too many players within striking distance.

“There’s a ton of guys with a chance to win,” Woods said. “I can’t go out there and shoot even par and expect to win. I’ve got to go out there and go get it.”

Rock, who got his first European Tour win last year in Italy in a playoff with Sergio Garcia, admitted he was star-struck at the prospect of teeing off alongside Woods, calling him “the best guy I’ve ever seen play golf.”

Rock was just one of several players who challenged Woods for the lead after overnight leader Olesen fell back.

Lawrie, the 1999 British Open champion, showed some of the form he displayed when he finished second at the Dubai World Championship in December. He strung together birdies on 10 and 11 to tie Woods for the lead, fell back with bogeys on 14 and 17 and then recovered to birdie the 18th.

Molinari and Hanson also bounced back from opening round 74s to move into contention. Molinari had five birdies on his back nine, while the 47th-ranked Swede had eight birdies in his round — including three on the last five holes — in a bogey-free round to finish with the lowest score of the day.

U.S. Open champion McIl-

roy also is still in the mix, a day after he had two double bogeys, including on the 9th when he was penalized for brushing away sand in front of his ball. He only had one bogey to go with five birdies Saturday, but the 22-year-old Northern Irishman was forced to scramble several times to save par, including on the 18th when an errant drive went into nearby rocks and almost into a pond.

“I definitely felt today was a lot better than yesterday,” McIlroy said. “So hopefully I can just keep that going tomorrow and maybe get off to a fast start and put pressure on the guys in front of me.”

Top-ranked Luke Donald (73) is 11 shots behind Woods, with No. 2-ranked Lee Westwood (68) seven off the lead.

Any victory would bolster Woods’ claims that work with coach Sean Foley has successfully revamped his swing with a better trajectory on his shots. The process sputtered early on but his body is now “remembering these positions, because this is what I used to be when I was a kid.”

“And that’s one of the things that Sean showed me, some video stuff when I was much younger, back in my teenage years,” Woods said. “He was like, ‘It’s amazing, we need to get back there. That’s where you play some pretty good golf.’ I said, ‘Yeah, you’re right. I did.’”

► TENNIS

Azarenka routs Sharapova to win Australian title

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Victoria Azarenka started celebrating, then suddenly did a double-take to ask her coach, “What happened?”

The answer: She had just produced one of the most lopsided Australian Open final victories to capture a Grand Slam title and the No. 1 ranking for the first time.

Azarenka routed three-time Grand Slam winner Maria Sharapova 6-3, 6-0 in 1 hour, 22 minutes on Saturday night, winning 12 of the last 13 games after dropping her first service game and falling behind 2-0.

“It’s a dream come true,” she said. “I have been dreaming and working so hard to win the

Grand Slam, and being No. 1 is pretty good bonus. Just the perfect ending and the perfect position to be in.”

Azarenka had won 11 straight matches, including a run to the Sydney International title, and reached her first Grand Slam final. Her previous best performance at a major was a semifinal loss to Petra Kvitova at Wimbledon last year. Sharapova had all the experience, being in her sixth major final and having won three — dating to her 2004 Wimbledon title.

But it didn’t unnerve the 22-year-old Azarenka, the first woman from Belarus to win a singles major. She’s also the seventh different woman to win

a Grand Slam since Francesca Schiavone won the 2010 French Open, and the fifth different winner in as many majors.

Azarenka became only the third woman to earn the No. 1 spot after winning her first major title. She moved from No. 3 to No. 1 in the rankings, helped by Caroline Wozniacki’s loss in the quarterfinals.

The third-seeded Azarenka set up championship point with a stunning forehand, her 14th clean winner, and sealed it when Sharapova netted a backhand.

She dropped to her knees at the baseline with her hands over her face. She got up, held her

hands up and jogged over to her coach, Sam Sumyk, in the stands to celebrate.

“The best feeling, for sure,” Azarenka said. “I don’t know about the game. I don’t know what I was doing out there. It’s just pure joy what happened. I can’t believe it’s over.”

And she paid special credit to her grandmother, “the person who inspires me the most in my life.”

Azarenka has been a distinctive presence at Melbourne Park as much for her shrieks and hoots with each shot and seemingly boundless energy as for her white shorts, blue singlet and lime green head and wrist bands.

Around *the* HORN

A roundup of sports in the region and across the nation
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Texas Hold-em tournament set

SALEM — A Texas Hold-em tournament will be held to benefit the Salem Bowling Association 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 4 at the Salem Eagles. \$125 buys 20,000 in starting chips. Free food and water will be provided.

Cleveland State pounds Youngstown State 67-47

YOUNGSTOWN (AP) — Anton Grady came off the bench to record a double-double and lead Cleveland State to a 67-47 victory over Youngstown State Saturday night in a Horizon League game.

Grady finished with game highs in both points (14) and rebounds (11). He hit 7 of 11 shots from the floor and grabbed three offensive rebounds as Cleveland State’s bench outscored Youngstown State’s reserves 26-4. The Vikings also had a 34-20 advantage on points in the paint.

For Cleveland State, which led 41-19 at halftime, guard D’Aundray Brown committed one turnover in 37 minutes. He made six steals. Teammate Trevon Harmon scored 10 points.

Youngstown State was done in largely by its 3-point futility. The Penguins made just 4 of 24 attempts from beyond the arc. No player hit more than one trey.

Blake Allen scored 11 points for Youngstown State while Kendrick Perry and Damian Eargle added 10 apiece.

North claims 23-13 Senior Bowl victory

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — Isaiah Pead took a stutter step forward, then raced to the left sideline and traveled 60 yards up the field before finally getting tripped up by a leg tackle.

The former Cincinnati running back followed that nifty punt return with a 38-yarder a couple of minutes later, late in the first half, to play a starring role Saturday in the North’s 23-13 victory over the South in the Senior Bowl.

The first one set up a field goal and helped Pead outshine bigger names to earn Most Valuable Player honors.

“(Coach) told me what the punt return call was, left, right or in the middle, and told me to make sure I set my blocks up or the play would be dead,” said Pead, who set a Senior Bowl record with 98 yards on punt returns. “I tried to do that the best that I could. The rest was just ability.”

Michigan State’s Kirk Cousins and Wisconsin’s Russell Wilson threw touchdown passes for the North. Purdue kicker Carson Wiggins put it away with his third short field goal, a 28-yarder with 4:11 left in the showcase for senior NFL prospects.

Boise State’s Kellen Moore led that clinching 13-play drive that consumed 8:36 with the help of a running clock.

It snuffed out a spark provided by South quarterback Nick Foles of Arizona, who started his career with Cousins at Michigan State.

Foles had gotten the South into the end zone by firing a 20-yard touchdown pass to Arizona teammate Juron Criner with 12:55 left in the game.

It was an up-and-down day for a crew of quarterbacks with sparkling college credentials, but threw a combined five interceptions.

It was mostly up for Pead, who only had 74 yards on eight punt returns as a senior. The 5-foot-10, 193-pounder did rush for 1,338 yards and 12 touchdowns and gained a team-high 31 yards on eight carries in the Senior Bowl.

“I think he may have opened some eyes,” said Minnesota Vikings coach Leslie Frazier, who led the North. “Some people may have wondered if he can do certain things. I think he may have answered some questions today.

Cousins completed 5 of 11 passes for 115 yards but threw an interception. Moore, who won an college-record 50 games as a starting quarterback, was 6-of-12 passing for 50 yards, and had a 23-yarder to set up the final field goal that put the North up two scores.

Wilson completed 4 of 7 passes for 45 yards with an 8-yard touchdown pass to Marvin Jones in the second quarter. He also threw an interception.

“I think I did a really good job, besides the interception,” Wilson said. “You never want to throw an interception obviously. I think I waited a little bit too long on that one. Other than that, I came back. I had amnesia and just forgot about it and got the ball in the end zone there.”

Columbus to host NHL All-Star game in 2013

OTTAWA (AP) — In a season in which very little has gone right for the Blue Jackets, general manager Scott Howson was able to deliver something positive: Columbus has landed the 2013 NHL All-Star game.

“We haven’t had a lot of good news here since the season started. This is really a nice piece of news for us to start building some momentum,” Howson said Saturday after attending the NHL Board of Governors meeting during the All-Star festivities in Ottawa.

“It’s phenomenal for our market. It’s phenomenal for our team,” Howson said, noting the event will bring tens of millions of dollars to the city. “The attention it brings to your city, the attention it brings to your team, it just raises your profile. It’s a tremendous event.”

Pro Bowl to feature plenty of offense, new faces

HONOLULU (AP) — Tony Gonzalez, Ray Lewis and Champ Bailey know what to expect. The new faces at the Pro Bowl aren’t so sure, and are curious how intense they should play in Sunday’s all-star game.

“I’ve never been in a Pro Bowl before, so I don’t know what the tempo is going to be like,” San Diego Chargers running back Ryan Mathews said. “So it’s going to be fun to get out there and see how it goes.”

Six rookies are among the 36 first-timers, including quarterbacks Cam Newton of the Carolina Panthers and Andy Dalton of the Cincinnati Bengals, who are replacing Super Bowl quarterbacks Eli Manning and Tom Brady.

Their selection makes this Pro Bowl the first that will feature two rookie quarterbacks.

“This is like the height of being an NFL player — being an all-star and having the opportunity to wear the red, white and blue — just having that jersey,” said Newton, the No. 1 overall pick in last year’s draft. “Only a few people can say, ‘I’ve made it to the NFL,’ but fewer number can say they’ve made it here.”

In a game known to highlight offense, the NFC will feature two of the game’s most prolific quarterbacks.

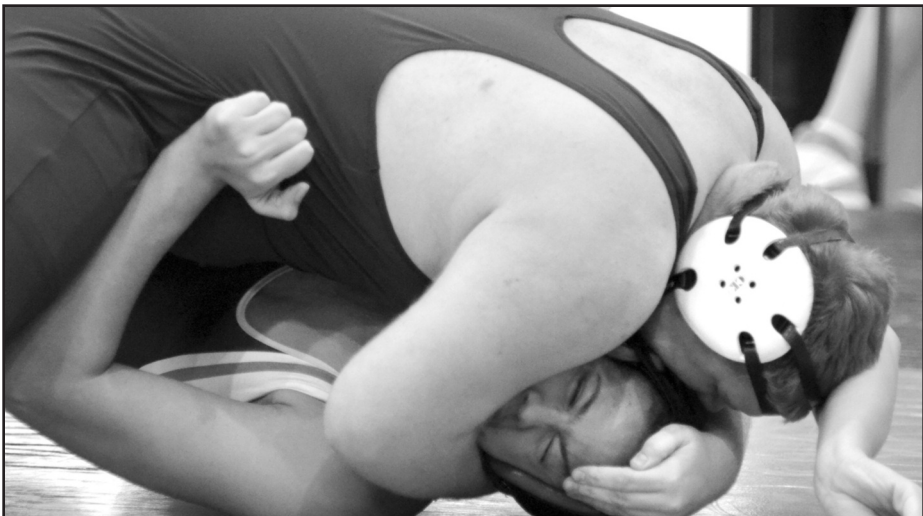
Green Bay quarterback Aaron Rodgers will start for the NFC and will be backed up by New Orleans quarterback Drew Brees. Rodgers passed for 4,463 yards with 45 touchdowns and just six interceptions. His quarterback rating of 122.5 set an NFL record. Brees, meanwhile, threw for 5,476 yards, breaking Dan Marino’s single-season record.

The NFC also features Philadelphia running back LeSean McCoy and receivers Larry Fitzgerald (Arizona), Steve Smith (Carolina) and Greg Jennings (Green Bay).

Houston defensive end Antonio Smith acknowledges the NFC has a lot of great players on offense, but isn’t too worried.

“We got so many weapons. We got so many Super Bowls. We got Hall of Fame players on our team. So I think we’ll be all right,” Smith said.

Pittsburgh quarterback Ben Roethlisberger will start for the AFC, with San Diego’s Philip Rivers and Dalton backing him up.



Buck Bailey Memorial Wrestling Tournament

The Buck Bailey Memorial Wrestling Tournament was held Saturday at Wellsville High School. Pictured above left, in a 285-pound match is United's Charlie Smith pinning Steubenville's Darren Evans. Above right, in a 120-pound match South Range's Ashley Piper takes on Steubenville's Tavon Gary. Below, right in a 138-pound match, South Range's Vinny DeRose pins Steubenville Central Catholic's Patrick Hernon. (Salem News/Patti Schaeffer)

From Staff Reports

WELLSVILLE — South Range turned in a solid performance on Saturday at the Buck Bailey Memorial Wrestling Tournament at Wellsville High School.

The Raiders took fourth place (102 points) and had individual champions in Max Brooke (160 pounds) and Colton Schuster (195). Robbie Grahovac was third at 170. Kevin Goff added a fourth place showing at 182 pounds for the Raiders.

Edison won the team title with 191 points. Newcomerstown was second with 159 points.

Crestview finished 10th with 55 points. The Rebels had individual title winners in Jeff Sayer (145) and Matt Hardenbrook (170).

United Local was 12th. Charles Smith took top honors in the 285-pound class for the Eagles.

Wellsville's top placers were Tyrique Kalam (195) and Joe Dowling (145) who were fourth.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Edison 191, 2. Newcomerstown 159, 3. West Geauga 111.5, 4. South Range 102, 5. Oak Glen 70.5, 6. Steubenville Central 66.5, 7. Toronto 61, 8. Malvern 60, 9. Edison 'B' 58, 10. Crestview 55, 11. Wheeling Park 49, 12. United 42, 13. Steubenville 40.5, 14. Conotton Valley 32.5, 15. East Liverpool 28, 16. Weirton Madonna 27.5, 17. Wellsville 27.

Championship Finals Results

106: Anthony Bell (Edison) pin Russell Shannon (Edison), 3:42.
113: David Bailey (Oak Glen) dec. Zach McKibben (Newcomerstown), 6:3
120: Alan Hayhurst (Newcomerstown) maj. dec. Chris Lemley (Oak Glen), 14:6

126: Nick Fisher (Edison) pin David Billings (Newcomerstown), 4:35
132: Cole McVey (Newcomerstown) dec. Cuyler Ledyard (Steubenville Central), 6:0
138: Mike Cline (West Geauga) pin Austin Bowen (Wheeling Park), 5:12.
145: Jeff Sayer (Crestview) maj. dec. Rob Alcorn (West Geauga), 11:3.
152: Chris Leake (Edison) dec. Mike Duffy (West Geauga), 8:3.
160: Max Brooke (South Range) tech. fall David Eippert (West Geauga), 18:1.
170: Matt Hardenbrook (Crestview) pin Mitchell Wells (Edison), 2:16.
182: Mitchell Meeks (Newcomerstown) pin Josh Holmes (Malvern), 3:51.
195: Colton Schuster (South Range) maj. dec. Jake Haynes (Toronto), 16:2
220: Dustin Huggins (Edison) dec. Andy Miller (Toronto), 12:7.
285: Charlie Smith (United) pin Alex Smith (East Liverpool), 3:25



TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
TEXAS RANGERS — Agreed to terms with OF Kyle Hudson on a minor league contract.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NBA — Suspended Milwaukee F Stephen Jackson one game for verbal abuse of a game official and failure to leave the court in a timely manner during Friday's game against Chicago.
CHICAGO BULLS — Waived G Mike James.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
CHICAGO BEARS — Named Phil Emery general manager.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Assigned F Jimmy Hayes to Rockford (AHL).
COLLEGE
CONNECTICUT — Reinstated G Ryan Boatrigh to the men's basketball team.

SENIOR BOWL

Senior Bowl Stats

North	3	10	7	3—23
South	3	3	0	7—13

First Quarter
North—FG Wiggs 27, 9:27.
South—FG Bullock 39, 3:37.

Second Quarter
North—M.Jones 8 pass from R.Wilson (Wiggs kick), 14:53.
South—FG Bullock 24, 7:35.
North—FG Wiggs 32, 2:05.

Third Quarter
North—Robinson 41 pass from Caousins (Wiggs kick), 11:44.

Fourth Quarter
South—Criner 20 pass from Foles (Bullock kick), 12:55.
North—FG Wiggs 28, 4:11.
A—40, 6:46.

	Nor	Sou
First downs	17	15
Rushes-yards	33-69	20-36
Passing	210	295
Comp-Att-Int	15-30-2	26-45-3
Return Yards	168	113
Punts-Avg.	3-33	1-17
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	2-15	7-63
Time of Possession	30:10	29:50

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—North, Pead 8-31, Martin 4-19, Polk 6-15, Herron 6-14, Ewing 1-1, team 2-0, R.Wilson 4-9, M.Jones 1-8, Pead 1-4. South, 10-21-1-103, Foles 11-15-0-136, Weeden 5-9-2-56.
RECEIVING—North, Robinson 2-64, Graham 2-27, Quick 2-10, Herron 2-4, Posey 1-33, Ewing 1-23, Igenwagu 1-14, Egnew 1-14, Linthicum 1-9, M.Jones 1-8, Pead 1-4. South, Adams 8-133, Criner 6-77, Fuller 3-19, Ganaway 2-8, Peterson 2-3, Jenkins 1-26, Smelley 1-24, D.Jones 1-7, Ballard 1-2, Creer 1-(minus 4)

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Third Round

Tiger Woods, United States	60-69-66—205
Robert Rock, England	69-70-66—205
Peter Hanson, Sweden	74-69-64—207
Francesco Molinari, Italy	74-67-66—207
Rory McIlroy, Northern Ireland	67-72-68—207
Paul Lawrie, Scotland	70-69-68—207
George Coetzee, South Africa	71-72-65—208
Thorbjorn Olesen, Denmark	70-67-71—208
James Kingston, South Africa	69-72-67—208
Jean-Baptiste Gonnnet, France	68-71-69-208
Thomas Bjorn, Denmark	73-71-65-209
Jamie Donaldson, Wales	74-68-67-209
Graeme McDowell, Nireland	72-69-68—209
Matteo Mannasero, Italy	73-65-71—209
Keith Horne, South Africa	71-71-68—210
Richard Finch, England	68-71-71—210
Gareth Maybin, N Ireland	68-70-72—210
Gonzalo, Fdez-Castano, Spain	72-74-65—211
David Lynn, England	74-70-67—211
Graeme Storm, England	74-69-68—211
Mark Foster, England	75-67-69—211
Liang Wen-chong, China	70-71-70—211
Miguel Angel Jimenez, Spain	72-69-70—211
Sergio Garcia, Spain	71-69-71—211
Robert Karlsson, Sweden	67-72-72—211

Also

Lee Westwood, England	72-72-68—212
Padraig Harrington, Ireland	71-69-72—212
Charl Schwartzel, South Africa	70-70-72—212
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KJ Choi, South Korea	71-75-68—214
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KENT ST/TOLEDO

KENT ST. (14-6)
Greene 4-10 6-7 14, Manns 1-1 1-2 3, Porini 5-8 2-2 14, Holt 2-7 0-0 6, Guyton 3-9 3-4 9, Evans 9-10 2-3 23, Brewer 1-2 1-2 4, Jackson 2-4 0-0 4. Totals 27-51 15-20 77.
TOLEDO (10-11)
Holiday 1-3 4-5 6, Smith 5-7 3-4 13, Buckley 0-7 2-2 2, Pearson 10-19 2-2 22, Brown 0-9 0-0 0, Mathew 0-0 0-0 0, Dear 2-2 1-2 5, Dennis 5-12 2-2 13. Totals 23-59 14-17 61.
Halftime—Kent St. 35-31. 3-Point Goals—Kent St. 8-20 (Evans 3-3, Porini 2-4, Holt 2-7, Brewer 1-2, Guyton 0-4), Toledo 1-16 (Dennis 1-5, Holiday 0-1, Smith 0-1, Pearson 0-2, Brown 0-3, Buckley 0-4). Fouled Out—Jackson. Rebounds—Kent St. 31 (Evans 6), Toledo 32 (Holiday, Pearson, Smith 7). Assists—Kent St. 19 (Porini 8), Toledo 13 (Brown, Dennis 5). Total Fouls—Kent St. 18, Toledo 14. A—6,420.

CSU/YSUU

CLEVELAND ST. (18-4)
Kamczyc 2-6 0-0 5, Pogue 4-10 0-0 8, Harmon 3-9 1-2 10, Montgomery 3-5 1-2 9, Brown 4-9 0-0 9, Long 0-0 0-0 0, Grady 7-11 0-2 14, Mason 1-10 0-12, Ndaye 1-3 0-0 2, Lee 2-7 3-3 8, Nwamu 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 27-61 5-10 67.
YOUNGSTOWN ST. (11-9)
Eargle 5-14 0-4 10, Brooks 3-8 0-0 7, Allen 3-9 4-4 11, K. Perry 4-11 1-2 10, Ward 1-8 2-2 5, Amiker Jr. 0-1 2-4 2, N. Perry 0-1 0-0 0, Cole 0-0 0-0 0, Chojnacki 0-1 0-0 0, Larson 1-2 0-0 2, Podolsky 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 17-55 9-16 47.
Halftime—Cleveland St. 41-19. 3-Point Goals—Cleveland St. 8-15 (Harmon 3-6, Montgomery 2-2, Lee 1-1, Kamczyc 1-2, Brown 1-3, Ndaye 0-1), Youngstown St. 4-24 (Ward 1-5, Brooks 1-5, Allen 1-6, K. Perry 1-6, N. Perry 0-1, Chojnacki 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Cleveland St. 42 (Grady 11), Youngstown St. 31 (Brooks, Eargle 6). Assists—Cleveland St. 19 (Kamczyc, Montgomery 4), Youngstown St. 10 (Brooks 4). Total Fouls—Cleveland St. 16, Youngstown St. 12. Technical—Pogue. A—6,313.

NBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	14	6	.700	—
Boston	9	9	.500	4
New York	7	12	.368	6½
New Jersey	7	13	.350	7
Toronto	6	14	.300	8
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	14	5	.737	—
Atlanta	14	6	.700	½
Orlando	12	7	.632	2
Washington	3	16	.158	11
Charlotte	3	17	.150	11½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	17	4	.810	—
Indiana	12	6	.667	3½
Milwaukee	7	11	.389	8½
Cleveland	7	11	.389	8½
Detroit	4	17	.190	13
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	12	8	.600	—
Dallas	12	8	.600	—
Houston	11	8	.579	½
Memphis	10	8	.556	1
New Orleans	4	15	.211	7½
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	16	3	.842	—
Denver	14	5	.737	2
Portland	12	8	.600	4½
Utah	10	7	.588	5
Minnesota	9	10	.474	7
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	10	6	.625	—
L.A. Lakers	11	8	.579	½
Phoenix	6	12	.333	5
Golden State	6	12	.333	5
Sacramento	6	13	.316	5½
Friday's Games				
Philadelphia 89, Charlotte 72				
Boston 94, Indiana 87				
New Jersey 99, Cleveland 96				
Atlanta 107, Detroit 101, OT				
Chicago 107, Milwaukee 100				
Houston 103, Washington 76				
New Orleans 93, Orlando 67				
Minnesota 87, San Antonio 79				
Miami 99, New York 89				
Dallas 116, Utah 101				
Denver 96, Toronto 81				
Portland 109, Phoenix 71				
Oklahoma City 120, Golden State 109				
Saturday's Games				
Philadelphia 95, Detroit 74				
Washington 102, Charlotte 99				
Houston 97, New York 84				
Memphis at Phoenix, (n)				
Sacramento at Utah, (n)				
Sunday's Games				
Chicago at Miami, 3:30 p.m.				
Cleveland at Boston, 6 p.m.				
Toronto at New Jersey, 6 p.m.				
Indiana at Orlando, 6 p.m.				
San Antonio at Dallas, 6:30 p.m.				
Atlanta at New Orleans, 7 p.m.				
L.A. Lakers at Minnesota, 7 p.m.				
L.A. Clippers at Denver, 8 p.m.				
Monday's Games				
Chicago at Washington, 7 p.m.				
Orlando at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.				
New Orleans at Miami, 7:30 p.m.				
Minnesota at Houston, 8 p.m.				
San Antonio at Memphis, 8 p.m.				
Dallas at Phoenix, 9 p.m.				
Portland at Utah, 9 p.m.				
Oklahoma City at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.				

NHL GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE									
Atlantic Division									
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA		
N.Y. Rangers	47	31	12	4	66	132	96		
Philadelphia	48	29	14	5	63	162	142		
Pittsburgh	49	28	17	4	60	152	127		
New Jersey	48	26	19	3	55	129	136		
N.Y. Islanders	48	19	22	7	45	115	143		
Northeast Division									
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA		
Boston	47	31	14	2	64	171	102		
Ottawa	52	27	19	6	60	157	160		
Toronto	49	25	19	5	55	151	147		
Montreal	49	19	21	9	47	130	134		
Buffalo	49	20	24	5	45	119	149		
Southeast Division									
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA		
Washington	48	26	19	3	55	136	137		
Florida	48	22	15	11	55	122	136		
Winnipeg	50	22	22	6	50	124	143		
Tampa Bay	48	21	23	4	46	136	165		
Carolina	51	18	24	9	45	130	159		
WESTERN CONFERENCE									
Central Division									
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA		
Detroit	50	33	16	1	67	160	117		
St. Louis	49	29	13	7	65	124	102		
Nashville	50	30	16	4	64	140	127		
Chicago	50	29	16	4	64	162	144		
Columbus	49	13	30	6	32	115	163		
Northwest Division									
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA		
Vancouver	49	30	15	4	64	158	122		
Minnesota	49	24	18	7	55	115	126		
Colorado	51	26	23	2	54	131	144		
Calgary	50	23	21	6	52	120	137		
Edmonton	49	18	26	5	41	122	142		
Pacific Division									
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA		
San Jose	47	27	14	6	60	131	110		
Los Angeles	50	24	16	10	58	111	111		
Dallas	48	25	21	2	52	126	136		
Phoenix	50	22	20	8	52	130	134		
Anaheim	48	18	23	7	43	124	144		
NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.									
Wednesday's Games									
Montreal 7, Detroit 2									
Thursday's Games									
No games scheduled									
Friday's Games									
No games scheduled									
Saturday's Games									
No games scheduled									
Sunday's Games									
Team Chara vs. Team Alfredsson, 4 p.m.									
Monday's Games									
No game scheduled									

► SUPER BOWL

Giants vs. Patriots matchups

By **BARRY WILNER**
Associated Press

Matchups for the Super Bowl between the New York Giants and New England Patriots on Feb. 5 in Indianapolis:

When the Giants have the ball

The Giants no longer are a grind-it-out offense. In fact, they ranked last in rushing this season, although that's misleading because the running game has been better in their string of six wins in seven games. Ahmad Bradshaw (44) has battled through back and foot injuries and is more powerful than would be expected for his 5-foot-9, 200-pound build. Brandon Jacobs (27) is the big back and has some burst.

But the ground game has stagnated at times because the line has been inconsistent in its blocking. The Giants will try to spring Bradshaw and Jacobs behind G Chris Snee (76) and T David Diehl (66), but the line's main chore is keeping QB Eli Manning (10) upright long enough for him to do damage.

And Manning, in his best season of an eight-year career, has been superb. Even last week, when the numbers didn't seem great in the 20-17 overtime win at rainy, slippery Candlestick Park, Manning made enough big plays to get the Giants to their second Super Bowl in four years. He did so against the league's most punishing defense and despite six sacks.

Snee, fellow G Kevin Boothe (77) and C David Baas (64) will see plenty of DT Vince Wilfork (75), by far the best performer on defense for New England. Wilfork even will rush off the edge at times, but has been immovable in the middle of the line during the playoffs.

The Patriots have eight sacks in the postseason and get pressure from a variety of people: LBs Rob Ninkovich (50), Jerod Mayo (51) and Brandon Spikes (55), and linemen Mark Anderson (95), Shaun Ellis (94)

and perhaps a blitzing safety.

Where New York matches up best is with WRs Hakeem Nicks (88), Victor Cruz (80) and Mario Manningham (82) against a jumbled secondary that, at times, has included WRs Julian Edelman (11) and Matthew Slater (18). CB Kyle Arrington (24) tied for the league lead with seven interceptions, but also injured his eye in the AFC championship win over Baltimore.

New York's biggest edge is in this area, especially if the Giants can get man coverage on one of those receivers against some relatively untested CBs, or against S James Ihedigbo (44) or Patrick Chung (25). Backup CB Sterling Moore (29) was victimized for a 29-yard TD by Torrey Smith, but then stripped Lee Evans of a potential winning TD catch in the final moments.

When the Patriots have the ball

QB Tom Brady (12) was unhappy with his play in the AFC title game, and Brady rarely has two consecutive mediocre outings. He was intercepted twice by Baltimore, but did lead the winning drive, which he capped with a 1-yard dive and an emphatic spike.

It's Brady's arm, of course, that New York must be most concerned with. This matchup is no different from the teams' regular-season meeting, a 24-20 Giants win, nor from the 2008 Super Bowl. If Brady gets time, he will find his two All-Pro receivers, Wes Welker (83) and TE Rob Gronkowski (87), not to mention WR Deion Branch (84) and TE Aaron Hernandez (81).

So the Giants must pressure Brady with a varied pass rush. Up front, All-Pro DE Jason Pierre-Paul (90), Justin Tuck (91) and Osi Umenyiora (72) need to be forces against a line built to protect Brady and anchored by Gs Logan Mankins (70) and Brian Waters (54) and T Matt Light (72). LBs Mathias Kiwanuka (94) and Michael Boley (59) are dangerous on the rush, as well.

If the Giants can force either Gronkowski or Hernan-

dez to block more than the Patriots want, it could be decisive.

If not, the two tight ends are difficult challenges for New York's linebackers — although backup Jacquian Williams (57) is quick enough to run with Gronkowski and Hernandez. Safeties Antrel Rolle (26), Kenny Phillips (21) and Deon Grant (34) have stood out in pass coverage and run D recently.

CB Corey Webster (23) figures to cover Welker, even when Welker lines up in the slot. Should the Giants get a decent pass rush on Brady, Welker becomes even more important to New England's offense.

Also a key is if the Patriots can run as well as they did in the previous postseason games. BenJarvus Green-Ellis (42) is vastly underrated, and Danny Woodhead (39) is a versatile, do-everything guy.

Mostly, though, it comes down to how much time Brady gets to throw.

The Patriots will operate out of a no-huddle much of the time to minimize how many substitutions New York makes on defense. Because the Giants have so many versatile defenders, though, that might not work as well as it has against other teams.

Special teams

New England has plenty of faith in PK Stephen Gostkowski (3), and indoors at Lucas Oil Stadium, he's likely to attempt long field goals if necessary. His kick-offs in the playoffs have been consistently deep into the end zone.

P Zoltan Mesko (14) is a lefty kicker and the ball can act funky off his foot. He doesn't get on the field all that often, which is a good thing for the Patriots.

Belichick also has a special teams background and his coverage groups are trustworthy. Not that the Giants are particularly dangerous in the return game.

Where New York has been exceptional is in kick coverages, and the two critical turnovers in the NFC championship victory at San Francisco came on punt

coverages.

Lawrence Tynes (9) makes the clutch field goals and twice has kicked the Giants into the Super Bowl with overtime winners. His kickoffs have improved recently. Steve Weatherford (5) has been terrific in the second half of the season as the punter and did a masterful job holding for the winning field goal in the slop against San Francisco.

Coaching

Two of the best in the business matching wits, Tom Coughlin and Bill Belichick.

Both come from the Bill Parcells coaching tree, Coughlin an offensive guru and Belichick a defensive mastermind. Here's the catch: New York has been a stronger defensive team in Coughlin's tenure (2004-12), while the Patriots have morphed into an offensive machine since Belichick took charge in 2000.

Coughlin's players show a genuine fondness for the 65-year-old coach, particularly after he toned down his heavy-handed approach before the 2007 season. That, remember, was New York's championship season.

With fans calling for his job after a disappointing non-playoff performance in 2010, and again when the Giants were 7-7 during this regular season, Coughlin ignored the outside noise. More importantly, he got his players to remain focused on the prize — which is now one win away.

Unlike Coughlin, who answers to GM Jerry Reese on many personnel issues, Belichick is in total charge in New England. His track record: three Super Bowl titles, five appearances in the big game (including this year) and a 155-58 overall mark as coach.

Belichick is more willing to experiment in game plans and with his players; who else uses receivers as defensive backs, or has come up with a passing attack built on two pass-catching tight ends? If either coach comes up with an unusual wrinkle in the Super Bowl, it almost certainly will be Belichick.

NCAA FROM 1B

upset with a shaky victory over Texas Tech.

Jaye Crockett had 11 points and 11 rebounds and Ty Nurse scored 13 for Texas Tech (7-13, 0-8 Big 12), which shaved a 15-point deficit to seven on Clark Lammert's 3-pointer off the glass at the shot-clock buzzer with 2:36 to go.

Missouri (19-2, 6-2) finished with six straight points, including Ricardo Ratliffe's dunk in transition with a minute left after English blocked a shot and then saved the ball from going out of bounds.

English had 22 points, Denmon scored 19 despite 4-for-15 shooting and Phil Pressey matched his career best with 12 assists. Missouri remained unbeaten at home, three days after an upset loss at Oklahoma State. The Tigers' first 11 home victories had been by an average of 27 points.

NO. 3 SYRACUSE 63, WEST VIRGINIA 61

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — Brandon Triche had 18 points, including a pair of free throws that broke the final tie with 88 seconds left, and Syracuse beat West Virginia.

After Triche's free throws, the Mountaineers missed four straight shots, including an air-ball 3 by Darryl "Truck" Bryant and a miss on the follow by Deniz Kilicli. But when Kris Joseph snared the rebound and tried to dribble away, he fell out of bounds with 6.2 seconds left, giving West Virginia one last chance. Kevin Jones missed a 3 from the left corner at the buzzer and Syracuse hung on.

Syracuse (22-1, 9-1 Big East) has won 13 of the past 14 games against West Virginia (15-7, 5-4). The win was the 878th for Orange coach Jim Boheim, moving him within one victory of tying former North Carolina coach Dean Smith for third in Division I history.

Jones led West Virginia with 20 points and eight rebounds.

IOWA STATE 72, NO. 5 KANSAS 64

AMES, Iowa (AP) — Royce White had 18 points and nine rebounds as Iowa State upset Kansas, snapping the Jayhawks' winning streak at 10 games.

Melvin Ejim added 15 points for the Cyclones (15-6, 5-3 Big 12), who had lost 13 straight to Kansas since their last victory in 2005.

White, a 39 percent free thrower shooter in Big 12 games, hit a pair to put Iowa State up 64-59 with 1:47 left. Kansas threw the ball away

and Chris Babb drained a 3 to give the Cyclones an eight-point lead with 55.6 seconds left.

Tyshawn Taylor led five players in double figures with 16 points for Kansas (17-4, 7-1), which hadn't lost since Dec. 19 against Davidson. Thomas Robinson had 13 points, but he committed five turnovers and the Jayhawks were outrebounded 36-23.

NO. 6 BAYLOR 76, TEXAS 71

WACO, Texas (AP) — Perry Jones III scored 22 points and grabbed a career-high 14 rebounds, Pierre Jackson hit the go-ahead 3-pointer and Baylor withstood a second-half rally to beat Texas.

Baylor (19-2, 6-2 Big 12) led by 12 early in the second half before J'Covan Brown led a charge that helped the Longhorns tie the game.

Jackson's 3-pointer gave the Bears a 69-66 lead with 2:36 left, and they hit seven free throws down the stretch to seal the victory.

Brown scored 20 of his 32 points in the second half for Texas (13-8, 3-5), but he missed a 3-point attempt with 10 seconds left that would have tied the game. The Longhorns have lost four of five.

Quincy Miller had 18 points for the Bears, who are 6-2 in conference play for the first time since 1986-87. Quincy Acy added 10 points and 10 rebounds.

NO. 8 DUKE 83, ST. JOHN'S 76

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — Mason Plumlee had 15 points and a career-high 17 rebounds to help Duke hold off St. John's.

Ryan Kelly scored 16 points and Andre Dawkins added 14 for the Blue Devils (18-3), who led by 22 with 17 minutes left but shot just 30 percent in the second half while the Red Storm rallied.

Moe Harkless had 30 points and 13 rebounds for St. John's (9-12). He and D'Angelo Harrison each hit 3-pointers in the final minute to make things tense.

Austin Rivers finished with 12 points for the Blue Devils, who claimed their 94th straight nonconference victory at Cameron Indoor Stadium.

Harrison had 21 points for St. John's, the last non-Atlantic Coast Conference team to win at Cameron, in 2000.

PITTSBURGH 72, NO. 9 GEORGETOWN 60

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Nasir Robinson scored 23 points and made all nine of his field goal attempts to lead Pittsburgh past Georgetown.

Lamar Patterson added 18

points, seven assists and four rebounds for the Panthers (13-9, 2-7 Big East), who never trailed while improving to 12-0 against Top 10 teams at the Petersen Events Center.

Otto Porter led the Hoyas (16-4, 6-3) with 14 points and Henry Sims added 10 but Georgetown couldn't overcome a 17-point first-half deficit.

The Panthers won their second straight following an eight-game losing streak.

COLORADO STATE 77, NO. 13 SAN DIEGO STATE 60

FORT COLLINS, Colo. (AP) — Wes Eikmeier scored 19 points and Colorado State made all 23 of its free throws, beating San Diego State for its first home win over a ranked team in more than eight years.

Will Bell added 17 points and the Rams (14-6, 3-2 Mountain West) frustrated the fatigued Aztecs (18-3, 4-1) all afternoon, limiting them to 3-of-21 shooting from 3-point range.

It was the first time Colorado State beat a Top 25 team at Moby Arena since knocking off Purdue 71-69 on Dec. 30, 2003. The Rams set a conference record by going 23 for 23 at the foul line.

Jamaal Franklin had 24 points and 10 rebounds for the Aztecs, who had their 11-game winning streak snapped. Chase Tapley, the conference's leading scorer, was held to 10 points.

NO. 14 FLORIDA 69, NO. 18 MISS. ST. 57

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Bradley Beal scored 19 points, Patric Young made several crowd-rousing plays and Florida beat Mississippi State, extending its home winning streak to 17 games.

The Gators (17-4, 5-1 Southeastern Conference) used an 11-0 run in the second half — sparked by Beal's third 3-pointer and highlighted by Young's two dunks — to turn a tight game into a double-digit affair.

Mississippi State (17-5, 4-3) trailed 62-47 after the spurt and never got the lead to single digits.

The Gators made enough plays down the stretch to secure their second win in six games against the Bulldogs.

Young, still battling tendinitis in his right ankle, finished with 12 points and six rebounds.

Arnett Moultrie led Mississippi State with 12 points and 13 rebounds, his league-leading 13th double-double of the season.

He fouled out with 2:04 remaining.

NO. 17 MARQUETTE 82, VILLANOVA 78

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Darius Johnson-Odom scored 26 points to help Marquette storm back from an 18-point deficit and beat Villanova.

Jae Crowder had 20 points

and 11 rebounds for Marquette (18-4, 7-2 Big East) and played just as big a role in the second half as Johnson-Odom in helping the Golden Eagles win their sixth straight game.

JayVaughn Pinkston led Villanova (10-12, 3-7) with 17 points. Maurice Sutton had 11

points and 10 rebounds.

Villanova had the lead with 6:15 left when Maalik Wayns was whistled for a technical. Johnson-Odom hit two free throws and Crowder tied it on a driving layup. Johnson-Odom made it 71-69, putting Marquette ahead for good.

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Vets’ advocate has key role in whale rescue film

By ERIC TUCKER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bonnie Carroll is well-known in veterans’ circles as the founder of a vast organization that provides grief counseling and help for thousands of families of fallen military members. But it was her involvement nearly 25 years ago in a high-seas effort to rescue three gray whales stranded off Alaska that is now receiving Hollywood treatment.

Carroll and her late husband Tom are prominent characters in the upcoming “Big Miracle,” a film chronicling the Reagan administration’s 1988 partnership with the Soviet Union, environmentalists and oil companies to free the whales — a costly and ultimately successful effort that drew international attention.

“What was extraordinary about this event was that it brought together the military, the Alaska Natives, Greenpeace, the oil companies and then finally the Soviets,” Carroll said. “Those are entities that rarely work collaboratively and are often at odds and they all came together to save these whales.”

The film, which stars Drew Barrymore and Ted Danson and opens Feb. 3, gives Carroll a chance to relive the dramatic rescue and her romance with her husband. But it’s also a platform to draw attention to her group, Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors, or TAPS, whose work she says may become even more critical now that the Obama administration has ended the Iraq war.

The organization was formed two years after Carroll lost her husband, Alaska National Guard Brig. Gen. Tom Carroll, in a plane crash. She fell in love with him over the phone during the whale rescue effort and wed soon after. Then he and seven others were killed in a 1992 crash of an Army C-12 plane.

Carroll had worked closely with survivors of violent crime, but she struggled to find a comparable support network until bonding with the other widows of the



In this image released by Universal Pictures, John Krasinski and Drew Barrymore are shown in a scene from "Big Miracle," a film about the rescue of a family of gray whales trapped by rapidly forming ice in the Arctic Circle. The film opens Feb. 3. (AP Photo/Universal Pictures)

accident.

“We really just had the same fears, the same concerns, the same questions,” Carroll said. “It became very apparent that that was a strong source of comfort, to speak with another person who can validate and normalize your own feelings,” she said.

The epiphany led to the 1994 formation of TAPS, which today says it’s helped about 30,000 bereaved families with everything from crisis intervention and grief counseling to navigating government bureaucracy. The organization says it has more than 1,000 survivors who are trained peer mentors and volunteer to help others.

But the film concerns itself with a different episode of her life, back when Bonnie Carroll was Bonnie Mersinger, a National Guard member and young Reagan administration aide pulling long hours in the White House.

The movie centers on the international spectacle that unfolded in October 1988, when three California gray whales became trapped during their migration

south beneath ice east of Barrow, Alaska. Complex efforts to free the mammals — Eskimos used chain saws to carve breathing holes in the ice and a National Guard helicopter towed a massive icebreaking barge — failed to do the trick. One of the trapped whales disappeared and was presumed dead.

President Ronald Reagan, aware of Mersinger’s National Guard service and out of easy options, sought her involvement.

Mersinger made contact with Col. Tom Carroll, an Alaska Army National Guard commander, who as other options failed suggested the Americans request the use of Soviet icebreakers to smash through the ice ridge. It was a gutsy call because of lingering Cold War tensions between the superpowers, but the icebreakers proved successful. The whales eventually broke free into the open sea.

Besides Barrymore, who plays an environmental activist, the cast also features Ted Danson, John Krasinski and Kristen Bell. Bonnie Carroll’s character is played

by Vinessa Shaw, while Dermot Mulroney plays the part of Tom — albeit with different names. It’s directed by Ken Kwapis, who calls Bonnie Carroll a “soulful,” can-do person as exemplified by the whale rescue and also the creation of TAPS.

“She strikes me as someone who doesn’t suffer fools, who’s very no-nonsense, gets things done. But at the same time, the way she does it is with a smile and a generosity that I think separates her from a lot of people,” Kwapis said.

Carroll said she bonded over the phone with her future husband, a military man she refers to as “dashing,” and decided she’d marry him before they even met. They wed in 1989, an event recreated in the film with Carroll playing an extra. They were living in Alaska when the 1992 plane crash occurred.

Using insurance money from her husband’s death, and her experience with the federal government and as a military reservist, Carroll channeled her grief into a peer-based support network for military families.

While the government is responsible for alerting the family, returning the body and recovering personal effects, TAPS offers a more emotional, softer-edged counterpart to the formal rituals that accompany a soldier’s death. It relies on small comforting touches — an email on the anniversary of a soldier’s death, for instance — but also more substantial help, like grief counseling and peer mentoring.

The organization, which requires no dues or fees, holds camps for children who have lost a parent. It trains those who have lost relatives to comfort other bereaved families.

And the organization’s help extends to not only widows but anyone grieving the loss of a soldier. Its network includes counselors and lawyers and staff social workers

The needs are often unpredictable. Sometimes a mother needs someone to talk to at 3 a.m. or in the days leading up to the

anniversary of her son’s death. Sometimes a grieving relative needs help collecting benefits. The 2009 massacre at the Fort Hood military installation triggered a barrage of calls from anxious relatives reliving the moment they were notified of a loved one’s loss.

Among those helped by TAPS is Miranda Luke, of Greenwood, Ark., whose husband Samson, an Army captain, died two years ago of heart problems while home on a National Guard drill weekend. She said the military denied her death benefits because her husband, who was twice deployed to Iraq, had died at home and not in the vicinity of the base. Luke said Carroll heard about her struggle, wrote letters on her behalf and helped her locate a pro bono attorney. Luke ultimately prevailed in her effort to get the benefits.

“She really just kept the fire burning on this issue. Every time it seemed to float out of people’s minds, she would shove it back in there,” Luke said. “She was really my biggest advocate.”

Though the Iraq war has ended, Carroll said TAPS will be just as busy given the number of deaths from suicide, risky behavior and illness she expects to see.

“The next five years are going to be far more intense than the last five years, and we won’t have really the public sentiment and the headlines we did, which helped get support for the organization,” she said.

Carroll said her organization always seeks pictures and anecdotes from grieving families and tries to help them honor a soldier’s life rather than focus on the trauma of a death.

She recites by memory stories she’s heard from grieving families, like the mother of one Marine who said she knew her son would be a daredevil from the day he built a ramp for his Big Wheel bike and drove off it. That’s why participating in the film, and reliving the joy of her own marriage, carries resonance.

“To actually hear his voice and see his face is a precious gift,” she said.

Review: Liam Neeson-led ‘The Grey’ stays lost in the woods

By JAKE COYLE
AP Entertainment Writer

How wonderfully unpredictable the movies can be. Who would have thought that, at nearly 60, Liam Neeson would be one of the top action stars around? It’s the same, counterintuitive formula that made Michael Keaton a good Batman and the Rock a believable Tooth Fairy.

But here he is again. After the thrillers “Taken” and “Unknown,” Neeson, that burly Irishman of such rock-’em, sock ’em films as “Kinsey” and “Schindler’s List,” is back in his new genre of choice, looking quite at home punching a wolf.

In “The Grey,” Neeson plays John Ottway, a grizzled veteran of remote oil refineries, where his specialty is shooting, by sniper rifle, wild animals that attack rig workers. What Neeson has is a resilient weariness with hard Irish eyes that come alive when challenged, and boyishly soften around women.

But Ottway has tired of his rough life, an outcast — for under-terminated reasons — from the woman he loves (Anne Hathaway), whom he recalls frequently in white visions of pillow-talk purity. The film, directed by Joe Carnahan (“The A-Team,” “Narc”), opens with Ottway’s lost musings: “I’ve stopped doing this world any good.”

Outside the mean-spirited revelry of his fellow roughneck workers, he prepares to kill himself, only to be called back to the world by the howl of a wolf — something not unlike Jack London’s “call of the wild.”

En route to vacation in Anchorage, the workers — a rough crew

of facial hair and flannel — pile into an airplane that hits a storm, crashes violently and leaves just seven alive in the middle of the snowy Alaskan tundra. Call it “Lost: The Winter Edition.”

Ottway, well versed in both survival and death, takes charge. Their predicament, deathly cold and with little hope of rescue, becomes considerably worse when a pack of wolves announce themselves by their eerie, glowing eyes on the dark fringes of their campfire.

From there, “The Grey” (By AP style, it should be called “The Gray” with the more Americanized usage, but what’s a vowel when wolves are lurking?) is a survivalist thriller where the ever-windling band of survivors claw for safety, away from the relentless pursuit of the wolves.

The group includes the sensitive Henrick (Dallas Roberts) and the conscientious, religious father Talget (a bearded, bespectacled and nearly unrecognizable Dermot Mulroney). But easily the most notable among them is Diaz (Frank Grillo, memorable in a small role in last year’s “Warrior”), a former convict who initially opposes Ottway’s leadership.

Carnahan lays the alpha dog stuff on heavily, but there’s real chemistry in the friction between Ottway and Diaz. In manly, fire-side chats, they parse out existential ideas, talking God in a wintery void, faced with the uncompassionate brutality of nature.

But “The Grey” is not “Jaws” and it’s certainly not “Moby-Dick.” In the script by Carnahan and Ian Mackenzie Jeffers, adapted from Jeffers’ short story

“Ghost Walker,” the philosophical subtext is forced and obvious. At one point, God is shouted out at in the sky.

Visceral action has been Carnahan’s specialty, ranging from the brainless “Smokin’ Aces” to the good, gritty genre film “Narc.” That talent is here, too, particularly in his sure handling of the violent plane crash. The wolves, a combination of animatronics, trained animals and CGI, are also impressively real.

With cinematographer Masanobu Takayanagi, Carnahan drains the color of the raw British Columbia landscapes, standing in ably for Alaskan wilderness. But when the filmmakers try to let the outside world into the film — in conversation and flashback memories — all they can manage are cliché images that sap the movie of depth, and keep it lost in the woods.

“The Grey,” which ambles toward an unconventional ending, deserves credit for looking for gravity in genre tropes. But, ultimately, the film feels less like a genuine existential thriller than a movie aping the conventions of one.

“*The Grey*,” an Open Road Films release, is rated R for violence, disturbing content including bloody images, and for pervasive language. Running time: 117 minutes. Two stars out of four.

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► **“Albert Nobbs”** — The role of Albert Nobbs is one that’s been near to Glenn Close’s heart for a while. She first played it 30 years ago off-Broadway and reprises it now in a project she’s been working for some time to bring to the

screen. Her dedication is obvious in watching “Albert Nobbs,” based on a short story about a woman living as a man and working as a posh hotel waiter in order to survive in 19th-century Ireland. Close’s Albert is all quiet repression: the low monotone of her voice, the horizontal line of her mouth, the dark, conservative suit topped frequently by a prim bowler hat.

The slightest gesture or facial expression is so subtle as to be practically imperceptible. Every moment of the performance is a marvel of precision — and yet, because she immerses herself so completely in the emotional restraint of this odd little man she’s created, it’s difficult to feel a connection with the character, despite the difficult life she’s lived. There’s no sense of the woman within, which would have provided crucial context for us to appreciate fully the sacrifice and sadness she’s suffered for decades.

Janet McTeer, meanwhile, is electrifying in every scene she’s in as a painter who comes to work at the hotel who’s also a woman disguised as a man; she shakes up Albert’s world, and the film drags noticeably in her absence. Mia Wasikowska and Brendan Gleeson are among the strong supporting cast.

R for some sexuality, brief nudity and language. 113 minutes. Two stars out of four.

— Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

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► **“Man on a Ledge”** — This so-called thriller about a disgraced cop who threatens to jump off a building to divert attention from a

heist going on across the street isn’t even implausible in a fun way. You see a movie like “Ocean’s 11” or “Tower Heist” (which is thematically similar to this with its wily have-nots stealing from the filthy-rich haves) and you suspend some disbelief because they have an irresistible, knowingly giddy energy about them. “Man on a Ledge” is so clichéd and reheated, it almost feels like a parody of a generic action picture — only no one seems to be in on the joke.

Director Asger Leth’s film plods along with its trash-talking New York cops and its forensic evidence and its elaborate surveillance systems. Every few minutes, a new star you recognize shows up: Edward Burns, Elizabeth Banks, Kyra Sedgwick, Ed Harris. At the center is a bland Sam Worthington doing a horrible job of disguising his Australian accent.

He stars as Nick Cassidy, a fugitive who insists he was wrongly imprisoned for stealing a \$40 million diamond from Harris’ reptilian real-estate tycoon.

As Nick teeters along a ledge on the 21st floor of the Roosevelt Hotel in midtown Manhattan, stalling for time while toying with Banks as a scarred police negotiator, Nick’s brother Joey (Jamie Bell) and Joey’s stereotypically saucy Latina girlfriend Angie (Genesis Rodriguez) are trying to pull off a real burglary across the street.

PG-13 for violence and brief strong language. 102 minutes. One and a half stars out of four.

— Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

HOROSCOPE
BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

Sunday, Jan. 29, 2012

The tension created by yesterday's conflict between Mercury and Jupiter still hangs in the air. Economic matters are more complex and nuanced than they seem, and it's not exactly the right moment to work out the details. Wait until things simmer down, and know that everything will eventually balance out — it always does.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There are certain aspects of your life you used to find distressing that you now find merely interesting. The facts are what they are, and you have little emotional attachment to them.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You don't like to admit when you're wrong and being slow to do so will serve you well. You're not the only one responsible for what has happened. Take a moment to review all sides.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The conventional wisdom suggests that the past cannot be changed, and yet, since it exists in your mind, it changes all of the time. The way you view your history will transform yet again today.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're more likely to believe what is entirely, outrageously incredible than buy into the boring truth. This is a good quality now, as a bit of strange fantasy will fuel your motivation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You are not in the mood to compromise. You won't sell out your own interests, and you feel the same way about the rest of your team. Your loyalty will be rewarded.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's good to be charming and even better to be charming with your own means of transportation. Your smile will get you the invitation, but you'll need a car to get to the party.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You value lively conversation. Sometimes, you have to work a little harder for it. The reading you do now will help future interactions. Also, take note of the best bits of your day to share with a trusted friend later.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If you want to do something well, save your self time and effort by going straight to the one who already has mastered the skill. Imitate the master for a while to learn the ropes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When arrangements don't go as anticipated, you won't judge or complain. Instead, you'll simply observe the interaction, taking note of how you might, when and if you feel like it, change your approach.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You want justice in a matter, not only for you but for all involved. You're willing to fight for what is really right, even if it benefits others more than it does you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If only tomorrow's troubles could be drained away by worrying about them today. But it doesn't work that way. The only thing that will be drained away by worry is your energy. Think positive and get in motion.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's a beautiful view on the horizon, but you may be the only one to notice at first. You'll be challenged to draw the attention of others away from self-interest and toward something magnificent.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 29). You'll make new friends, and you'll stay with them throughout the year. Your strength will lie in balancing the many different areas of your life and making them jive together. Seize an excellent opportunity in March and turn it into a moneymaker. A mentor will point the way. July brings romance and travel. Pisces and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 12, 3, 25 and 19.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK

AHEAD: A honeybee must tap 2 million flowers to make one pound of honey. Thirty billion comets have gone missing from the solar system since its creation. Donald Duck's middle name is Fauntleroy. These facts may be apropos of nothing. Then again, these bits of knowledge may be the secret keys to unlocking the most profoundly important aspects of the universe. Who's to say? Mercury's fresh transit through imaginative Aquarius, the sign that represents all of humanity's knowledge, will help us extrapolate meaning from unusual subjects and find relationships in even the most disparate facts. The transit lasts through Feb. 13, 2012. The battle of the sexes takes on a new look in each new era as beliefs around gender and sexuality shift with societal changes. But the core issues remain. Men and women are made differently, think differently and have different strengths and weaknesses. This will be the cause of conflict this week. February starts with a cosmic tug of war between Venus and Mars. The game is evenly matched with men and women on opposite sides of the rope. But in this game, everyone wins. What comes from the fight is a new admiration for the strength the opposite team possesses.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: At age 19, this driven Aquarius was already co-anchoring the evening news, and now she's one of the most powerful women in the entertainment world. Oprah Winfrey was born when the sun, Mercury and Venus were all in the humanitarian sign of Aquarius. A fiery Sagittarius moon indicates boundless energy, enthusiasm and reach. Winfrey continues to grow in new and exciting ways.

ANTIQUES
BY TERRY KOVEL

Tea, it is said, was first drunk by the Chinese Emperor Shen Nung about 2737 B.C. Then someone in China invented a device that shredded tea leaves, making it easier to brew tea. But the idea of making tea in a cup instead of a pot seems to have begun in the 19th century when silver infusers were made to hold tea leaves. Infusers usually were small balls with many holes. The ball could open and close to hold the leaves. It was dipped into a cup of hot water a few times, then removed. Silver infusers became very popular in the late-19th century and silversmiths were soon making not just balls, but tiny silver teapots, eggs, lanterns, acorns and other shapes, some with elaborate embossed designs. These sterling teaballs with chains are collected today and cost from \$100 to \$1,000. The teabag was invented in the United States in 1903. It was a hand-sewn silk bag. Soon a machine was invented to fill and close a teabag made of special paper. Eventually aluminum foil was also used for disposable bags. The familiar rectangular teabag was not invented until 1944. Today there are circular and pyramidal teabags, too. All of this has led to a variety of collecting choices for tea lovers. Some save free teabag tags. Some belong to groups that make folded figures from dried teabag paper. Some collect the many types of tea infusers made today, like the Yellow Submarine, dinosaurs, robots, monkeys, a berry on a stem and more. Most sell for under \$20. Another tea-related collectible is the spout strainer, a small hanging strainer kept in a teapot spout with a large hairpin-shaped wire. There are also tea sets, tea cups and saucers, tea caddies, tea strainers, tea-caddy spoons, bag squeezers, "spoon rests" for used teabags, drip bowls and even a plastic disk that folds to squeeze a teabag or cover a cup to keep tea warm. At a 1970s tea collector's auction, we bought teaballs and strainers, notebooks filled with postcards about tea, books, woodblock prints and advertising. We also have the original patent papers for the "teastir," a perforated aluminum-foil rectangle filled with tea. One side becomes a handle to take it out of a cup. It was invented by Ralph Kovel, a tea drinker and collector.

Q: I have a bed made by Sligh Furniture Co. of Grand Rapids, Mich. What can you tell me about the company?

A: Sligh Furniture Co. was founded in 1880 by Charles Sligh, who had previously worked at Berkey & Gay, another Grand Rapids furniture manufacturer. The city was a major center of furniture-making from the late 1800s until about 1925. Most furniture companies at that time didn't make complete bedroom sets but specialized in one category of furniture, such as beds, dressers or nightstands. Sligh was the first company to sell all the pieces needed to furnish a bedroom in matching styles and finishes. The company struggled during the Depression and by 1933 switched to making desks, which cost less to produce. The company is still in business, currently making home entertainment and home office furniture and accessories. Sligh bedroom sets were made in the 1920s and 1930s.

Q: Back in about 1955, a World War II veteran friend gave me a small bronze sculpture of a horse mounted on a marble base. It's signed "K Mobius" near the horse's rear legs. The sculpture, including the base, is 10 1/4 inches high and 9 inches from nose to tail. What can you tell me about the sculptor and my horse?

A: Your bronze was made by German sculptor Karl Mobius (1876-1953). Artists who create bronze sculptures actually work with clay or wax. Then the sculpture is taken to a foundry, where a complicated process begins. A rubber mold of the sculpture is made, then wax is poured into the mold to create a hollow wax model that matches the original sculpture. A ceramic coating is then applied to the wax and the model is fired so the wax melts. The ceramic shell that's left is filled with molten bronze, cooled and removed. The resulting bronze sculpture is then ground and polished. The mold for a small bronze like your horse is usually used about 25 times before it wears out. In general, an original bronze sculpture the size and age of yours sells for about \$500.

Q: We own a large wooden picture frame with extensive gold-colored metal embellishments. We were told the frame was "a Tiffany" and that it hung in the Arkansas Governor's Mansion in Little Rock during the one year (1927-28) John Martineau was governor. What do you think the frame would be worth if the story is true?

A: We can find no reference that says Louis Comfort Tiffany ever made wooden frames. And everything he did make was marked in some way to identify it as "Tiffany." It is possible that Tiffany & Co., the famous store, sold a frame like yours, but we think the store would also have marked the frame. The histories of some antiques and collectibles become garbled over the years. Still, a large, well-made and elaborately decorated period frame could sell for thousands of dollars.

Tip: Attach hanging wire to a picture two-thirds of the way up the back of the frame. Be sure the wire does not show above the top of the frame when the picture is hung.

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CURRENT PRICES

Current prices are recorded from antiques shows, flea markets, sales and auctions throughout the United States. Prices vary in different locations because of local economic conditions.

- Mechanical pencil, cigar shape, paper cigar band, inscribed "Rothschild's Tampa Style Smokers," I. Rothschild Inc., Buffalo, N.Y., 1940s, 5 3/4 x 5 inches, \$25.
- Purse, black suede, box shape, gold-tone clasp, brass button feet, sateen lining, "Lennox Bags" tag, 1950s, 11 x 4 1/2 inches, \$40.
- Davy Crockett toothbrush, green, marked "Davy Crockett Jr.," original carded package, 1950s, 3 x 7 inches, \$50.
- Madame Alexander doll, Little Southern Miss, pale pink frilly pants suit edged in white lace, blond hair, straw hat, 8 inches, \$100.
- Holt Howard ice cream sundae set, butterscotch creamer, chocolate creamer, strawberries container and nut container with lids, porcelain, Japan labels, 1959, 5 1/2 in., 4 pieces, \$135.
- Duck bank, "Save for a Rainy Day," cast iron, white duck wearing hat, umbrella under wing, red half-barrel stand, Hubley, 1933, 5 3/8 x 3 1/8 inches, \$185.
- Bohemian art glass vase, resembles green onyx, white lining, c. 1910, 8 inches, \$495.
- Sterling-silver cream pitcher and open sugar bowl, Howard & Co., \$500.
- Windsor armchair, high comb back, shaped crest rail, nine spindles, carved paddle hand holds, baluster-turned arm posts and legs, 45 x 25 inches, \$530.
- Tramp art trinket box, double case, multilayered, carved pyramid sides, two drawers, round knobs, 8 x 6 1/2 x 6 1/2 inches, \$705.

Libraries increasing e-book selections

By HILLEL ITALIE
AP National Writer

NEW YORK — Library users searching for e-books will soon get to look through a much bigger catalog and help decide what their local branch might carry.

OverDrive Inc., a major e-distributor for libraries, announced Wednesday the launch of a vastly expanded list for patrons, featuring not just e-books available for lending, but hundreds of thousands of those which include a collected of Edgar Allan Poe stories edited by Michael Connelly to foreign-language titles. Viewers can look at excerpts, purchase books from a retailer or request that their library add an e-book that wasn't being offered.

"We're allowing libraries to be better connected with their communities," OverDrive CEO Steve Potash said during a recent interview. "Right now, we have librarians who are trying to add books to the e-catalog but don't always know what to add.

Now, by exposing a publisher's entire list, it becomes like crowdsourcing, where patrons can offer their suggestions."

Potash said he expects the program to begin within a couple of weeks, in a handful of library systems, including New York City,

Boston and Cuyahoga County in Ohio.

In the Boston library system, Rick Warren's million-selling "The Purpose Driven Life" is currently unavailable as an e-book, but will appear in the new catalog. A patron might also ask about "In the Shadow of the Master," a collection of Poe stories and essays about him that Connelly edited; or Heather Graham's historical romance "Runaway."

"If we had an unlimited budget we'd just buy everything ahead of time, so we have to purchase more wisely," said Michael Colford, director of library services for the Boston Public Library. "There are books which we obviously need, like current best-sellers, but there are a lot more books which aren't surefire hits. And we would have a much better idea of what to get if our customers were able to tell us."

The catalog will include offerings from hundreds of publishers, from Random House Inc. and Houghton Mifflin Harcourt to Lonely Planet and the children's publisher Nickelodeon. OverDrive also will feature thousands of foreign-language titles, in Russian, Spanish, Swedish and dozens of other languages.

Potash noted that while Random House has digitized over 18,000 books, even

larger public libraries offer a fraction of those titles.

"Now every new title, midlist title and early works will be included in a reader's search," Potash said.

The library e-market, like the commercial market, has grown rapidly and Potash said that in the past year OverDrive added dozens of publishers, including Lonely Planet and the religious publisher Thomas Nelson. He sees the new catalog as a "reward" for those "who are strong supporters of lending" and "very enlightened" about exposing their authors to libraries.

HarperCollins, which has restricted lending of its e-books, is participating, but not Simon & Schuster, Macmillan and other publishers who don't offer downloads to libraries, citing concerns about lost sales. Potash said he did not intend any criticism, but added that he was a "little bit discouraged that publishers who have built some of their biggest successes around book clubs and word of mouth were underappreciating the value" of the library market.

Macmillan CEO John Sargent said that the publisher "continued to talk to the library community. We continue to be hopeful that our ongoing dialogue will solve the thorny problems this market presents."

Brooks gets money back

By JUSTIN JUOZAPAVICIUS
Associated Press

CLAREMORE, Okla. — An Oklahoma hospital that failed to build a women's health center in honor of Garth Brooks' late mother must pay the country singer \$1 million, a jury has ruled.

Jurors on Tuesday evening ruled that the hospital must return Brooks' \$500,000 donation plus pay him \$500,000 in punitive damages. The decision came in Brooks' breach-of-contract lawsuit against Integris Canadian Valley Regional Hospital in Yukon. Brooks said he thought he'd reached a deal in 2005 with the hospital's president, James Moore, but sued after learning the hospital wanted to use the money for other construction projects.

Jury member Beverly Lacy said she voted in favor of Brooks because she thought the hospital went back on its word. As far as the punitive damages, she said: "We wanted to show them not to do that anymore to anyone else."

The hospital argued that Brooks gave it unrestricted access to the \$500,000 donation and only later asked that it build a women's center and name it after his mother, Colleen Brooks, who died of cancer in 1999.

ASK STACY
BY STACY
JENEL SMITH

DEAR STACY: T.R. Knight was amazing on "Law & Order: SVU." I still miss him on "Grey's Anatomy." What is he up to these days, and is there any chance he'll do another series? — **Pat L., Whitefish Bay, Wis.**

DEAR PAT: Knight has done a lot of work on the New York stage in the last few years, from numerous staged readings to David Mamet's "A Life in the Theatre" on Broadway.

At this time, there's nothing new as far as a T.R. return to TV full-time, I'm afraid. Interestingly, "Grey's Anatomy" creator Shonda Rhimes was recently quoted saying that Knight's George O'Malley character isn't dead in the alternate world of the much-talked-about "If/Then" episode they've had in the works. However, O'Malley no longer works at the hospital. Lots of fans have been clamoring to see him back on the show, along with his close pal Katherine Heigl, so who knows?

DEAR STACY: Is Teller from Penn & Teller able to talk? — **L.B., Allentown, Penn.**

DEAR L.B.: Yeah, his silent routine is just show business. In fact, he's spoken publicly many times. For instance, he spoke — animatedly — in an episode of "The Simpsons" titled "Hello Gutter, Hello Fadder," in which Homer Simpson admonishes him for talking onstage, and Teller cries out, "'Well, I didn't mean to ... it slipped out. Oh, now Penn's gonna beat me.'"

DEAR STACY: You wrote that Janet McTeer is going to play a lawyer on "Damages." When will that be on? I haven't seen that show in a long time. — **Lynn H., Fullerton, Calif.**

DEAR LYNN: "Damages" returns in July, showing on DirecTV only.

DEAR STACY: Please advise if David James Elliott of "JAG" will be seen in other TV shows. — **Craig D., Shreveport, La.**

DEAR CRAIG: Yes, Elliott is playing hubby to Kristin Chenoweth in ABC's Feb. 7-debuting "G.C.B." That's the Dallas-set dramedy involving a former mean girl (Leslie Bibb) who comes home in humiliation after a scandalous divorce and has to face her old high school frenemies. Very, very different from "JAG."

ACROSS OUR CLASSROOMS

United Local elementary spellers advance to district bee

HANOVERTON — Principal Christina Hughes and Assistant Principal Ed Ridge-way have announced the spelling bee winners for the 2011-12 school year at United Elementary School.

These students will advance to the United District Spelling Bee on Feb. 9 in the auditorium.

The top spellers are:

- ▶ 1. Sydney Marra, daughter of Justin and Denise Marra.
- ▶ 2. Cody Voytek, son of Matt and Tiffany Voytek.
- ▶ 3. Hunter McGuire, son of Casey Wolfe and Andrew McGuire.
- ▶ 4. Skyllar Shasteen, daughter of Chuck and Christina Shasteen.
- ▶ 5. Ashdon Shuman, son of Shawn and Shailla Shuman.
- ▶ 6. Zachary Stewart, son of Rose Eichler.
- ▶ 7. Danielle Gibson, daughter of Bill and Amy Gibson.
- ▶ 8. Cole Pittman, son of Jeff and Heather Pittman.
- ▶ 9. Branden Endsley, son of Melinda Endsley.
- ▶ 10. Alyssa Inman, daughter of Tara Schonauer.

Alternates include: Cameron Pierson, daughter of Jason and Tricia Pierson; and Cassie Yarwood, daughter of Scott and Cami Yarwood.

Kelvington named to dean's list at Youngstown State

EAST PALESTINE — Leighann Kelvington, a graduate of East Palestine High School, has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2011 semester at Youngstown State University.

Kelvington is a special education mild-moderate disability major.

She is the daughter of Ron and Jennifer Kelvington.

Two area students earn degrees from Indiana Wesleyan Univ.

EAST LIVERPOOL — Two students from Columbiana County were among the 1,760 students who received degrees during graduation ceremonies Dec. 17 at Indiana Wesleyan University's main campus in Marion.

Graduating were: Christopher Brock, 49734 Woodland Drive, East Liverpool, bachelor's of science degree in management; and Heather Brock, 49734 Woodland Drive, East Liverpool, bachelor's of science degree in nursing.

Hawthorne named to dean's list at Gannon University

ERIE, Pa. — Lisbon High School graduate Dana Hawthorne has made the dean's list for the fall 2011 semester at Gannon University.

She is an occupational therapy major and is the daughter of Mark and Sheryl Hawthorne of Lisbon.

Todor earns degree from Pennsylvania State University

SALEM — Lyndsey Todor is a December 2011 graduate of Pennsylvania State University, earning a bachelor's of science degree in communication sciences and disorders from the College of Health and Human Development.

She is a 2007 graduate of West Branch High School, and the daughter of Rob and Cindy Todor.

Zimmerman graduates with honors from West Virginia Univ.



ZIMMERMAN

NEW WATERFORD — Jessica Lynn Zimmerman, daughter of Elmer Zimmerman and Kimberly Zimmerman of New Waterford, graduated summa cum laude from West Virginia University during Dec. 11 commencement exercises.

She received a bachelor's degree in communication studies and a minor in speech pathology and

audiology.

Zimmerman was a member of Lambda Pi Eta-Communication Studies Honors Fraternity, a member of Phi Sigma Theta-National Honor Society and in Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northern W.Va.

A graduate of Crestview Local High School, she plans to move to West Palm Beach in Florida to pursue her career and to acquire her master's degree.

MCC&TC hosting first Student Digital Video Contest

CANFIELD — The Mahoning County Career and Technical Center is hosting its first Student Digital Video Contest for junior high and high school students throughout Mahoning County now through March 5.

The video contest is open to students in grades seven to 12 and challenges participants to create a two-to-four minute long video about creativity and what inspires them to be creative. This marks the first time MCCTC has hosted a video competition for students.

"The video competition is a community outreach project that allows us to engage with students at the home school level and to provide them with an avenue for their creativity," said contest organizer and MCCTC Vice Principal Ralph Sandy.

The competition includes a seven-eighth grade division and a nine-12 grade division with prizes awarded for first through fourth place in each division. First place in each division will receive a \$250 gift card. A portion of the monies for this year's prizes has been donated by Engler and Associates.

Winners will be announced at an awards ceremony to be held at 6 p.m. March 26 at MCCTC's Joyce E. Brooks Conference Center. Winners must be present to claim their award. All entries must be uploaded to YouTube by midnight March 5. For entry forms and more contest details, visit www.mahoningctc.com, enter the high school page and click on the news tab. All entries should be submitted via email to Ralph.Sandy@MahoningCTC.com. For more information call Sandy at 330-729-4004.

Driscolls serve internships as students at Saint Peter's College

JERSEY CITY, N. J. — During the fall 2011 semester, 84 students from Saint Peter's College gained professional experience relating to their academic studies through the Saint Peter's College Cooperative Education and Internship Program. A total of 60 different organizations hosted these student interns. Student intern earnings for this semester exceeded \$275,000.

James Driscoll of Salem is a senior at Saint Peter's College and is studying English. He worked with Unilever Consumer Services as a consumer services intern.

Rosemarie Driscoll of Salem is a sophomore at Saint Peter's College and is studying English and communications. She worked with Liberty Science Center as a communication intern.

Bowker named to dean's list at St. Bonaventure University

ST. BONAVENTURE, N.Y. — Chelsea Bowker, a fourth-year student from New Waterford and a Crestview High School graduate, has been named to the fall 2011 dean's list at St. Bonaventure University. Bowker is majoring in elementary education/special education. She is a member of the St. Bonventure women's basketball team.

Leetonia DARE receives check from prosecutor's officer

LEETONIA — The office of Columbiana County Prosecutor Robert Herron recently presented Leetonia Schools a check for \$591.25.

This check represented donations made to the Leetonia DARE program from monies forfeited in criminal cases investigated by the Columbiana County Drug Task Force.

Area students earn dean's list at Malone University

CANTON — The following area residents were named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Malone University.

- ▶ Alliance: Brandi Bonfert, Lindsay Bruger, Candace Cheuvront, Scott Deckerd, Emily Fox, Laura Haynam, Cory Heddlston, Craig Knisley, Julia Lee.
- ▶ Beloit: Michael Lawson, Marcus Steer, DeAnna Wingett.
- ▶ Berlin Center: Cassandra Stevens.
- ▶ Columbiana: Elyson Barto, Katie Bush, Laura Hughes, Katie Woods.
- ▶ East Liverpool: Rachel Chamberlain, Alexis Hill.
- ▶ East Palestine: Angela Mahoney.
- ▶ Hanoverton: Alyssa May.
- ▶ Lisbon: Ben Stryffeler.
- ▶ Minerva: Jared Hoffmeyer, James Oakley.
- ▶ North Benton: Emily Gahagan.
- ▶ North Lima: Tim McKenzie.
- ▶ Salem: Michael Barnes, Diana Wallace, Chelsea Weikart, Lydia Wilmoth.
- ▶ Winona: Lydia Althouse.

Beaver Local student honored for art portfolio

Shown is one of the works of Natalie Shreeve, a senior at Beaver Local High School, who was honored at this year's Alliance of Young Artists and Writer's national competition (the Northeastern Ohio Regional Scholastic Art Awards). Natalie has recently received the Gold Key Award for the full entry of her art portfolio. She also received the Youngstown State University Scholarship for art in the portfolio portion of the competition. Her portfolio will continue in the competition at the national level. Natalie is an exceptional artist and will use some of her skills in set design and makeup for this year's Beaver Local stage production of the "Music Man." She is also very active in various school programs, carries a 4.0 GPA and plans to major in art and science at the university level. Other Beaver Local students earning recognition during this year's Scholastic Art Awards competition are Alex Boggs, a junior, who received a Silver Key Award; and honorable mention recipients Jamie Davis, Kendra Kelly, Jason Sims, Hayden Moore, Leeann Ream, and Andrew Rice. (Submitted photo)



Preschoolers celebrate Pizza Day

Little Friends Preschool of Salem and Victorio's Pizza recently celebrated Pizza Day. Danielle Marazza taught the children how to make their own pizza, and provided pizza related activities and stories. (Submitted photo)

Leetonia Elementary honor roll

LEETONIA—The administration and staff of Leetonia Schools have announced the "Honor Roll/Merit Roll" of students for the second grading period of the 2011-12 school year.

Honor Roll

- ▶ Third Grade: Emely Best, Haleigh Brock, Destiny Cannon, Olivia Clark, Ian Davis, Brayden Duko, Marco Ferry, Taran Ferry, Breanna Jackson, Regina Kornbau, Mason Mellinger, Lexi Morgan, Delaney Roller, Samantha Schneider, Kylee Simpson, Katie Soupai.
- ▶ Fourth Grade: Anna Buffone, Kaitlyn Buffone, Erin Callahan, Amber Dougherty, Melissa Duke, Jayden Herhold, Patrick Hull, Emma Kemp, Eva McMurray, Marina Prior, Hayden Rambo, Gavin Steiskal, Isaac Thompson, Micah Whittemore.

Merit Roll

- ▶ Third Grade: Emily Aukerman, Abigail Beight, Austin Cappitti, Dylan Durick, Jaedon Finley, Sierra Hopson, Breana Jordan, Faith Kaneck, Collin Naughton, Nakkiya-Rose Plummer, Breana Roberts, Madeline Saari, Gannon Shepard, Jenna Tullis.
- ▶ Fourth Grade: Andrew Barkett, Holly Beaver, Justyn Briand, Noah Brown, Ashlie Campbell, Lauren Duke, Cailyn Glosser, Luke Gregorino, Connor Hicks, Sefton Houlette, Margaret Kelly, Devin Liberty, Samantha Lomker, Alexys Merrill, Nickolas Roller, Jalea Shar, Kayleigh Toot, Helena Vadino, Evan Zickefoose.

Knox holds bee

Eighteen students showcased their spelling talent Jan. 19 at Knox School's annual spelling bee. Prior to the contest, each classroom in the third, fourth and fifth grades held a spell down, with the final three spellers in each class earning a place in the school contest. The contestants spelled for 17 rounds, with the final seven rounds between fifth graders, pictured, Emily Robb and Zade Al-Shinnawi. The final word, luggage, was spelled correctly by Zade to win the contest. Zade will represent Knox at the Youngstown Vindicator Spelling Bee in the spring. The second-place winner was fellow fifth grader, Emily Robb. Other students participating in the bee were third graders, Bryceton Adams, Calista Bias, Alexis Faudree, Bailey Cambell, Oneal Cardinal, and Trysten Vlaiku. Fourth graders on stage were Dakota Wray, Haley Jones, Krystal Kline, Sydni McQuilkin, Sarah Wartluft and Mya Croft. Jessica Hartzell, Karah Skinner, Sierra Bush and Makaley Bryant were the remaining fifth-grade contestants. Cheryl Woolman, Jen Bixler and Heidi Seff served as the panel of judges. Brenda Samblanet was the spelling bee coordinator. (Submitted photo)



"The test of the morality of a society is what it does for its children."

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer,
German theologian (1906-1945)

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ROSES & THORNS

Thorns to gas prices. Nothing new. But how can anyone justify raising gas prices from \$3.17 to \$3.44 per gallon in a matter of mere hours as was the case Thursday all over Salem? And our politicians wonder why we get so fed up and disgusted.

Thorns to local youth sports coaches who use smokeless tobacco during practices and games/matches. This complaint was passed along as a suggestion for this column. It's a known fact that smokeless "spit" tobacco contains over 2,000 chemicals. We've all heard the facts and figures of dipping being as dangerous as straight-out smoking. We aren't trying to be preachy here. But for those who dip, do it away from the kids. Yes, these coaches are definitely setting a poor example for the youth. Every organization should make a rule to stop this.

Roses to all residents who recycled their live Christmas trees in a "green fashion." What are the benefits of recycling your tree? The trees provide a home for wildlife before entering your home for the holidays, but as a recycled tree it will now provide life for plants, vegetables, trees, fruits and more as valuable mulch and compost. During a recent Salem City Parks Commission meeting, Park Foreman Jim Grimm said his department received 151 Christmas trees for recycling. That's a good amount. Hopefully, that number will increase next year if more people become interested in "going green." It's not too late to recycle that tree. Live Christmas trees may be dropped off, before the Jan. 31 deadline, at JDS Landscaping on Route 14, Columbiana; Rogers Village Garage on Route 7; Butler Township Hall on Slater Road, Salineville village building and Memorial Park in Salem.

Roses to Columbiana County Auditor Nancy Milliken who was recently appointed to serve on the 2012 Statewide Executive Committee of the County Auditors Association of Ohio (CAAO). The CAAO Executive Committee assumes leadership of the agenda for the CAAO at a time of increased activity and visibility. Milliken and the committee will work closely with new Administration and General Assembly to monitor and suggest legislative proposals which impact local taxpayers and to encourage policies which positively impact county government. Milliken has quietly and diligently served Columbiana County for years. She is a asset.

Roses to steam building for this summer's Quaker Cruise. A very productive meeting was held this past week and another is scheduled soon. The event is the best thing to happen to the downtown area over the past several years and everything should be done to accommodate bringing it off.

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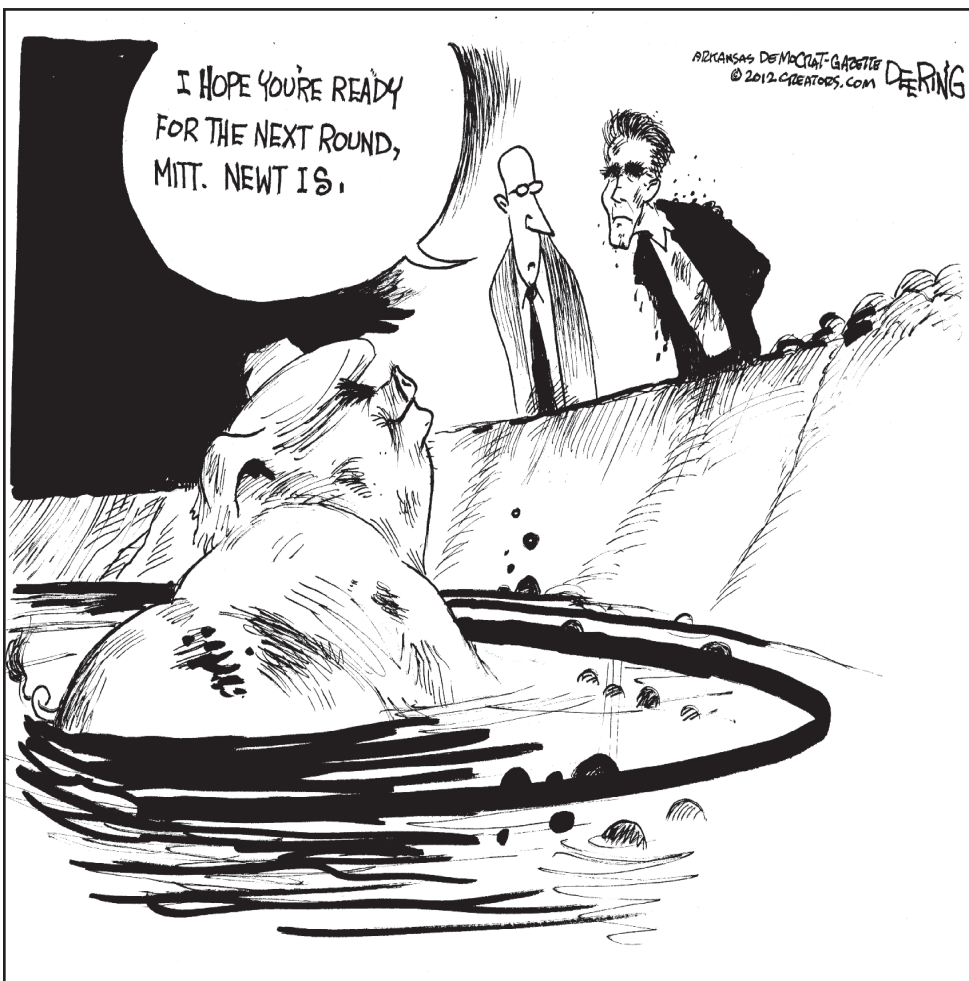
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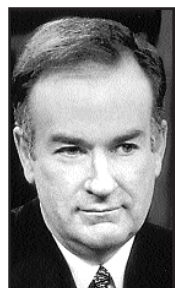
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Newt: Media and momentum



BILL O'REILLY

If Newt Gingrich is elected president of the United States this year, he will owe it all to John King and to his former wife, Marianne.

Let's go back to the recent presidential debate in South Carolina. There stood Gingrich, gripping his podium, staring at King, the CNN debate moderator. The former Speaker of the House had to be delighted. King was doing just what Gingrich and his advisers thought he might do: He was trying to embarrass Newt by asking him about salacious stuff his bitter ex-wife told "Nightline."

"She says you asked her, sir, to enter into an open marriage," King said, and the crowd hushed. "Would you like to take some time to respond to that?"

Gingrich paused a beat. Then, with a slight sneer, he let loose: "No, but I will. I think the destructive, vicious, negative nature of much of the news media makes it harder to govern this country, harder to attract decent people to run for public office." Gingrich was rolling.

"And I am appalled that you would begin a presidential debate on a topic like that."

King was thrown off his game. He backpedaled. Gingrich continued to lash out. Finally, King sought a mandatory eight count: "As you noted, Mr. Speaker, this story did not come from our network (CNN)."

Forget it. Gingrich hammered him again: "John, it was repeated by your network. You chose to start the debate with it. Don't try to blame somebody else."

It was all over. Mitt Romney, Rick Santorum and Ron Paul should have just walked off the stage. Gingrich had slayed the media dragon, and blood was on the ground. Nothing else would matter that night, and now Gingrich has a decent shot at securing the Republican nomination. Before King and Marianne, the speaker was dead in the water.

One thing is certain: Gingrich knows about anger. He well understands that many conservative Americans have had enough of being loathed by Hollywood and by the media chieftains in New York and Washington. The condescension shown to the right is undeniable. Every media survey ever taken shows that the vast majority of press and entertainment people are committed liberals. And unlike Walter Cronkite, who largely hid his leftwing ideology, today's media folks are out of the closet.

Gingrich also understands that he cannot win the Republican nomination without a populist uprising. His targeting of the media is brilliant, and now the speaker says he will go after the anti-religion crowd. But there is one big problem: It is difficult to sustain outrage. It gets exhausting, and it can become circus-like if not used wisely. Gingrich had his moment, and he nailed it. It will be hard for him to duplicate what happened in South Carolina on a regular basis.

But everybody now knows there is a deep-seated anger among many Americans who believe they have lost their country. They are looking for a champion. If a candidate can truly fit that profile, he just might become the next president of the United States.

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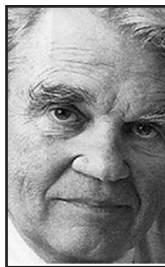
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A perfect 10 is number of our dreams



Classic Andy Rooney

(This classic Rooney column was originally published Jan. 20, 1986.)

The best colleges are faced with a dilemma every year: They need a lot of freshmen to pay for their buildings and teachers, but they have to keep the place hard to get into if they want good students. College-entrance administrators, the people

who stand at the college gates letting some come in and keeping others out, are depending more on essays written by the applicants than they did a few years ago. It's good.

College entrance, like everything else, was beginning to depend too heavily on numbers.

The best things in our lives, things like love, family and health, can't be expressed in terms of numbers, yet we insist on assigning numbers to everything. I suspect it's because numbers save us from having to think about things and make judgments. I didn't get into the college of my first choice because my numbers weren't high enough.

I always liked to think that if they'd judged me by something less tangible than my math scores or the addition of my right and wrong marks on the multiple-choice tests, I'd have done better. I don't envy the college-entrance people who have to read all those essays.

Correcting a math exam is easy, but judging anything as intangible as the merits of a piece of writing is complex.

The scientists and the engineers with their computers are making most of their decisions with numbers. They enter a big batch of them in the computer, press some keys and out comes an answer.

Computer experts talk as if they have the answer to everything within their grasp, but no one can assign a number to such intangibles as taste, beauty, art, honesty, goodness, or to an essay by a student. Numbers are popular because all of us are so unsure of so many things in our lives that we feel better when we know something for certain.

Numbers are the most certain things we have. It probably accounts for why sports are such a popular pastime. When the game is over, all you have are 2 scores. The athlete or team with the biggest number is the winner and that's that. It's over.

No indecision. The world is divided between people whose work is judged by counting and people whose work is not.

A political candidate who gets fewer votes than his opponent has been judged in numbers.

An insurance salesman is judged by the amount of the policies he sells. People whose work is judged by counting — like factory workers who turn out so many widgets an hour, masons who lay so many bricks, or field workers who pick this number of bushels — take some comfort from the certainty of their occupation. They're in no doubt where they stand.

People whose work isn't judged in numerical terms live a life of uncertainty. No computer and no set of numbers ever devised could help the Supreme Court dispense justice. There's no area in which differences of opinion of the quality of work vary so much from numbers as in art.

This includes painting, literature, music, dance and theater.

If we could assign figures to the art of Meryl Streep's acting, there wouldn't be any suspense about who will win the Oscar for best actress. College-entrance examiners, without the wisdom of Supreme Court justices, are going to have to make some difficult judgments about excellence and potential. Because of my bitter experience, I naturally like seeing colleges using written essays as part of the entrance requirement.

Thomas Jefferson, talking about the virtues of public education, said that if we were all educated, "twenty of the best geniuses will be raked from the rubbish annually." No writer these days would dare suggest that there was any human rubbish in America to be raked over, but I think it would be OK to say that this new trend in college admissions standards might uncover some good students who might otherwise have been missed.

Why would the U.S. want a war with Iran?



PAT BUCHANAN

Ronni Moffitt, a 25-year-old American woman who worked with Letelier at the leftist Institute for Policy Studies, died with him. Michael Townley, an ex-CIA asset in the hire of Chile's intelligence agency, confessed to using anti-Castro Cubans to murder Letelier, in what was regarded as an act of terrorism on U.S. soil. Which raises a question: Are not the murders of four Iranian scientists associated with that nation's nuclear program, by the attachment of bombs to their cars in Tehran, also acts of terrorism? Had the Stalin- or Khrushchev-era Soviets done this to four U.S. scientists in Washington, would we not have regarded it as acts of terrorism and war? Iran has accused the United States and Israel of murder. But Hillary Clinton emphatically de-

nied any U.S. complicity: "I want to categorically deny any United States involvement in any kind of act of violence inside Iran." "The United States had absolutely nothing to do with this," added National Security Council spokesman Tommy Vietor, "We strongly condemn all acts of violence, including acts of violence like this." Victoria Nuland, Clinton's spokeswoman at State, denounced "any assassination or attack on an innocent person, and we express our sympathies to the family." The assassinated scientist was a supervisor at the Natanz uranium enrichment facility that hosts regular inspections by the International Atomic Energy Agency. If Iran is building a bomb, it is not at Natanz. U.S. denial of involvement leaves Mossad as the prime suspect. Israel has not denied it, and this comes at a sensitive time in U.S.-Israeli relations. In Foreign Policy magazine, author and historian Mark Perry, claiming CIA documentation, alleges that Mossad agents in London posed as CIA agents and contacted Jundallah, a terrorist group, to bribe and recruit them to engage in acts of terror inside Iran. Jundallah has conducted at-

tacks in Sistan-Baluchistan province, killing government officials, soldiers, and women and children. According to Perry, when George W. Bush learned of the Mossad agents posing as CIA while recruiting terrorists, he "went totally ballistic." Yet Meir Dagan, head of Mossad at the time, denies it, and, ironically, has called any Israeli attack on Iran's nuclear facilities "the stupidest thing I have ever heard." Who is telling the truth? We do not know for sure. What we do know is that "Bibi" Netanyahu is desperate to have the United States launch air and missile strikes to stop Teheran from becoming the world's ninth nuclear power. And he is echoed not only by U.S. neocons, but GOP candidates save Ron Paul. Nor should we be surprised. To bring America into its war with Germany, Winston Churchill set up William Stephenson, "A Man Called Intrepid," with hundreds of agents in New York to engage in everything from bribery to blackmail of U.S. senators to get the United States to enter the war and pull England's chestnuts out of the fire. This is what desperate countries do.

And while America First kept us out of the European war until Adolf Hitler invaded Russia, ensuring that Russians, not Americans, died in the millions to defeat him, eventually America was maneuvered into war. Whoever is assassinating these Iranian scientists, be it home-grown Iranian terrorists, Jundallah at the instigation of Israel, or Mossad, the objective is clear: Enrage the Iranians so they strike out at America, provoking a U.S.-Iranian war. Is such a war in America's interests? Consider. While U.S. air and naval power would prevail, Iranian civilians would die, as some of their nuclear facilities are in populated areas. Moreover, we cannot kill the nuclear knowledge Iran has gained. Thus we would only set back their nuclear program by several years. And a bloodied and beaten Iran would then go all-out for a bomb. The regime, behind which its people would rally, would emerge even more entrenched. U.S. bombing did not cause Germans to remove Hitler or Japanese to depose their emperor. And we lack the ground troops to invade and occupy a country three times the size of Iraq.

All U.S. ships, including carriers in that bathtub the Persian Gulf, would be at risk from shore-based anti-ship missiles and the hundreds of missile boats in Iran's navy. Any sea battle would send oil prices to \$200 and \$300 a barrel. There goes the eurozone. Hezbollah in Lebanon, the Shia of the Saudi oil fields and Bahrain, home port to the Fifth Fleet, and Iranian agents in Afghanistan and Iraq could set the region aflame. As America started up the road to Baghdad in 2003, Gen. David Petraeus is said to have asked, "Tell me how this ends." Before some agent provocateur pushes us into war with Iran, Congress should debate the wisdom of authorizing President Obama, or anyone else, to take America into her fifth war in a generation in the Middle and Near East. *Patrick J. Buchanan is the author of "Suicide of a Superpower: Will America Survive to 2025?" To find out more about Patrick Buchanan and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.* COPYRIGHT 2012 CREATORS.COM

Mother has right to be concerned about fracking

To the editor: Fracking, injection wells...what does it all mean? "We had another one of those earthquakes," my mother, Columbiana resident tells me over the phone, speaking as if it is normal to register on the Richter scale in Northeastern Ohio. Catching up with my family I realized that things are a bit unsettled back in the valley. My mother wanted answers, what is fracking, is it toxic, is it bad? Skimming through news stories from the past month or so I found plenty of articles with updates on injection wells and contracts, but all with a lack of the raw science behind the issues. Economic hardships and concerns over carbon dioxide emissions have put pressure on the energy industry to invest in new and cleaner sources of fuel. Natural gas, one clean energy solution, is formed thousands of feet below Earth's surface where pressure and increasing temperatures break oil down into lighter compounds of methane, butane, and propane. The gas, which is trapped in shale and other geological formations, can be extracted, purified and burned as a fuel source that emits less carbon dioxide than traditional energy sources such as oil and coal. The process of extracting natural gas from shale formations is called hydraulic fracturing, more commonly known as "fracking." Fracking involves the high pressure injection of a mixture of water, sand and chemicals into the ground to fracture the Earth and release natural gas. The sand works as a propping agent to keep fractures open and a variety of chemicals are used to aid in the fracturing process and to protect the well casing from corrosion and bacterial growth. Wastewater from fracking contains mostly sodium and chloride (salt) but can also be laced with chemicals. While most energy companies choose not to disclose exactly what chemicals are being used, the US House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce released a report in 2011 naming 14 compounds used in hydraulic fracturing that are "known or possible human carcinogens." In addition to chemicals that are added to the water, naturally occurring elements such as lead, mercury and arsenic, and even radioactive elements like radium, thorium and uranium can be liberated during the process and brought to the surface with wastewater. Fracking produces millions of gallons of wastewater and one common disposal practice is Class II Underground Injection wells, which those of you living in the Youngstown area

are probably familiar with. Rather than deal with the difficult and costly process of treating the water, it is injected deep into the Earth thousands of feet below any groundwater and out of harm's way. There have undoubtedly been many successful and environmentally safe applications of hydraulic fracturing bringing economic growth to small towns across the US while providing a cleaner source of energy. However, the fact of the matter is that there can be "incidents" with any fine tuned system, no matter how many safeholds, precautions and action plans are in place. In the case of fracking, these incidents could mean blow-outs and chemical spills which threaten our region's groundwater supply. If wastewater from fracking is so bad that it has to be buried 8,000 feet below Earth's surface, should we really allow it to be trucked through our streets and sit in holding tanks on our backyards? I grew up in Columbiana and it was a great place to be a kid. It's a town that I enjoy coming home to and a place that I want future generations to be able to appreciate in the same way. Hydraulic fracturing and injection wells are risky businesses that seem to be closing in fast on Northeastern Ohio. The US Environmental Protection Agency is currently conducting a study of the environmental effects of hydraulic fracturing with research questions focusing on how chemical mixing, spills and water withdrawal will effect drinking water resources — preliminary findings are not expected until the end of this year and the final report is scheduled to be released in 2014. Until then, there remain unanswered questions regarding the safety of hydraulic fracturing. My mother had every right to be concerned. For more information check out resources from the Ohio EPA, US EPA, and Ohio Sierra Club. KATLIN BOWMAN, Fairborn, Ohio

Urges citizens to get to know Ron Paul **To the editor:** Many Americans today are feeling tossed to and fro because we have abandoned our anchor, the Constitution. Americans who have lived modestly within their means because they value freedom more than stuff may feel oppressed because their government has put them \$47,000 in debt per individual American. Electing another party establishment elite politician will give us only

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more of the same — more death of loved ones in unconstitutional, undeclared wars, more spending, more taxes to pay for the spending, more regulations, more oppression of individual rights, more central planning instead of free markets, more erosion of our privacy and property rights, etc. In short, we will have just more of the status quo if we continue to elect RINOs (Republican In Name Only) and neo-cons. The Republican Party establishment and the mainstream media black out Dr. Ron Paul, because he will derail their gravy train and curtail their control. Dr. Paul understands our Constitution and honors his congressional oath to defend it. Dr. Paul's message of individual liberty and individual responsibility continues to gain him young loyal supporters. These young people will continue the revolution to restore America to our Constitution so that our hard work will not have been in vain. Please get to know Ron Paul before casting your vote in the upcoming primary election on March 6. Congressman Ron Paul's record proves that he can be trusted to say what he means and to mean what he says. I will leave you with this quote from Mark Twain, "In the beginning of a change, the patriot is a scarce man, and brave, and hated and scorned. When his cause succeeds, the timid join him, for then it costs nothing to be a patriot." Help us keep our Republic. LORETTA PRICE, Salem

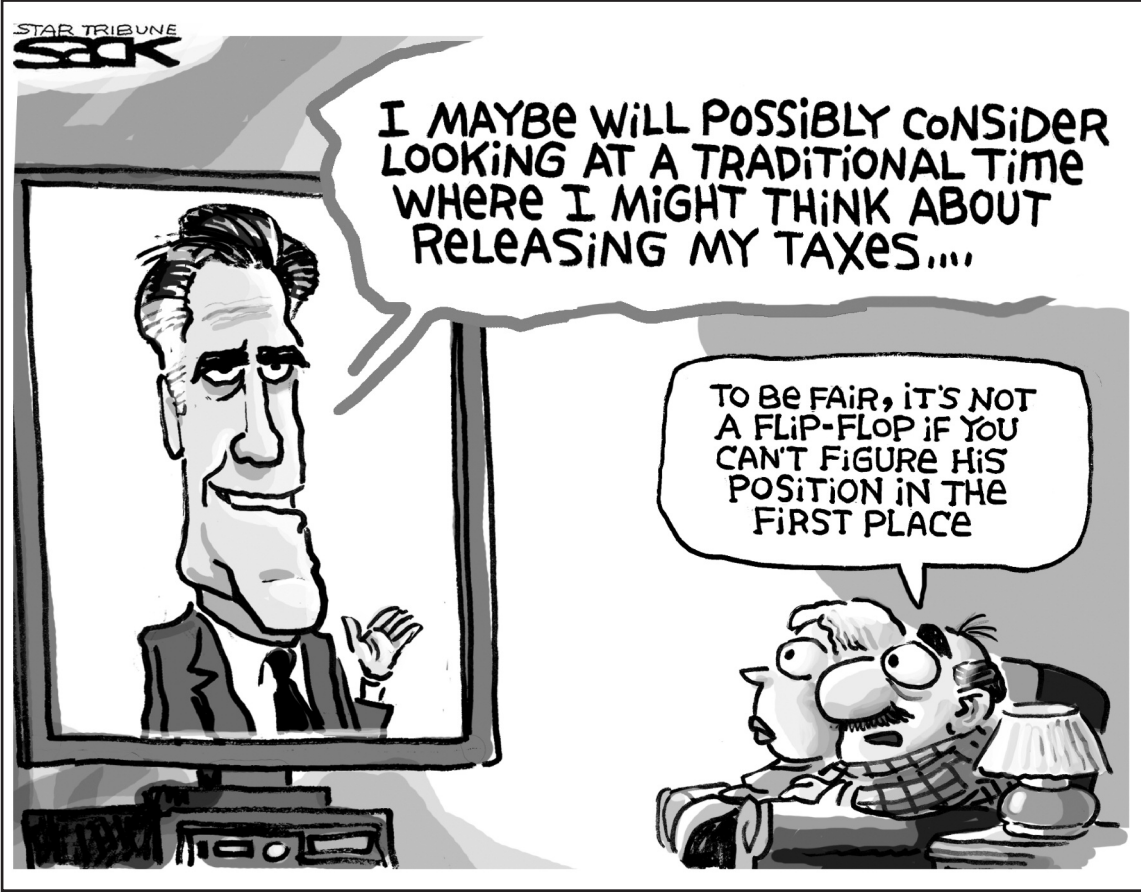
First United Methodist is a true 'Fortress of Faith' **To the editor:** In 1910, as the 20th century opened, the First United Methodist Church of Salem erected the large

stone church on South Broadway Avenue. The congregation, as members of the community, lived the values of truth, honesty and hard work found in Salem. They felt a trust and kinship with the community for the generations of family to come. Many thousands of Sundays became a century and proved that neither man nor stone structures stand eternal. The force of Ohio weather had taken a toll on the structure and created many problems with the building. Some were nearing catastrophic proportions! In 2011, the church took action to prevent disaster. A capital improvements committee was established to spearhead the three-year restoration project. Their mission was to raise the needed funds and to search for the proper contractors to restore the structure to, not only a safe building, but a building with a refreshed and beautiful facade. Strollo Architects of Columbiana was hired to oversee the project. Allegheny Restoration, Greensburg, Pa., was brought in to do the re-pointing and repairing of the stone structure. The original mortar was made with fiber which wicked water and created damage. Allegheny Restoration removed the old damaged mortar and replaced it with modern mortar. They also removed improper paint that was used and restored the trim on the church to the original sandstone color, giving the church definition and beauty. These repairs should make the church a sound structure for another 200 years! The members of the church came together during these tough economic times, making pledges above and beyond their usual gifts to the church. The members not only gave, they were creative in many ways to earn money with such projects as Chicken on the Run (the first Thurs-

day of every month) and the very successful Christmas Boutique. The project is estimated to cost more than \$400,000 when completed. Phase one was completed and entirely paid for in less than six months! Phase two will begin this spring with more necessary outside repair work. Another parking lot is needed for the growing congregation and new entrances are being considered for easier access. The last phase will be interior repairs and beautification. A church is not a building but rather lives in faith within the heart. The church building is a place to gather and share. It is a place to teach and to learn, a place of community and of family and a place of safety to call home. Some believe that this church has only Sunday functions but many other community groups use the church facilities. These groups include: a public day care to help young working parents, the Cub Scouts and Troop 2 of the Boy Scouts of America, the Dulcimer group, Kidmo, Adult and Children's Choirs, Bell Choir, Bible Study groups, vacation Bible school and many others. We are community volunteers, missionary workers and we support community outreach programs such as "Jesus is the Reason" yard signs. From this location we support the ROC, a safe place for teens to visit and form friendships, located on Lundy Avenue and we were instrumental in forming the Community Food Pantry. We are proud to be strong members of the Salem community and we vow to remain so. Once, when asked where to find the Salem First United Methodist Church the usual answer was, "The Black Church building on Broadway." Today Salem's First United Methodist Church is known as, "That magnificent stone and stained glass Sanctuary on South Broadway!" The members of our church like to call it "Our Fortress of Faith." RANDY KEENE, Salem

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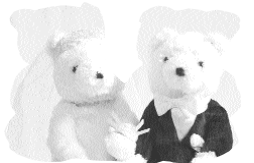
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ENGAGEMENTS/WEDDINGS/ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations from the Salem News!



Shannon Stanwood becomes bride of Brent Baker

Shannon Stanwood became the bride of Brent Baker on July 9 at the Winona United Methodist Church in Winona.

The bride is the daughter of Jay and Margie Stanwood of Columbiana.

The bridegroom is the son of Gary and Carolyn Baker of Salem.

Escorted by her father and given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore a halter top, a-line gown with a lace and beaded overlay and a chapel train.

Kristen Scott was the matron of honor wearing a short blue and white floral dress and carrying a bouquet yellow daisies.

In matching dresses were bridesmaids, Rachel and Katie Stanwood of Columbiana, both sisters of the bride and Ashley James, the bride's cousin.

The flower girl was Madilynn Baker, the bridegroom's daughter.

Jacob Baker, the bridegroom's son, performed the duties of best man.



Mr. and Mrs. Brent Baker

Groomsmen were Brian Baker and Brad Baker, the bridegroom's brothers, Jay Stanwood, the bride's brother, and Nat

Wallace. A reception followed at The Georgetown in Boardman. The couple resides in Homeworth.

Rebecca Vallera plans marriage to Joel Thompson

Frank and Susan Vallera of Marietta are announcing the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Rebecca, to Joel Thompson.

He is the son of Franklin and Cheryl Thompson of East Palestine.

The bride-elect is a 2006 graduate of Steubenville Catholic Central High School and a 2010 graduate of The Ohio State University where she earned a bachelor's degree in computer science engineering. She is employed by the Walt Disney Animation Studios in Burbank, Calif. Her fiancé is a 2005



Rebecca Vallera and Joel Thompson

graduate of East Palestine High School and a 2009 graduate of OSU where he earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering. He is currently em-

ployed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Huntington, W. Va.

The couple is planning an April 21 wedding in Wintersville.

Megan Sponcil to exchange vows with Christopher Kline

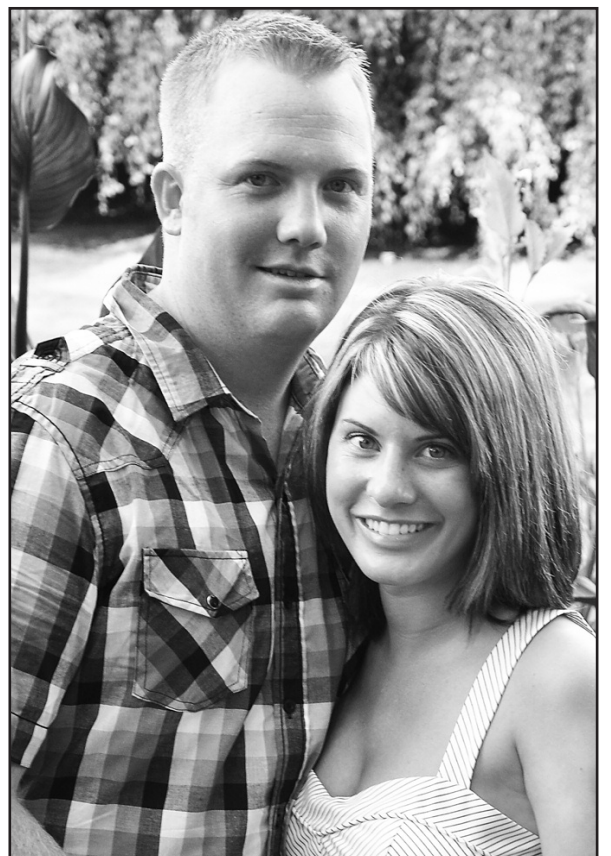
Marjorie Sponcil of New Waterford is announcing the engagement and forthcoming summer wedding of her daughter, Megan Sponcil, to Christopher Kline.

He is the son of Carl and Pamela Kline of East Palestine. Miss Sponcil is also the daughter of the late Gary Sponcil.

The East Fairfield United Methodist Church in East Fairfield will be the setting for the couple's open wedding ceremony at 3:30 p.m. June 16.

Invitations will be issued for a reception that evening at the Salem Golf Club in Salem.

The bride-elect is a 2005 Crestview High School graduate and a 2011 graduate of Youngstown State University where she earned a bachelor's degree in family studies. She is also a graduate of Casal Aveda Institute and is employed as a licensed esthetician at Advanced Dermatology and Skin



Megan Sponcil and Christopher Kline

Cancer Center in Boardman.

The prospective bridegroom is a 2005 East Palestine High School graduate. He attended Youngstown State Uni-

versity where he completed the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy. He is employed at Tabor's Landscaping and Garden Center in North Lima.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Finch mark golden anniversary

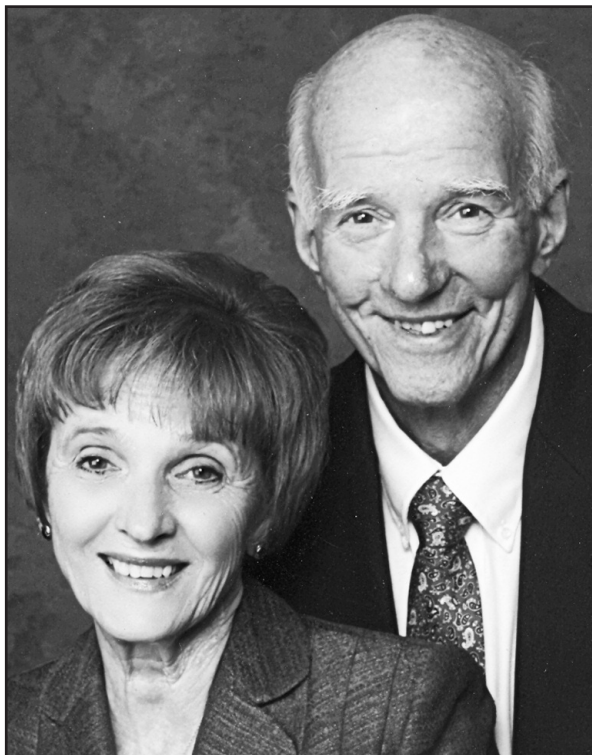
Donald and Grace Finch of Salem recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a family dinner at The Spread Eagle Tavern in Hanoverton, hosted by their children and grandchildren.

The former Grace Diane Delfavero and Mr. Finch were married on Sept. 23, 1961, at St. Paul Catholic Church in Salem.

Mr. Finch retired as owner and operator of Finch's Auto Service after 40 years in business.

Mrs. Finch is a homemaker and former paraprofessional in the Salem City Schools. The couple enjoys traveling, family get-togethers, and attending all of their grandchildren's many events.

They are the parents of Robyn (Jerry) Meals, Kelly (David) Janofa, and



Mr. and Mrs. Donald (Grace) Finch

Donnie (Anita Bergman) Finch. The have 10 grandchildren and one step great-grandchild.

The couple was presented with a trip to Mackinaw Island for a stay at The Grand Hotel.

Zimmermans celebrate 65th wedding anniversary

James and Janet Zimmerman of Salem celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary with their children on Jan. 15 at Blossom Nursing and Rehabilitation Center on Depot Road.

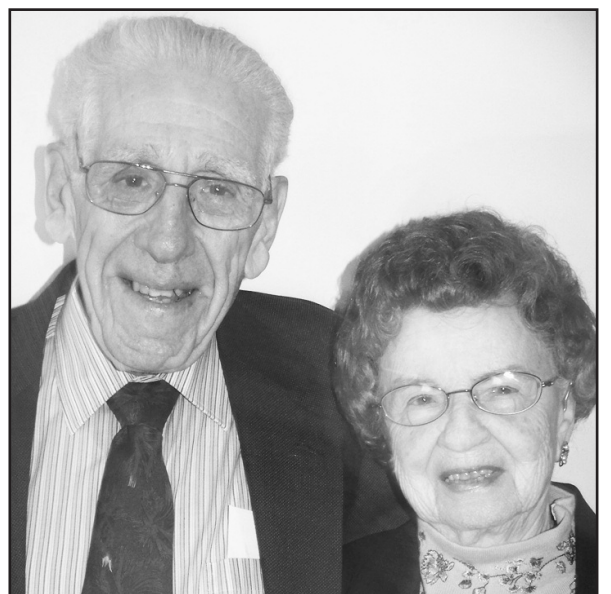


Mr. and Mrs. James (Janet) Zimmerman

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Holloway to celebrate 70th anniversary

Edgar and Virginia Holloway of Stanton Drive, Columbiana, will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14.

Their children, Carol Trotter (Wayne), Ken Holloway (Dorothy) and John Holloway (Linda), are planning an open house to honor their parents in the spring.



Mr. and Mrs. Edgar (Virginia) Holloway

SHS Class of '57 girls to hold pizza party
SALEM – Girls of the Salem High School Class of 1957 will meet for a pizza party and reunion planning session at noon Thursday at the Salem High School Alumni Association.

SHS Class of 1951 to meet for breakfast
SALEM – The Salem High School Class of 1951 plans to meet for breakfast at 9 a.m. Wednesday at the Skyline Diner located at the Salem Air Park on Route 45.

DARE announces February events
BOARDMAN – The following activities are scheduled by Divorce/Death Aren't Really the End. The group meets at 7:30 p.m. every Thursday at the Disciples Christian Church, 565 Boardman-Canfield Road.

Feb. 4, 18: Bowling at Boardman Lanes, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 7, 14, 21: Dance classes at Judy Conti's in Austintown, 7 p.m.
Feb. 8: Volunteering at Second Harvest Food Bank, 5 to 7 p.m.
Feb. 9: Speaker night at the church, Len Rome Channel 33, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 10, 24: Movies 8, Shops of Boardman Park, meet in lobby, 6:30 p.m.
Feb. 23: Chili Cook Off at the church, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 28: Pub of the Month, See the World Tours, 7:30 p.m.
For more information call 330-533-7062, 330-729-0127 or 330-793-1484.

R-Weigh recognizes weight-loss winners
SALEM – The R-Weigh weight groups met Monday at 1 and 5 p.m. at the Faith Chapel and lost 29 pounds for the week. Good losers for the week were Kay Swanson, Francie Tuel, Helen Baker, Angie Reichle, Patty Hartman, Margie Dale and Diane Hart. Goalies for the week were Rachel Weaver and Virginia Ciotti. Roni Fauver at the afternoon group presented a program on how she joined R-Weigh on

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EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND MORE...

March 23, 2010, and reached her goal weight on Sept. 13, 2010, losing 52 pounds in nine months without a gain. She has maintained her below goal status for one year and four months. She said it took determination, portion control, walking as her exercise and attended every meeting. Karen Pauline presided at the evening meeting and Carol Held led the exercises and asked everyone to tell one thing that helps them lose weight. Patty Hartman stated that everyone who loses a pound or more for January next Monday will get a snowball sticker for their 2012 bookmark. A Heart contest will begin for February with next weeks weight. Membership is open and you can visit with no charge. For more information call 330-332-1078.

UCT welcomes supreme counselor
SALEM – Every year the Supreme Counselor (president of United Commercial Travelers of America) makes a trip to Ohio and visits the various councils. Supreme Counselor Randy Young of Baton Rouge, La., recently arrived in Columbus with his wife Sandy. Kenny Milliser, grand junior counselor from Council 1 in Columbus and his wife Rita traveled with the supreme counselor and his wife on Jan. 12 to Troyer's Dutch Heritage Restaurant in Bellville and met with Grand Counselor Ron Shively and his wife Mary Lou and Grand Chaplain Homer Huprich and his wife Gerrie, all from Salem Council #590 and Edna Puthoff from Cincinnati Council 2.
After lunch the Millisers returned to Columbus and the rest of the group visited the J. M. Smucker Co. in Orrville and P. Graham Dunn Co. The group returned to Alliance where the out-of-town members returned to the hotel and had dinner. Young and his wife were also taken to the Football Hall of Fame in Canton by the Shivelys and the Huprichs and were met by the Supreme Secre-

tary Treasurer Gerald Thomas and his wife Debby. Later that night a dinner was held in honor of the Supreme Counselor at the Maximo Zion Church. Members were represented from eight councils throughout Ohio. The supreme counselor and his wife were presented a gift by the Shivelys in appreciation of their trip to Ohio. The supreme counselor and wife returned to Columbus on Jan. 14. On their way to Columbus they will travel to Lehman's Hardware and Walnut Creek Cheese. Another dinner was held in their honor in Columbus on Saturday at the "Olde Summit Town Restaurant" in Pastaskala.

Historical society to host dance
DEERFIELD – The Deerfield Historical Society's first Monday dance will be held from 7 to 10:30 p.m. Feb. 6 at the Deerfield Town Hall, 1450 state Route 14. Refreshments are available for purchase. Admission is \$2 per adult.

Salem Quota Club to hold make-over
SALEM – Quota International of Salem will hold its annual Make-Over Mania from 1 to 5 p.m. Feb. 12 at St. Paul School auditorium.
Local salons, professionals and demonstrators will be present. Services provided include haircut, mini manicure, facials, eye brow waxing, wax hand dipping, Reiki, Reflexology and massage from salons such as Magnolia's on the Green, Sheer Expressions, Casal's (Aveda) Salon.
Vendors available will be MD Diamond and Odessa, Demarle at Home, Get a Loaf, Tastefully Simple, Motives, Pampered Chef, Tastefully Simple, Thirty-One, Avon, Mary Kay, Gold Canyon Candle and more.
There will be door prizes, refreshments, a Chinese auction, raffle baskets and lunch available for purchase. Cost is \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. For more

information call 330-503-1064, 330-332-3024 or 330-337-8136. Proceeds will benefit the Quota Speech and Hearing Clinic.

Seven and One Club meets for pictures
SALEM – Holiday group pictures were viewed when the Seven and One Club met Jan. 18 at the home of Mrs. John Hively in New Waterford. Mrs. Roger Cooley was a guest.
After a luncheon and dessert, members played 500. Prizes were won by Mrs. Ken Kaufman, first place; Mrs. Jack Bruderly, second place; Mrs. Gerald Mincks, low; and Mrs. Cooley, travel. The next meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Feb. 15 at the home of Mrs. Ken Kaufman.

4-H Lone Rangers view demonstrations
WINONA – The 4-H Lone Rangers held its monthly meeting on Jan. 8 at the Winona Friends Church. A Quality Assurance Clinic was held on Jan. 19 at United Local High School.
The 4-H Day Camp is scheduled for June 10-12. Ryan and Justin Keir did a demonstration on how to make a paper airplane. Ethan Antram presented a safety speech on proper first aid care for cuts. Audra Antram discussed colds and flu. Members will be informed as to when to pick orders up for the Super Bowl pepperoni sale. The next meeting on Feb. 12 features Pajama Day.

SHS Class of 1968 to meet for dinner
SALEM – The Salem High School Class of 1968 will meet for dinner at 6 p.m. Feb. 15 at Ricky's English Pub.

United Quilt Guild to meet Feb. 7
SALEM – The United Quilt Guild will meet for UnFinished Objects at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 7 at the First Presbyterian Church. The

business session follows at 6:30 p.m. Michelle Mayton will present a fabric dyeing program.

TOPS 1380 meets, rewards weight loss
SALEM – TOPS 1380 met Jan. 23 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church with 13 members weighing in and losing 10.75 pounds. Dorothy Mussler led the TOPS pledge and prayer. She also led the KOPS pledge with Laurie McBride, Margaret Phillips and Cora Jean Briggs. Best losers were Debra May, TOPS; Jeannie Luxeuil and Nancy Finch, honorable mention; and Phillips, KOPS. Haylee Baughman celebrated her birthday and Briggs won the Rolling Cash Five. For therapy, Cindy Eastman held the program, "Choose My Plate" which had 10 tips for making healthy foods more fun for children. Shirley Bullis read for the "circle of light."

Salem Masons hold annual inspection
SALEM – Omega Council of Royal and Select Masons held its annual inspection on Jan. 12 at the Salem Masonic Building. Gary Ronshausen Sr. presided. Richard Amlung served as the inspecting officer. The guest of honor was Doug Habeggar, grand master of Royal and Select Masons of Ohio. A check was presented to Amlung for Diabetic Camps, a nonprofit camp that trains children with diabetes how to live with the disease. The select master degree was conferred on Randy Hart. A spaghetti dinner was served before the meeting.

AASC to hold Valentine event
ALLIANCE – The public is invited to a Valentine dinner/dance on Feb. 10 at the Alliance Area Senior Center, 602 W. Vine St. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. followed by the dance from 7 to 10 p.m. Music will be provided by The Rex Taneri Orchestra.
Admission is \$13 per person or \$7 per person for the dance only. Dinner tickets must be purchased or reserved in advance by calling 330-821-3348.



Medical Society Alliance to host brunch, fashion show
The Mahoning County Medical Society Alliance is hosting its eighth annual Champagne Brunch/Fashion Show on Feb. 23 at Avion on the Water, 2177 W. Western Reserve Road, Canfield. All proceeds will benefit the Midlothian Free Clinic and Second Harvest Backpack Program. The event begins with a social and Chinese auction at 10 a.m. followed by brunch at 11 a.m. A style show presented by 850 Blues and La Ti Da Boutique follows with the latest in women and men's apparel and accessories. Concepts Salon and Spa will be doing hairstyles and makeup. Leanne Binder will provide musical entertainment. Cost is \$30 per person. Tables of up to 10 may be reserved by request. Reservations made with a check are payable to MCMSA by Feb. 15 and sent to the organization at 565 E. Main St., Suite 220., Canfield 44406 or by calling 330-533-4880. Arrangements for the fund raiser are being made by co-chairpersons Tammy Engle and Cassie Calderon and committee members: Katie Altenhof, Susan Berny, Michelle Duffett, Donna Hayat, Paula Jakubek, Tricia Potesta, Carol Sankovic and Susan Yarab. Pictured are, from left, committee members and models Susan Yarab, Dr. Michael Engle, Cassie Calderon and Tammy Engle. (Submitted photo)

Disney theme park workers permitted to grow beards, goatees
ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) – Workers at Disney's U.S. theme parks will be allowed to grow beards and goatees for the first time ever, Disney officials said Monday.
The change in Disney's facial hair policy will apply to workers in Florida and California starting next month, said spokeswoman Andrea Finger.
Facial hair was prohibited on theme park workers when founder Walt Disney opened Disneyland in California in the mid-1950s. The company revised its policy in 2000 to allow mustaches, provided they were grown on vacation and not at work.
Starting Feb. 3, beards, mustaches and other facial growth will be allowed.

Reaction from rank-and-file workers has run the gamut, said Donna-Lynne Dalton, a spokeswoman for Teamsters Local 385, which represents costumed workers, laundry workers and parking attendants.
"You're having people going 'Yahoo! Cool!' and you're going to have the traditional Disney workers – who have their own supply

of pixie dust – that doubt Walt would approve," she said.
Disney periodically reassesses its grooming requirements, and officials decided now was a good time to revise their facial hair policy, Finger said.
The policy change also allows workers in areas without visitor contact to have casual Fridays.

Coin collectors to buy in Salem
SALEM – The International Coin Collectors Association will be buying coins, paper currency, gold and silver on behalf of their global network of collectors, dealers and refineries from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Jan. 31 through Feb. 3 and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 4 at the Salem Community Center, 1098 N. Ellsworth Ave. This special event is free and open to the public.
"We hope to spend at least \$200,000 while we are in town by purchasing people's old coin collections, vintage bank notes and scrap gold, silver and diamonds," said ICCA spokesperson Dennis Coutts. "We buy a lot of class rings, mismatched earrings and broken necklaces. Just a small handful of gold can add up to hundreds of dollars very quickly. I encourage everyone to clean out their drawers, lock boxes and jewelry boxes, and bring their items to our show for a free evaluation and perhaps walk out a little richer!" If the price is right for you, ICCA will pay you on the spot with no hidden fees.

Alaska Airlines retiring prayer cards
SEATTLE (AP) – After 30 years of giving passengers spiritual words to reflect on while they eat their meals, Alaska Airlines announced Wednesday it will be retiring the prayer cards from meal trays.
Airline spokeswoman Bobbie Egan said the decision was made after hearing from customers who preferred not to mix religion with transportation. The decision reflects respect for the diverse religious beliefs and cultural attitudes of Alaska Airlines' customers and employees, the company said in announcing the change.

"Some customers were comforted by the cards and some didn't feel religion was appropriate on the plane and preferred not to receive one," she said.
The cards began as a marketing ploy to differentiate the regional airline from its competitors. The company admits the idea was borrowed from another airline.
The cards offer a short excerpt of a psalm from the Old Testament printed on a beautiful photograph. One current example includes this excerpt printed over a beach scene: "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good. His love endures forever."
Since fall 2001, when the airline stopped offering meals to customers in the main cabin, the cards have only appeared on meal trays in first class.
For a long time, Alaska Airlines got more positive comments than negatives ones. But lately, opinion has shifted.
Egan said the decision was made out of respect for all of their customers.
"After carefully considering all sides, it was agreed that eliminating the cards was the right thing to do," Egan said.
The airline sent an email to its frequent flyers on Wednesday explaining the change that will take effect Feb. 1.
"Religious beliefs are deeply personal and sharing them with others is an individual choice," said the email signed by both airline CEO Bill Ayer and President Brad Tilden.
The email said some of its customers enjoyed the cards but others were offended by them. "It is important that everyone know that this decision does not change our core values nor our care for our customers," the email said.

Stromboli — part pizza, part calzone, all party!

By ALISON LADMAN
The Associated Press

A stromboli is kind of a cross between a grinder and a calzone. Bread dough is rolled out, filled with sliced meats, cheeses and vegetables, then rolled up into a tube and baked.

To serve, stromboli are simply sliced like a loaf of bread, creating a spiral baked sandwich that is perfect for large parties. If you like, you also can serve sandwich condiments (or even warmed marinara) alongside the stromboli slices for dipping. We've offered suggestions for fillings; but mix and match to suit your group (or devise your own combination).

Just be careful with vegetables. Because you will be baking the fillings in the dough, watery vegetables (such as tomatoes) can release too much liquid during cooking. To avoid this, cook most vegetables in a skillet before adding them. Sun-dried tomatoes would be a good alternative to fresh.

SUPER BOWL STROMBOLI

- Start to finish: 1 1/2 hours (30 minutes active)
Servings: 10
1 tablespoon olive oil
2 cups chopped raw vegetables, such as peppers, onions and mushrooms
2 cloves garlic, minced
1/4 cup drained and chopped Kalamata olives
1 tablespoon drained and chopped capers
1 teaspoon dried Italian herb blend
Salt and ground black pepper

- 20-ounce ball pizza dough
10 ounces sliced deli meat, such as salami and ham
1 cup grated provolone or mozzarella cheese
Coat a large baking sheet with cooking spray.
In a large skillet over medium-high, heat the oil. Add the vegetables and garlic, then saute until tender and any liquid has evaporated, 5 to 10 minutes depending on your choice of vegetables. Stir in the olives, capers and herb blend. Season with salt and pepper, then set aside to cool slightly.
On a lightly floured surface, roll out the dough to a 12-by-16-inch rectangle. Arrange the sliced meat over the dough, leaving a 1-inch border on the longer sides, as well as the end furthest from you. Spread the cooked vegetables over the meat, then sprinkle with the cheese.
Starting with the side closest to you, roll the stromboli up like a log. Pinch the seam and ends to seal. Transfer the log to the prepared baking sheet with the seam on the bottom. Using a paring knife, make three deep slits in the top of the loaf.

- Heat the oven to 375 F. Allow the stromboli to rest for 20 minutes while the oven heats.
Bake for 40 to 50 minutes, or until a meat thermometer inserted at the center reads 180 F. The outside should be golden brown and should sound hollow when tapped. Allow to cool for at least 20 minutes before slicing.
Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 430 calories; 240 calories from fat (55 percent of total calories); 27 g fat (9 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 60 mg cholesterol; 28 g carbohydrate; 22 g protein; 1 g fiber; 1,740 mg sodium.



To serve, Super Bowl stromboli are simply sliced like a loaf of bread, creating a spiral baked sandwich that is perfect for large parties. (AP Photo)

A hot pink drink to set Valentine's Day mood

By ALISON LADMAN
The Associated Press
This Valentine's Day cocktail sports a risque name, is easy on the eyes and drinks like candy.

Even guys will be reaching for this admittedly feminine cocktail. Its flavors are slightly sweet and tangy, much like a glass of pink lemonade. Except that this pink lemonade happens to be powered by vodka, gin and raspberry liqueur.

X-Rated, for those unfamiliar with it, isn't just a movie classification. It also is the name of a hot pink liqueur made from vodka infused with passion fruit, blood orange and mango. Another easy use for this alcohol is to simply mix it with seltzer water or ginger beer for a refreshing and bubbly spritzer.
And don't be ashamed to add a couple of maraschino cherries to this drink to up the pink factor for Valentine's Day.

X-RATED KISS

- Start to finish: 10 minutes
Servings: 2
2 ounces raspberry liqueur
Ice
1 ounce lime juice
3 ounces X-Rated Fusion Liqueur
1 ounce gin
Pinch of crushed pink peppercorns
Edible flower petals, to garnish
Divide the raspberry liqueur between 2 martini glasses.
In a cocktail shaker filled with ice, combine the lime juice, X-Rated, gin and pink peppercorns.
Shake vigorously, then strain and divide between the glasses, pouring it carefully down the sides of the glasses. Garnish with edible flower petals.



This Valentine's Day cocktail sports a risque name, is easy on the eyes and drinks like candy. (AP Photo)

Cupcakes for the Super Bowl dudes in your life

By ALISON LADMAN
The Associated Press
These are not your girlfriend's cupcakes.

There is no frilly pastel frosting piped on top. They are not delicate. They are not pretty.
They are big, bold, manly and totally down for a Super Bowl spread.
Since ease is key for Super Bowl feasts, we decided to start with a chocolate cake mix.
To man-it-up, we made them big and added beer. And instead of pretty buttercream frosting, we're dabbled and smeared whiskey frosting all over them. And to really take it up a notch, bacon. Of course, salted peanuts, pretzels or crushed malted milk balls also would also be terrific.

- If you want, you also could make giant cupcakes; you just need an oversized muffin pan (sold at most kitchen shops).
You'll need to cook larger cupcakes longer (timing will vary depending on the size).
But whatever you do, don't you dare add sprinkles.
SUPER BOWL CUPCAKES
Start to finish: 1 hour (30 minutes active)
Servings: 24
For the cupcakes:
1 cup dark beer, such as stout
1/3 cup sour cream
1/2 cup vegetable or canola oil
3 eggs
18.5-ounce package



These Super Bowl cupcakes are big, bold, manly and totally down for a Super Bowl spread. (AP Photo)

- moist chocolate cake mix
For the frosting:
1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter
3 cups powdered sugar
1/4 cup whiskey
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
For the toppings (use any or all):
Crisp cooked bacon
Salted peanuts
Pretzels
Crushed malted milk balls
Heat the oven to 350 F. Spray 24 muffin regular cups with cooking spray.
In a large bowl, mix together the beer, sour cream, oil, eggs and cake mix. Mix until thoroughly combined and smooth, about 2 minutes. Spoon into the prepared muffin cups and bake for 18 to 20 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted at the center comes out clean. Allow to cool for 5 minutes, then turn out onto a wire rack to finish cooling.
While the cupcakes cool, make the frosting. In a large bowl, use an electric mixer to beat together the butter, sugar, whiskey and vanilla until smooth and fluffy, about 4 to 5 minutes.
When the cupcakes have cooled, add a smear of frosting to the tops, then sprinkle with your choice of toppings.
Nutrition information per serving (not counting toppings) (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 280 calories; 150 calories from fat (51 percent of total calories); 17 g fat (6 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 50 mg cholesterol; 32 g carbohydrate; 2 g protein; 1 g fiber; 190 mg sodium.

Rocco DiSpirito serves up a double helping of love



This surf and turf cobbler dish is thickened with a sweet puree of beets, instead of the usual butter, cream and flour. (AP Photo)

By ROCCO DISPIRITO
For The Associated Press
It's Valentine's Day again, and I just want to remind people there are alternatives to chocolate when it comes to showing your love.
Because let's face it, at any given time many of us are on diets or at least watching what we're eating. And a box of chocolates isn't exactly helping out. So if you're looking for a romantic Valentine's Day gift that's truly from the heart, why not give the best gift of all — a mouth-watering, healthy meal you make yourself? This week's recipe is my version of a trendy dish served in restaurants across the country — lobster pot pie. A typical pot pie like this will cost you around 680 calories and 46 grams of fat per serving. But I've downsized that to just 330 calories and 6 grams of fat.
I did this by turning the pie into a cobbler, which means the crust is only on top. And my crust is made from a lower calorie pancake mix that gives you the taste of a pot pie, but without all the fattening richness of typical crusts. I've also added in lean beef tenderloin, making this a true surf and turf delight.
I saved you plenty of fat by thickening this dish with a delicious and pleasantly sweet puree of beets, instead of the usual butter, cream and flour.
TIP: Save yourself some trouble and ask to have your lobster steamed for you while you shop. The seafood department at most grocers will do this for free. Some will even remove the

meat from the shell for you.
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VALENTINE'S DAY SURF AND TURF COBBLER
Start to finish: 45 minutes (30 minutes active)
Servings: 2
1 1/4-pound live lobster
4 ounces fresh asparagus spears (12 to 16 spears, depending on thickness), trimmed and cut into 1-inch pieces
3 ounces beef tenderloin, cut into 8 cubes
Salt and ground black pepper
14 1/2-ounce can red beets with liquid
16 pumps butter spray
1 tablespoon fresh tarragon, chopped
2/3 cup Bisquick Heart Smart Pancake and Baking Mix
1/4 cup water
2 teaspoons prepared horseradish
In a large stockpot, bring 6 quarts of water to a boil. Set a bowl of ice water nearby.
Submerge the lobster in the boiling water, then return the water to a boil. Cook the lobster for 4 minutes, adding the asparagus to the water for the last 2 minutes. Use a slotted spoon to transfer the asparagus to the ice water to cool for 2 minutes, then transfer to a kitchen towel to dry. Remove the lobster from the water and place on a sheet pan. Let cool until easy to handle.
Heat a medium nonstick skillet over high. Season the beef with salt and pepper, then spritz the pan with cooking spray and add the

beef to the pan. Cook for 1 to 2 minutes, or until the outsides are well browned and the centers are rare, turning once. Transfer the beef to a small plate and set aside.
Drain the beets, reserving 1/4 cup of the liquid. Cut two-thirds of the drained beets (about 1 cup) into bite-size pieces (save the remaining beets for another use). Add half of the beet pieces to a blender along with the 1/4 cup of reserved liquid. Cover and blend until smooth.
Add the 16 pumps of butter spray and cover and blend again just until combined. Pour the pureed beets into a medium bowl and add the remaining chopped beets. Add the asparagus to the beet mixture along with the cooked beef cubes and fresh tarragon.
Heat the oven to 400 F.
Remove the meat from the lobster and cut into bite-size pieces. Add to the beet mixture and stir until well combined. Season with salt and pepper. Spoon the mixture evenly into a 1-quart oven-safe glass bowl or souffle dish.
In a medium bowl, mix the pancake mix and water. Drop the dough into 6 small mounds over the lobster mixture. Bake for 15 minutes, or until the top is browned and the filling is heated through. Remove and top with horseradish.
Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 330 calories; 6 g fat (16 percent of calories from fat) (1 g saturated); 80 mg cholesterol; 40 g carbohydrate; 29 g protein; 5 g fiber; 1,356 mg sodium.

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No US energy industry backing for word ‘fracking’

NEW YORK (AP) — A different kind of F-word is stirring a linguistic and political debate as controversial as what it defines.

The word is “fracking” — as in hydraulic fracturing, a technique long used by the oil and gas industry to free oil and gas from rock.

It’s not in the dictionary, the industry hates it, and President Barack Obama didn’t use it in his State of the Union speech — even as he praised federal subsidies for it.

The word sounds nasty, and environmental advocates have been able to use it to generate opposition — and revulsion — to what they say is a nasty process that threatens water supplies.

“It obviously calls to mind other less socially polite terms, and folks have been able to take advantage of that,” said Kate Sinding, a senior attorney at the Natural Resources Defense Council who works on drilling issues.

One of the chants at an anti-drilling rally in Albany earlier this month was “No fracking way!”

Industry executives argue that the word is deliberately misspelled by environmental activists and that it has become a slur that should not be used by media outlets that strive for objectivity.

“It’s a co-opted word and a co-opted spelling used to make it look as offensive as people can try to make it look,” said Michael Kehs, vice president for Strategic Affairs at Chesapeake Energy, the nation’s second-largest natural gas producer.

To the surviving humans of the sci-fi TV series “Battlestar Galactica,” it has nothing to do with oil and gas. It is used as a substitute for the very down-to-Earth curse word.

Michael Weiss, a professor of linguistics at Cornell University, says the word originated as simple industry jargon, but has taken on a negative meaning over time — much like the word “silly” once meant “holy.”

But “frack” also happens to sound like “smack” and “whack,” with more violent connotations.

“When you hear the word ‘fracking,’ what lights up your brain is the profanity,” says Deborah Mitchell, who teaches marketing at the University of Wisconsin’s School of Business. “Negative things come to mind.”

Obama did not use the word in his State of the Union address Tuesday night, when he said his administration will help ensure natural gas will be developed safely, suggesting it would support 600,000 jobs by the end of the decade.

In hydraulic fracturing, millions of gallons of water, sand and chemicals are pumped into wells to break up underground rock formations and create escape routes for the oil and gas. In recent years, the industry has learned to combine the practice with the ability to drill horizontally into beds of shale, layers of fine-grained rock that in some cases have trapped ancient organic matter that has cooked into oil and gas.

By doing so, drillers have unlocked natural gas deposits across the East, South and Midwest that are large enough to supply the U.S. for decades. Natural gas prices have dipped to decade-low levels, reducing customer bills and prompting manufacturers who depend on the fuel to expand operations in the U.S.

Environmentalists worry that the fluid could leak into water supplies from cracked casings in wells. They are also concerned that wastewater from the process could contaminate water supplies if not properly

treated or disposed of. And they worry the method allows too much methane, the main component of natural gas and an extraordinarily potent greenhouse gas, to escape.

Some want to ban the practice altogether, while others want tighter regulations.

The Environmental Protection Agency is studying the issue and may propose federal regulations. The industry prefers that states regulate the process.

Some states have banned it. A New York proposal to lift its ban drew about 40,000 public comments — an unprecedented total — inspired in part by slogans such as “Don’t Frack With New York.”

The drilling industry has generally spelled the word without a “K,” using terms like “frac job” or “frac fluid.”

Energy historian Daniel Yergin spells it “fracking” in his book, “The Quest: Energy, Security and the Remaking of the Modern World.” The glossary maintained by the oilfield services company Schlumberger includes only “frac” and “hydraulic fracturing.”

The spelling of “fracking” began appearing in the media and in oil and gas company materials long before the process became controversial. It first was used in an Associated Press story in 1981. That same year, an oil and gas company called Velvet Exploration, based in British Columbia, issued a press release that detailed its plans to complete “fracking” a well.

The word was used in trade journals throughout the 1980s. In 1990, Commerce Secretary Robert Mosbacher announced U.S. oil engineers would travel to the Soviet Union to share drilling technology, including fracking.

The word does not appear in The Associated Press Stylebook, a guide for news organizations. David Minthorn, deputy standards editor at the AP, says there are tentative plans to include an entry in the 2012 edition.

He said the current standard is to avoid using the word except in direct quotes, and to instead use “hydraulic fracturing.”

That won’t stop activists — sometimes called “fracktivists” — from repeating the word as often as possible.

“It was created by the industry, and the industry is going to have to live with it,” says the NRDC’s Sinding.

Dave McCurdy, CEO of the American Gas Association, agrees, much to his dismay: “It’s Madison Avenue hell,” he says.



Southern Local queen
Jennah Phillis was crowned Southern Local High School’s 2012 Winter Homecoming Queen. (Submitted photo)

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FirstEnergy closing 6 coal-fired power plants

AKRON (AP) — FirstEnergy Corp. said Thursday that new environmental regulations led to a decision to shut down six older, coal-fired power plants in Ohio, Pennsylvania and Maryland, affecting more than 500 employees.

The plants, which are in Cleveland, Ashtabula, Oregon and Eastlake in Ohio, Adrian, Pa. and Williamsport, Md., will be retired by Sept. 1. They have generated about 10 percent of the electricity produced by FirstEnergy over the last three years, the company said.

In a statement James Lash, head of the company’s generation unit, indicated that a review of the company’s coal-fired plants determined it would not be cost-effective to get the older ones into compliance with environmental regulations the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced in December.

The new standards are designed to reduce emissions of mercury and other toxic pollution from coal- and oil-fired power plants. An Associated Press survey found that the changes were likely to result in the mothballing of dozens of units in the Midwest and in the coal belt — Kentucky, West Virginia and Virginia.

The Obama administration was under court order to issue a new rule, after a court threw out an attempt by the Bush administration to exempt power plants from controls for toxic air pollution.

Two factors have made it easier for utilities to shut old coal plants in recent years. Power demand has been weakening in recent years because of the slow economy and energy efficiency programs. And natural gas prices, which have fallen to decade-low levels in recent weeks, have allowed utilities to switch from coal to natural gas without impacting customer bills. Meanwhile, demand from China and elsewhere has driven up the price of coal.

FirstEnergy said its decision would directly affect 529 employees. Some of them could end up transferring to other FirstEnergy facilities and work sites, while others could take advantage of a retirement benefit being offered to employees 55 years and older, the company said.

FirstEnergy has a total of 17 coal power plants, including those that will close by September. The plants targeted to shut down have been producing less power over the last few years, mainly during times of peak demand, the company said.

Eastlake, a community of about 18,500 people and located alongside Lake Erie northeast of Cleveland, will lose \$590,000 a year in taxes, or about 4.5 percent of its regular budget, Mayor Ted Andrzejewski said.

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Students in Mrs. Zeigler and Mrs. Miller's kindergarten classes use technology to enhance learning. They were matched with a partner and used iPads to reinforce and practice classroom concepts and kindergarten standards.



Budding author Josiah Haas reads his story, "The Trip to Florida," to classmates, from left, Austin Sinkovich, Lavan Cannon, Luckie Miller and Raegan Surmaceviz during Debra Reed's second-grade class.



Mrs. Eynon's students studied Martin Luther King Jr. and how each person's differences is what makes them special. The students wrote acrostic poems with their names and made pop art self-portraits. Collin Helmick completes his project that shows how special he is.



Jenna Bagley and Vennesa Sawman, students in Sue Ricciutti's class, read together from their leveled readers which reinforce their reading skills.

The weekly School is Cool Page highlights students within the Salem Schools District. Businesses interested in sponsoring a page can call the Salem News at 330-332-4601.



From left, Owen McDonald, Destiny Harpel and Hensley Nicholson, students in Mrs. Wonner's kindergarten class, display their drawings of circus elephants that they made in Miss Drapcho's art class. The students start with basic shaped of circles and ovals to create the body, then pose their elephant in a creative way to perform a trick.



Kevin Sawyer holds up his Martin Luther King wreath that he made in Sherri Syms' class.



Students in Mrs. Miller's kindergarten class recently brought their favorite stuffed bear to school for a visit. The class is learning about bears and their habitats. The bears helped the students read and helped with lots of fun math activities. The students categorized and graphed information about their bear friends.