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Question arises at Big Walnut: Who's buying?

From Staff Reports

Who should have bought the overhead projectors?

The question was raised Monday after Big Walnut School Board member Pam Luttrell asked why the PTOs bought overhead projectors for the new Math Lab curriculum used in the district's three elementary schools.

Luttrell said she's received several phone calls from PTO members who think the district should have bought the projectors so PTO funds could be used for things such as author visits and Renaissance programs.

Treasurer Jim Szabo said money from building budgets — under each building's budget — could be used for such purchases.

"The principals have quite a bit of money under their control," Szabo said, citing the \$150 per pupil, per year that can be spent at their discretion. "It's up to the principals to prioritize what they need in their buildings," he added.

Szabo said Tuesday Harrison Street Elementary's current budget is \$51,150, Souders Elementary is \$65,850, and Big Walnut's elementary budget is \$57,340. The overhead projectors cost about \$100 each and the Harrison Street PTO bought about 12.

"The building level budgeting is still very new and we are still getting used to it," Szabo said of the funding method which has been used for about 2 1/2 years. He said if principals have a need they feel their building budget can't cover, they can go to the superintendent if the district will pay for it.

In the case of the overhead projectors, Szabo said Souders Principal Steve Butler did ask, and the district paid the bill. He said the other principals did not advise administrators of their need.

Debbie Segner, principal at Harrison Street, told board members the

question of who should buy the projectors was raised when some PTO members said the district should pay the bill since the purchase was related to a board-approved program.

Segner said building budgets are used to buy every piece of paper used in each building, including construction paper and music copies, and duplication costs also are covered in those budgets. Among other things, she said the money is also used to buy textbooks for pupils who arrive after the start of each school year.

In other business, the board:

• Heard President Barb Shelly say board members would continue to solicit donations from residents about the district's financial and facilities needs.

• Heard Director of Administrative Services Ralph Benziger say administrators are still investigating the district's options on whether or not to buy new dishwashers or possibly recycle disposable dishes.

• Learned that recycling bins for paper will be placed at each building.

• Accepted donations: five computers valued at \$300 each from Worthington Industries, and a 48-by-22 foot concession stand with picnic area from the Big Walnut Junior Builders Association.

• Approved substitute teachers' pay scale: \$65 a day for the first 10 days, \$70 a day for days 11-30, and \$75 a day for days 31-59. On the 60th day and beyond, substitute teachers are paid at the district's regular teacher's pay scale.

• Approved resignations from bus driver John Seymour and soccer coach Tom Mastrandrea.

• Approved supplemental contracts for the 1998-99 school year for Dan Walker, middle school newspaper adviser; Blanda Lynan,

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Photo by Debby Jadows

Walking and then some

The Big Walnut Friends Who Share held a walk through Sunbury on Sunday to raise money for the group's activities. Above, some skaters joined the group on the 10K walk. Donations from sponsors who pledged money are requested to be turned in by Sunday, Oct. 18.

Council considers plat for Franklin Foundation site

By Debby Jadows

The Franklin Foundation may begin work on housing for senior citizens by the end of this week.

"From my understanding, we are close to having a engineering survey worked out. I am hopeful that completion will be sometime next week," Village Supervisor David Brechin said at the village council meeting last week.

Brechin said the Sunbury Mills and Heartland Meadows Drive plat had to be approved before Franklin Foundation could begin work on the housing. He added that the overall sanitary issue still needed to be resolved. The Franklin Foundation finalized its closing on a loan last week.

This was the second reading of the ordinance to approve the plat.

Council was scheduled to meet Wednesday and consider the final reading of the ordinance.

Council also approved rewrites to be made to Town Hall Council's proposed zoning ordinance.

"I am awaiting the updated estimates on what it would cost to fix the roof of the building and work on the fire escape. The total of the estimates was \$8,031."

The roof alone would cost \$6,951.

"If we let it go, it's going to rip through the interior," Brechin said. "It's a shame, but I think it would be a shame to not do both."

Council approved the work to be done on the building, voting 4-2 for the estimates. Mayhew and councilman Bill Sherburne voted against the measure.

In another matter, public hearings will be held to discuss the proposed rezoning of 86 E. Cherry St. from R-2 to E-4. The 1.4-acre site is 379.404 acres from a planned residential/planned commercial to planned single family development.

The hearings will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 7 p.m., preceding the regular council meeting.

At the meeting, Rick Helwig of Sunbury showed sample decorata-

When it was suggested that work could be done on the interior, Brechin said, "I am not sure. Mayhew and I during the meeting that he didn't understand why council would spend money on the building when the streets need asphalt."

"We could've had the streets done last summer," Mayhew said. "If you can't afford one, you can't afford the other."

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Public meeting slated on post office

By Shelley Coffman and Debby Jadows

A public meeting has been scheduled to get residents' input on where a new Sunbury post office should be located.

The U.S. Postal Service plans to move the office from the village square to a location that will provide more space and allow it to consolidate operations of Sunbury with Galena.

The Galena post office will remain open with window service and post office boxes, but letter carriers will work out of the new Sunbury office after it opens, said Sunbury Postmaster Angela Huston.

"It's a good location," she said.

The downtown Sunbury office will not remain open, Huston said, noting the new location is not expected to be far enough from the square for both to be needed.

A representative of the U.S. Postal Service met with Sunbury Mayor Len Weatherby recently, saying the postal service had considered sending someone to a village committee to get input. But Weatherby said at last week's council meeting that there is so much business that goes on at regular meetings that it would be better to have a separate public meeting.

"It would be to suggest community sites, reasons the building should or should not be there," Weatherby said.

He said the development prompted the plan for the new office.

"The growth in this area — Sunbury and Galena — is tremendous," she said.

Huston said the need for the new location was mainly because of a lack of space.

"Take a look around — this is what it's like after a holiday," Huston said.

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Teen thriving during U.S. visit

From Staff Reports

Tamara Soldado wanted to attend an American Christian school in her home city of Madrid, but couldn't because she spoke no English. So teacher Gerry Antoine arranged for her to attend an American Christian school in Delaware.

Antoine, a Delaware Christian School Spanish teacher for 14 years, taught for one year at Evangelical Christian Academy in Madrid. She met Tamara, who was visiting Madrid with a friend, and talked with her parents.

"And I thought, oh! I can probably arrange it at Delaware Christian School," Antoine said. "So here she is."

Antoine, a 17-year teacher in Ghana, headed the exchange program there and knew how to make the arrangements, including finding Tamara's host family, Cindy and Dale Hall of Lane Road in Sunbury.

The Halls were thrilled to have Tamara, Antoine said. "It just was 'go all the way'."

Tamara, accompanied by her mother, arrived in Delaware Aug. 15. An only child, she has been introduced not only to a new culture but to a large family. The Halls' four children are Joshua, 6, Jason, 8, Jared, 10, and Marisa, 17.

Cindy Hall said the family has loved having Tamara.

"We have been extremely pleased with the way she has adjusted, not only to school but to our family," she said. The boy's mother, her.

Hall said Antoine warned them to be on the lookout for homesickness,



Photo by Matt Emmons

Tamara Soldado, right, an exchange student from Spain, chats with Joanna Morton, her interpreter and fellow student.

but that has not been a problem.

"We have seen nothing of that; she is perfectly happy," she said. She added that Tamara probably does more homework than her own offspring.

"She's really conscientious about her schoolwork. She really is determined to do well," Hall said.

Tamara, DCS' first exchange student, has made remarkable progress in speaking English since her arrival, but she continues to rely on senior Joanna Morton, her interpreter. Joanna is a "missionary kid" whose family recently returned to the United States from Spain.

"They are here only a few classes — history, Bible, and Spanish — but they're together at lunch, where they amuse and exasperate their friends by chattering away in Spanish."

"You would never know she is a foreign visitor here," McDonald said.

Tamara, who will be far ahead of her English class peers when she returns home, is interested in how

words vary from one language to another. She's keeping a list of what things are called in Spain, Ecuador, Chile, and the United States.

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New program gets 'impressive' turnout

By Debby Jadows

Four area fire departments are joining together for a new education program for young adults.

The Eastern Delaware County Fire and Emergency Medical Services Explorer Program started last month. The four stations — Genoa, Porterville/Kingston, Hartley, and BST&G — are presenting the program, which is an off-branch of the Boy Scouts.

The program, which began on Sept. 22, is an emergency services program. It is for young adults ages 14-20, who go to one of the fire stations every Tuesday for two hours and learn in both a classroom-style setting and a hands-on session.

Each week, a different topic is featured. This is the only program in Delaware County. One has not yet been started in the western part of the county.

"I'm enthused about it," said Dale Fling of the Hartley Township Fire Department. "It's been a great recruiting tool. That's been a real driving force. We hope to retain the

kids, bring them in as they get older. It also gives the kids something positive to do."

Fling said that in Hartley Township, Alan Fling has been working with the Explorer program.

"I know Alan has been working a lot with the kids and he thinks they are a real good group."

He hopes that it retains its strength.

"It's been pretty impressive," Dale Fling said. "We thought we'd get about 20 kids, and we got more like 40. That's promising."

Jeff Wilson of the BST&G Fire Department said program advisers recently met to write bylaws for the program.

"I'm in charge of setting up the bylaws and program management," Wilson said. "Greg Hubbard is our councilor."

Wilson said it gives kids another option in things to do and could help them in career choices.

"They aren't permitted to be involved in the actual scenes, but they help with the cleanup and salvage after," Wilson said. "It gives them a good taste of what it's all about."

Tax abatement just part of what bus company needs

From Staff Reports

A local tax abatement for Advanced Bus Industries sailed through Delaware City Council and the Delaware County commissioners this week.

But Ed Kravitz, head of the firm that might return transit bus manufacturing to 970 Pittsburgh Drive, cautioned that the plan remains a "maybe."

It will take significant investment, Kravitz stressed, to move Advanced Bus into the mass-transit

market, where the now-defunct Flexible Corp. was a major player. But Kravitz said Advanced Bus representatives have spoken to a number of the nation's urban transit authorities about procuring 25- and 29-foot low-slung buses.

The Advanced Bus management team, stocked with former Flexible executives, has some favorable reputation in the industry, Kravitz said.

"This is very exciting," Mayor

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Photo by Debby Jados

(From left) Cathy and Connie DelTedesco stand in front of a tile display in DelTedesco's new location, 38 Evening Street.

"Old" business opens new Sunbury location

By Debby Jados

What will you do the next time you need tile for your floors or new countertops?

Go to DelTedesco, the new tile business at 38 Evening St., Sunbury.

"We're not really new," said Connie DelTedesco, in-store manager. "We've been in the business for about 19 years."

The business was mainly run from the home of Connie and her husband, Oscar.

They had their main offices there, and stored most of their items in rented storage.

"Basically, our business is bid jobs. About ninety-five percent in the commercial line," Connie's daughter, Cathy DelTedesco, said. "We came here because we wanted to consolidate."

They also opened their new office on Evening Street so they could do more with the retail end of it, and have a showroom.

"My son, Ken, wanted to do more with the retail side," Connie

said.

The family has been involved in the tile business for many years. Oscar DelTedesco began working in the business approximately 40 years ago.

About 21 years after that, the whole family became involved, turning their own home into an office.

Last June, the DelTedesco business moved into its new home, and the family is planning an official grand opening in early November, complete with coffee and refreshments.

"We have our showroom about 80 percent completed," Cathy said. "We want it to be 100 percent done for the grand opening. We have people that are trickling in and have had some sales already."

The business has a full line of flooring, carpeting, tile, and marble and granite counter-top materials. Recently, they installed a large saw to fabricate counter tops.

"Not a lot of people do that," Cathy said. "Maybe only three in Central Ohio..."

She also said that many contractors come into the store with their clients and let them pick things out.

"We can install items, or we can just sell and customers can install it themselves," Connie said. "Anyone can come in; we'll sell to anyone."

Also new to the store is hand-painted tile, and Connie said Del-

tedesco now has someone who supplies these tiles.

Until the early November opening, DelTedesco is just waiting for the rest of the samples to arrive for the showroom.

"We've been in the Sunbury area for 12 years now," Connie said. "A lot of people know about us already."

Otterbein, OSUM announce upcoming cultural events

"Glass Art" is featured this month in Ohio State University Marion Fine Arts Gallery. The exhibit includes several blown-glass objects created by students and staff, a family of a staff and students through Nov. 2. All exhibits are free and open to the public. Call 740-389-6786 for more information.

The fourth season of the Five Nights on Campus series of cultural arts programs will begin on Oct. 22 at Ohio State University, Marion.

The Bobby Floyd Jazz Trio will perform that night at 7:30 p.m. for students and are available at the door or by calling 740-389-6279.

The next Five Nights on Campus date is Dec. 10, with the Central Ohio Symphony Orchestra and

the Marion Civic Chorus playing.

Artist Cathy Fiorelli's "Recent Works" will be shown at the Art Gallery of the Marion Business Center from Oct. 23 to Nov. 28. An opening reception will be held on Oct. 23 from 7-9 p.m.

Business hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Art Gallery is at 24 W. Main St., Westerville. Call 614-523-0008 for more information.

The Otterbein College Artist Series welcomes singer-songwriter Linda Taylor on Thursday, Oct. 29. He will perform at 7:30 p.m. in Cowan Hall, 30 S. Grove St. in Westerville.

Tickets are \$15 and \$10 for senior citizens and students. Order tickets by calling 614-823-1600.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

A local singing group is looking for people who like to have fun and love to sing. Basses and sopranos are needed for the group as soon as possible. No auditions are necessary. Call 965-9420 for more information.

The deadline for receiving requests for absentee ballots for the Nov. 3 general election is Saturday, Oct. 31 at noon.

A written request for an absentee ballot must include the voter's name, home address, legal signature, and a valid reason for needing the ballot.

The Delaware County Board of Election office is located at 91 N. Sandusky St. For additional information, call 740-368-1780 or 548-7313 extension 1780.

Cash awards were presented to artists at the opening reception for Art on View, a regional juried all-media art exhibition, on Friday, Oct. 2 at the Dairy Barn in Athens.

Sunbury resident Tom Harbrecht received the Award of Excellence for "River Town Sunday Morning."

Art on View features artists within a 200-mile radius of Athens. It is on display at The Dairy Barn until Nov. 22. Hours

are Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursday nights from 5-8 p.m. For additional information call Dairy Barn at 740-592-4981.

The Jamboree On The Air, or J.O.T.A., will take place this weekend. This is a program for Boy Scouts, and patches and certificates are available. The Community Library in Sunbury will host Boy Scouts Saturday, Oct. 17 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 18 from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call Ben Hart at 955-1710.

The 23rd Fall Festival of Arts and Crafts in Shelyb is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 17 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday, Oct. 18 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is held at the Shelyb YMCA and the Shelyb Senior High School on West Shelyb Road.

The show will have around 100 craft booths. Visitors come from 60 different Ohio cities and from other states as well.

A menu of homemade food is available. The YMCA and the high school parking is free. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1 for ages 6 to 18. All proceeds go to the YMCA and the high school.

To commemorate October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Turning Point will display its local segment of

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the day on Wednesday, Oct. 28.

ACADEMIC briefs...

Ohio State University has issued a list of seniors and graduate students who received degrees at the summer quarter commencement exercises on Sept. 3 in St. John Arena.

The following are from this area: Galena resident Christopher David Ball, doctor of philosophy; and Sunbury residents C.F. Bellows-Vanhouse, bachelor of science in

business administration, and Heather R. Brake Young, master of education.

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Planned Parenthood relocates health center

Planned Parenthood of Central Ohio held an open house at its relocated health center in Delaware Sept. 17.

The event included remarks by Delaware Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Charlotte Joseph, PPCO board President Norman Jacobs, and PPCO Executive Director Judith Fountain, and tours led by PPCO Delaware Community Relations Coordinator Martha Tractow. The new center, which opened Aug. 4, is at 152 W. Central Ave., Delaware. Fountain noted PPCO's local role.

"We've provided preventive, reproductive health-care services in

Delaware County for the past 25 years and recently moved to a new location to better serve our patients and the Delaware community," she said.

Services provided at the center include annual Pap and breast exams; birth control information and supplies, including oral contraceptives and Depo-Provera; screening and treatment of sexually-transmitted infections; and pregnancy testing and options information. PPCO does not provide abortions.

In 1999, the agency plans to expand its health-care services to include women going through menopause.



(From left) Judith Fountain, Delaware Mayor Julie Secrest, and PPCO Board of Trustees President Norman A. Jacobs visit the relocated health center.

SCHOOL menus

Big Walnut Local Schools prices for Type A lunches are \$2 for grades 1-5 and \$2.25 for grades 6-12. Meals are 35 cents. A la carte items are offered at the middle and high schools; prices vary. Pre-paid lunch tickets are available at each building's office.

The following is the menu for Oct. 19-23.

Monday, Oct. 19: Chicken patty or hot dog, potato rounds, green beans, gelatin.

Tuesday, Oct. 20: Taco with lettuce or barbecue beef sandwich, corn juice, cup milk.

Wednesday, Oct. 21: Chicken

nuggets or chili soup, carrot coins, applesauce, blueberry biscuit, milk.

Thursday, Oct. 22: Pizza or fish sandwich, green beans, apricot cookie.

Friday, Oct. 23: Submarine sandwich or beef fajita wrap, broccoli, fresh fruit, brownie, milk.

Crew player visits Souders

Alex Kessler, a fifth grade student at Souders Elementary School, got to take Columbus Crew player Jorgen Sommer to school with him last Monday. Sommer was part of the BIC "Take a Player to School" program.

Sommer talked with fourth and fifth graders about the importance of doing well in school. He also attended several classes with Kessler and ate lunch with him, and held a mini-soccer clinic during an afternoon gym class.

Kessler, 11, won the day with Sommer last Aug. 22, when he was the first contestant to find the hidden cone with the BIC logo inside on the soccer field at half-time of a Crew game.

4-H news ...

Galaxy 4-H

The members of the Galaxy 4-H Club have had an exciting fall. They took a "fun trip" to Westerville Golf Center, and afterwards headed for ice cream.

In September they were well represented at the Delaware County Fair. The members competed in a variety of projects. Several members participated in the Creative Foods category with the following results: Jessica Wells, A for molasses cookies, brownies; Holly Israel, outstanding for giant chocolate chip cookies; Matthew Clipner, A for molasses cookies, B for brownies; and Priscilla Jennings, A for spice cookies. Kaitlin White received an A for her micro-oven cookies.

Entering the baked goods auction were Holly Israel, Priscilla Jennings, and Erin Clipner, who placed in the top five with her apple pie. Priscilla won grand champion with her butter-milk spice cake.

In the gardening category, Erin Clipner received A's for her beans, tomatoes, squash, tallest sunflower, and largest sunflower, and a B on her potato entry.

Receiving A's in the fiber arts category were Melissa Scullock, Kaitlin White, and Priscilla Jennings. Each constructed a skirt and matching accessory. Erin Clipner received a best of class in Sewing for Others with a jacket and matching skirt.

Jessica Wells participated in rabbit showmanship and breed and received an A for her rabbit. Melissa Scullock showed in the small animal category with her parakeet and received a B.

On Oct. 19, the members received an A for their project on muskrat trapping while Matthew Clipner received an A on his photography project.

A very active Cloverhead group represented the Galaxy 4-H Club. Dan Israel, Chris Israel, and Emma O'Donnell made terrariums to display, and Ben Wells displayed his shell collection. Samantha O'Donnell displayed a very creative insect collection. Corey and Derek Halderman constructed various demonstrating things learned from their project books. Morgan Clipner displayed an applied T-shirt.

Great work 4-H'ers and Cloverheads! A special thanks to all the parents who made the first year at Delaware County Fair a great success for the Galaxy 4-H members.

Submitted by Holly Israel

Pegasus 4-H

Members of the Pegasus 4-H club wrapped up the year by showing

their various projects at the Delaware County Fair. Much work went into the projects as well as fun learning. Our results were:

Keith Ceddia: second horse western pleasure (9-11); second western riding (9-11); second western driving (9-11); fourth running (9-11); second poultry showmanship; first poultry skillathon; third angora goat doe; A's on horse, goat, and poultry projects.

Ryan Ceddia: A on horse project; fifth reining (15-18); third western riding (15-18); second senior poultry showmanship; second for his pullet chickens; sixth for meat chickens; first for angora goat doe; third senior goat showmanship; A's on his projects.

Amanda Cianey: third in pony English showmanship; third in western pony showmanship (12-14); third driving (12-14); third in speed and control (12-14); fifth in western pleasure (12-14); fifth in poles; sixth trail; and sixth barrels. She also got a A on her horse project.

Danielle Chaney: received an A on her horse project.

Lindsey Collier: fifth place with her rabbit and an A on her project. She received an outstanding with her cookies, and an A.

Codi Collier: received an A on her cookie project.

Mike Edwards: received an A on his run safety project.

Mike Henney: received an A on his horse project.

Scott Henney: received an A on his horse project; fourth in pony western horsemanship; fifth in barrels; sixth in pony western pleasure; second in toilet paper contest.

David Irwin: received an A on his horse project; sixth place in pony express competition with Renee Temple.

Rachel Leonard: got an A on her pony project; first place for her first year English equitation; second in first year English showmanship; third in western showmanship; third in western horsemanship pony, and third in western pleasure pony.

David Strickling: got an A on his small animal project, showing his cat.

Renee Temple: received an A for her pony project; sixth in western pony showmanship; sixth in English pony showmanship; and sixth in the pony express contest with David Irwin. She got an A for her pullet chicken project and her pullet chickens were grand champions.

Submitted by Ryan Ceddia

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We have had some beautiful fall weather the last few days. How long it will last, I don't know. The woolly worms are black from end to end, so with what that is supposed to mean it doesn't look good; but, we will take it as long as we can get it.

We finally did get some rain over the weekend about a week ago. We got over an inch. This is the first amount we have had since the first of July, and it was too late to help the crops any. It would rain north of us and south of us, right in sight, and all we would get was a sprinkle.

I have corn that just dried up. I had good prospects until it quit raining, which was right when it was needed to put on some ears. I started to shell on it yesterday and I sure wasn't getting much. The same field made 140 bushels last year, but this year I'll be surprised if it makes 30. Ordinarily, you can see the ears bouncing around in the grain head; this year there's nothing. Usually there is quite a stream of corn going into the grain bin; this year, there's only a trickle.

With the cost of fertilizer, spray, and all the ingredients of production being up from last year and the corn being around 75 cents less, you can see where I'm going to come out.

Beans did a little better than I thought they were going to do. The fields that made 50 bushels last year made around 30 this year, but beans that bought \$6.50 last year brought \$4.88 this year, so there you go again. That is a 30 percent cut in your wages. How would you



Carey Glaz

like that? That may sound simple, but that's what it is. You would go on strike, but we can't; you can't just shut down and walk out on this job, then go back to work and pick up where you left off. On a farm, you can't do that.

I got done with the beans on Oct. 2, thanks to the Justice boys; so, that's worry is over.

This crazy weather — 85 one day, then frost the next night. The frost didn't harm the full-season crops much; they were beyond that, but it bit the second crop of beans quite a bit. They might come out of it if we have the right kind of weather, but this time of year, the odds are not good.

The saying is that bigger is better, but the bigger farmers are beginning to hurt. Those that depend on rented land are having trouble renting land with all of this urban sprawl and development.

Clinton has been wanting Congress to come up with more farm aid to keep farmers in business, but Congress has got its mind on Monica Lewinsky. So if you run out of something to eat, just blame

Monica.

The FSA loan rate on corn is \$1.92 and is \$5.41 on beans, but you would have to have your own storage. The terminals have gotten onto it, and they charge so much for putting in storage, then add a charge per bushel per month, so they take all that you could possibly gain.

Milk is the same way — set a good price per hundred, then keep 20 percent per hundred to cover their loss if they have one, so the old farmer is still "the goat."

The weather prediction is that Ohio is to have a mild winter, the Dakotas and Minnesota colder, South Carolina and further south will be warm, and Texas will be dry. They know about as much about it as I do (and that isn't much), but it sounds good.

This is the week of the Lancaster Fair. I have seen the ground covered with snow during this fair.

Now John Glenn is going up in space. Go for it, John. From what I see on television, he is about as spry as the young ones, but about 20 years ago they showed him in a baseball game that Congress was playing, and he ran about as totter as I do. So I guess situations make a difference. But go for it anyway, John, just show them how tough you can be.

Remember the "old medicine shows" we used to have before TV? No, most of you don't. They traveled from town to town and put on a good show, and sold their medicine. You would cure anything from ingrown toenails to heart trouble. Some people bought it and sales support.

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Sean Thompson of Westerville attended the first-ever Ohio Farm Bureau Federation Young Leaders Trip to Washington D.C., met with federal government leaders, and was educated on how the federal

government operates. Thompson also met other young farmers from across the nation, and met with aide to U.S. Representative Jim Kasich, Mason Wiggins, speaking to him about how to improve farm exports and the need for food safety laws.

ERA Keller Realtors raised \$100 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association through a Zoo Walk for Jerry's Kids, held Aug. 23 at the Columbus Zoo.

ERA Keller Realtors is a member of the ERA Real Estate Network. ERA is the sole corporate MDA sponsor from the real estate industry, according to an ERA news release.

Brad and Mary Keller, their two daughters Danae and Stephanie, and Brad's mother, Alice Keller, participated in the zoo walk.

Regarding the work on Beacon Rd., the electric company, phone company, and water company are making plans to move their utilities as needed.

In further road concerns, a motion was made and passed to set

weight limit reductions on all roads in Kingston Township.

The trustees voted to purchase the property owned by Lula Mae Sheets at 7465 Ohio 512 for use as the new Kingston Township building.

Former trustee Dave Martin attended the meeting to request that the Board pass a resolution supporting the passage of the 3/4 percent sales tax with 1 mil property tax rollback to maintain the county roads. A motion was made and passed unanimously in which the Board expresses support of the levy.

In other news, Big Walnut Mid-

dle School PTO volunteers are busy planning a B.W.M.S. family, friends, and community cookbook as a fund-raiser to help support activities for the middle school.

Anyone interested in contributing recipes or help, please feel free to contact the school at 965-3006 or at 524-4861.

This project will be done completely by parents and community volunteers to keep the cost down.

Meals are available for those age 60 and over. For more information, call Community Nutrition at Grady Memorial Hospital, 1-800-487-1115.

The following is the menu for the week of Oct. 19-23:

Monday: Ham loaf with honey mustard glaze, garden rice blend, chopped broccoli, tropical fruit cup, wheat bread. Diet: meatloaf instead of ham loaf, mashed potatoes instead of scalloped potatoes, California veggie, peach chicken, wheat roll.

Tuesday: Colonial chicken breast with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, citrus sections, wheat roll.

Wednesday: Macaroni and cheese, succotash, mandarin orange sections, NutriGrain bar, wheat bread. Diet: chopped beef instead of macaroni and cheese, mashed potatoes, no NutriGrain bar.

Friday: Marinated chicken fillet, winter mixed veggies, au gratin potatoes, brownie, wheat bread. Diet: mashed potatoes instead of au gratin potatoes, grapefruit sections instead of brownie.

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The Central Ohio Symphony Orchestra will have its season debut concert on Saturday, Oct. 17 at 8 p.m. in the Gray Chapel of Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware.

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perspective on playing and selecting a musical instrument.

Season ticket subscriptions are available for \$30 for the four-concert series. Call 1-888-999-COSO for more information.

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spent \$45 million on a sex scandal; and if they want to protect all the kids from pornography, why were all of these grand jury reports made very public? Also, how could illegal tapes be used as evidence? If it is illegal, it is illegal. It could go on and on with things I don't understand, but it wouldn't do any good.

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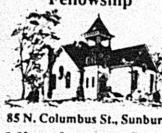
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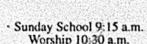
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Appleton, Edwards plan Oct. 17 ceremony

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and honeymoon in Jamaica.

Sunbury resident plans departure for ministry in Spain

By Lisa Elliott

I am writing to tell you about what God is doing in my life and how He has decided to use me in the upcoming year.

As you may know, I graduated in May from The College of Wooster with a B.A. in Spanish. During my years at Wooster, I grew up a lot in my relationship with God. He has given me a more global understanding that desires to see people come to Christ. Now that I have graduated, He has called me to serve Him in Spain on a church-planting team with European Christian Mission (ECM).

On campus, I was involved with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, an evangelical student organization that challenged me to expand my world view. During my freshman year, I participated in a series of mission training weekends where I learned the Biblical basis for missions. This prepared me to study abroad in Cordoba, Spain during my sophomore year. During my junior year, I attended InterVarsity's missions conference, Urbana '96, and there God communicated to me even more strongly the urgency of His commission to be His witness. I

left that conference with a desire to serve overseas for at least a short term.

God also used my studies in Spain to direct me. I thoroughly enjoyed my classes and my sophomore year abroad which I culminated in a senior independent-study thesis on the persecution of the Protestant church under the dictatorship of Francisco Franco. My year studying in Spain opened my eyes to the need in Spain. Although I wasn't going as a missionary, I knew that because I was a Christian, that I wanted to be an ambassador for Christ and I was commanded to "go and make disciples." There in Cordoba, I was able to fellowship with a small, but strong, group of Christians in a Baptist church. The people there were the most joyful people I met in the city. Although Spain has a strong, religious heritage, it is a secular country. The base of Christianity in Catholicism just doesn't reach the hearts of many people. Only 27% of the 92% who profess Catholicism are practicing.

The young people are especially disinterested in religion or spiritual things. The long history of oppression by the church still hangs over Spain, and Spaniards have come to associate the church with bigotry and tyranny. Since the death of Franco, the church and state have been separated. For the first time in time in the country's history, and many people see religion as irrelevant. With the economy improving, there is a large disinterest in spiritual things.

This is why I am going to serve with ECM. I will be living in a pueblo called Penarroya and working on a multinational team with some full-time missionaries. There will be doing evangelism, teaching English, and working with children or youth. Additionally, I will be a member of the community, trying to form relationships.

I am hoping to learn more about being in ministry in a team context. I am excited about forming relationships with Spaniards, and I hope to help some people grow in their relationships with Christ and to see others come to Christ. I know this will be time of learning, and I am excited about all that God will teach me.

How can you be involved in my ministry? I need to develop a team of supporters who will faithfully lift me and my work up in prayer. You can also help by giving to ECM in my name. My total budget for living and travel expenses for the year is

months.

Helen Clark, George Burger, and Susie Conklin, all of Sunbury, and Gail and Marge Clayton had dinner together Thursday evening at a Columbus restaurant.

Tom and Rachel Buxton have just returned from a mini-day trip to Portland, Maine, with their camping group. They are a large group of friends and visited with five other couples they met in Florida ten years ago. Their camping group has had a reunion twice each year. The Buxtons flew on the United Air Lines where their daughter, Tina Miller, serves as a stewardess.

Pastor John and Penny Dotson, Betty Garee, Warren and Lois Hammond, and Sam and Freida Yager of Bexley, Ind., were callers last week to the church.

Verena Wenzel of Westerville, Verena had dinner with Bill and Charlotte Van Fossen and Danny and Grace Van Fossen at the Olive Garden in Newark.

Ann Capuana of Grove City, Mary Allbrition of Jacksonville, Fla., and Gail and Marge Clayton traveled Friday to Kidron, Dover, and Berlin, Ohio. Anna and Mary stayed all night with the Clayton's.

Chris Kimberly of Oregon has been visiting her son, Curt, and his Boston, and sisters, Donna Wallack and Anita Westfall for the past ten days. On Sunday afternoon they visited with Curt Boston and children of Mount Vernon, and had dinner together in the Wallack home that evening. Imogene's other callers were Debbie and Zack Skeens and Lisa and Evan Thiergartner.

My sister, Edith Miller, passed away Thursday morning, Oct. 8, at 87 years old.

NEW BETHEL NEWS

By Fern Glaze

In Psalms 118 we read that "this is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." And what a beautiful weekend we had to rejoice and be glad for. It was a perfect time for Pastor John and Dotson's fine message about the parable of the sower from Mark 4. But any time is good for a good sermon.

Warren Hammond was in charge of the announcements, and Christina Gorsuch led the congregation in singing. For special music, the little ones sang "This Little Light of Mine," followed by the Young at Heart choir singing "Revive Us Again," and the teenage group's special number, "I Know It Was the Best."

The Friendship Circle ladies had their October meeting Tuesday evening in the fellowship hall with Christina Webb and Mildred Della Flora as hostesses. Sue Butterfield was in charge of the devotions. Most of the evening was used for planning the annual turkey supper in November at the church.

On Wednesday night, the quarterly business meeting at New Bethel will be held after the Bible study and children's meeting.

A three-night revival meeting is planned for October 22-24, and the Homecoming special program and dinner will be at the church on Oct. 25.

Patty Strickland and Floyd Young are both about the same as last week, but we are glad Verena Warner is improving and making plans to return to Florida for the winter.

My sister, Edith Miller, passed away Thursday morning, Oct. 8, at 87 years old.

the Woodside Village Care Center of Mount Gilead, after several months illness. Visitation was at the Crouse-Kauber Funeral Home in Johnstown Sunday evening. The Rev. Craig Mulpas of the Marengo Church of Christ presided at the graveside service Monday morning at the Green-Hill cemetery. Edith's granddaughter, Darlene Von Ville, sang two beautiful hymns, and Rev. Mulpas had a fine message for us during the service.

We were pleased that our children were able to spend as much time with us during the weekend — our children being Raymond and Mary Glaze of Spencerville; Judy Bradock of Bokins, and Don and Anita Herlensky of Heath. Our other visitors were Frank and Jean Clever, Bob and Rosella Grove, Penny Dotson, Garee, Ann Gorsuch, and Darlene Von Ville. We surely appreciate all your care and concern for Edith during her illness and for Carey and me.

The work at New Bethel Church is still at a standstill, but lots of

work is being done.

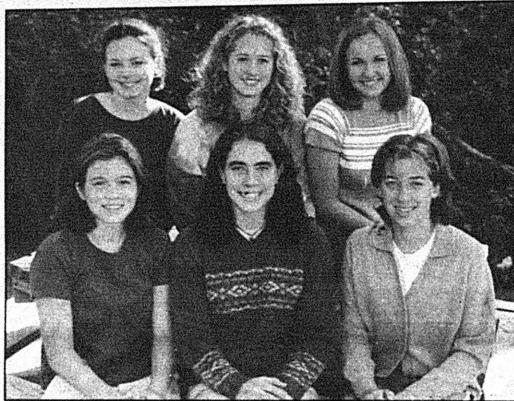
Edith's funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at New Bethel.

Edith's casket will be at the church.



HOMECOMING 1998

GOLDEN EAGLES vs. WHITEHALL
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16 - 7:30 P.M.



BIG WALNUT HOMECOMING COURT

Front, from left, Michele Triplett (junior attendant); Alissa Hicks (sophomore attendant) and Mereh Day (freshmen attendant). Back: Lanie McKinley (senior candidate); Kelly Evans (senior candidate) and Jodi Eldred (senior candidate).

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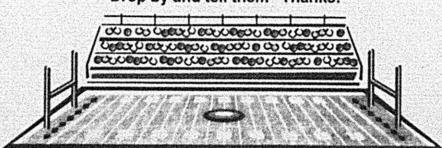
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

5:00 p.m. - Homecoming Court departs

soccer field in hot air balloon

5:45 p.m. - Parade starts at J.R. Smith Park

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Senior Choir members perform

prior to queen ceremonies

7:10 p.m. - Crowning of Queen

7:30 p.m. - Start of Game

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Defensive Work Helps BW End Streak Against Braves

The Big Walnut football team, clinging to a seven-point lead with under seven minutes left in the game, used defensive heroics to post a 33-7 win over Olentangy last Friday.

BW, ranked second in the Division II coaches poll and seventh in

the Ohio High School Athletic Association Division III computer rankings, stands 5-4 overall. They return to the Ohiocapital Conference play with they host Whitehall for homecoming this week.

"Our kids really played an enthusiastic game tonight," Wetzel said.

"It may sound kind of corny, but the mental aspect is big. Our kids came out and did what we had asked, and really did a fantastic job."

The Eagles chewed up 104 yards on the ground in the second half, and scored 21 points in the last seven minutes.

B.J. Helton pulled in an interception with 6:59 remaining in the fourth quarter, and sprinted 35 yards untouched.

The Eagles, beating the Braves for the first time in four years and spoiling their homecoming, tacked on two more TDs.

After Olentangy turned the ball over on downs at its own 30, BW went seven plays with Rob Stover finding Kris Morgan in the back right corner of the endzone for a 5-

yard toss with 2:38 left.

Stover intercepted a pass at the goal line, danced his way to the near sideline, and streaked coast-to-coast for a school record 100-yard score with 19 left. Andy Trout tacked on the extra point.

"The second half was ours tonight, and it's the first time that's happened all year," Big Walnut coach Scott Wetzel said. "Usually we have to tie a knot and hang on, but not tonight."

Helton scampered in from nine yards out with 9:12 left in the second quarter with Adam Hicks missing the first of three extra point attempts.

Olentangy led 7-6 at halftime, but

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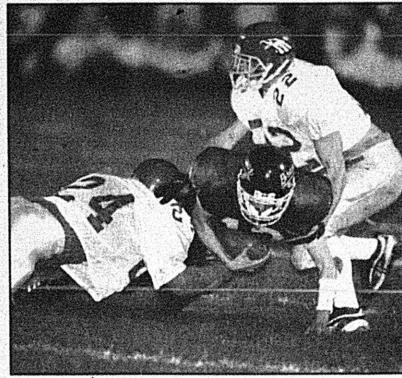


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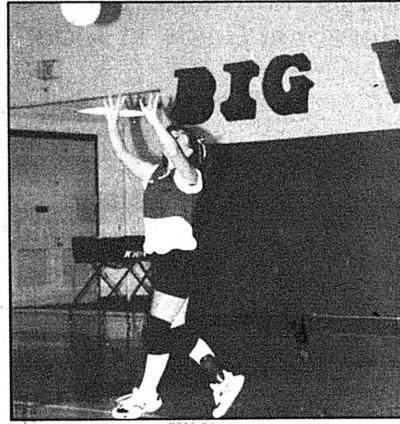
B.J. HELTON (24), MIKE CASTLE BRING DOWN DEFENDER

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MARLA GOETZ PREPARES TO SET UP THE BALL

Volleyballers Upend Mount Vernon for 2nd Win In Row

By Steve Kesler

Big Walnut's girls varsity volleyball team won 15-6, 14-16, 15-11 in a Ohio Capital Conference road match against Mount Vernon Tuesday. The Eagles, now 7-10 overall and 7-3 in the OCC, won for the second straight time, tying their longest streak of the season.

Leading the way were Samantha Filing (12-12, four digs); Cara Moore (12-13, four aces, five kills, 11 digs); Jill Davis (10-12, two aces, nine digs); Lauren Zvansky (6-6, ace, 22 setting assists); Katie Peterson (nine kills); Tracy Ander (four kills); Morgan McKinley (three kills) and Katie Zipp (four digs).

"It was kind of a roller coaster match," commented Coach Lehman as his team held a 12-10 lead in the second game and 11-6 in the third. "We served nine consecutive points to help BW pull out the win."

The Eagles face Teays Valley in the Division II Gahanna Sectional opener at 6:15 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 22.

Winner will return to Gahanna to play Olentangy on Saturday, Oct. 24. That match is scheduled for 4:30 p.m.

* BW experienced serving problems in a 15-2, 15-7 non-league loss at Bexley last Saturday. "We played 'em 'kay," commented Coach Lehman. "We feel behind 7-2 in the first game and were ahead most of the way in the second."

Leading the effort were Davis (11-11, three aces, five digs); Ander (8-8, ace, three kills, three digs, two blocks); Marla Goetz (12-13, three aces); McKinley (four kills, two digs, two blocks); Moore (three kills); Zipp (four blocks) and Zvansky (nine assists).

Reserve Report

Big Walnut defeated host Mount Vernon 0-15, 15-12, 16-14 in Ohio Capital Conference action Tuesday.

Helping the Eagles, now 7-10 overall and 5-5 in the OCC, were Lindsey Dupler (one point); Kate Kennedy (four points); Erin Lassak (one point); Angie Triplett (20 points — 11 in the third — with six aces and seven straight points at the

Punts: Weaver 4-125, Klobots: Hock 5-211.

Big Walnut: Osho, 0 at Olentangy. Stover (2) 7-0, 0-0. —23. Dewart (2) 7-0, 0-0. —7. BW: 1 TD - Helton (2) 7-0, 0-0. —7. Caps: 10. Interf: 1. Weave (2) 5-yard run; Morgan, 5-yard pass from Stover; Stover, 100-yard interception return; PATs - Youn, 1-point; 2-point conversion pass from Stover. Stover, 4-yard run; P.M. - Clegg, 10-yard run; Stover, 35-yard TD; Stover, 8-yard, Weaver 11-yard, Helton 7-28; Brian Hoge 14-yard run; Stover 5-10-0, Receiver; High 10-yard run; Helton 7-28.

Punt Returns: Crawford 2-32; Kickoff Returns: Crawford 2-30; Fumble Recoveries: None; First Down: 8 runs, 3 passes, 1 penalty; Penalties: 8-35.

Stats provided by Wayne McLaughlin, Jim Smith, John Clark and Denny Morris.

Keen Ties School Mark As BW Wins 3rd Straight

By Steve Kesler

The Big Walnut girls soccer team won its third straight match - highest of the season - and earned its sixth shutout with the largest point total of the season Monday night.

Coach Darin Karbler's squad defeated Westland 8-0 in Ohio Capital Conference action at the high school. BW is now 8-6-1 overall and 3-2 in the OCC.

"We played well and it was another game we were able to get up early," said Coach Karbler. "We were fortunate enough to be ahead, get an opportunity to work on some things we've done in practice and prepare for the tournament."

* BW, seeded fourth, opens the Division II Sectional by traveling to either Grandview or Canal Winchester on Tuesday, Oct. 27 at 7 p.m. That winner will face the winner of Sales vs. New Albany at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 29, again at 7 p.m.

* Kristen Keen tied the school record after knocking in four goals against Westland. So far this season, she has 16, which places her in tie for third place.

Keen scored her first goal with 19:11 left in the first half. On a BW free kick from the 18, Sarah Monroe passed ball left with Klein driving the ball with left foot into upper corner.

Klein dribbled towards the left post to the 6 yard line on her second goal, making the right foot shot to lower right of goal with 12:02 in the opening half. She received an assist from sister, Claudia, from left off penalty area.

In the second half, the senior forward took a corner kick from the right side with 25:10 left, her left footed the ball into the left side of goal.

Keen made a right footed shot to upper right of goal from about eight yards out with 23:10 after the ball was knocked loose following a collision with Megan Innes and the Westland goalie.

Kristin Brockman, who also netted four goals in a match earlier this season, scored once in each half and now has 10 total goals.

The first was at 28:00 of the first half after taking a pass from Sarah Prince at left midfield line. She sprinted untouched goal, hitting a right footed shot from center of 18 yard line into the top middle net.

On the second half score, Brockman took a pass from Sarah Monroe at the 18 with 33:04.

Monroe had received a Westland goalkeeper punt near midfield, and evaded two defenders before delivering the ball to Brockman. The senior midfielder dribbled in, shot with right foot to lower right corner from about eight yards out.

Two other players helped the comeback effort as the ball roared to a 5-0 half-time advantage.

Claudia Keen scored with 34:55

to go in the first half from left post after ball was knocked back and forth in front of goal by Brockman, Hankus and various Westland players. She has four goals for the season.

Allison Harkus scored her third goal on a shot with her right foot from left of goal from about 15 yards out with 21:30 remaining.

The play was set up after Innes took the ball towards right corner, and crossed to Brockman in middle of penalty area. She headed the ball into a Westland defender, then took the rebound and passed to Hankus running into center of penalty area from her right midfield position.

The Eagles outshot the visitors 2-1. Stef Gant and Brockman teamed up for two keeper saves.

* BW scored the first goals in 7-2 non-league victory over Mansfield St. Peter's at the high school last Saturday.

Innes and Kahraman McKenzie paced the attack with two goals, both in the first half. Innes has five goals and McKenzie four on the



JENN MURPHY BATTLES OPPONENT. This photo was misidentified last week. The News regrets the error.

Photo by Chris Harubin

ond half were Brockman, Kristen Keen and Prince, who now has 10 total goals.

Kristin Brockman kicked the ball off the goalkeeper and then knocked in the rebound with 29:02 after taking a cross from McKenzie at left front corner of penalty area.

Keen dribbled up middle of field, evaded a defender, and hit a left-footed shot from right side with about 25 yards out on the fly inside the left post with 35:29.

Prince gathered in a pass from Connor and took a shot with left foot from about 8 yards out into middle of goal with 6:53.

Gant finished with 10 keeper saves while Melissa Kelley added three. BW outshot Mansfield 17-5.

Boys Soccer Wins 5 of 6 After Beating Marysville

By Steve Kesler

The Big Walnut boys soccer team won for the fifth time in six outings by gaining a 4-1 Parents Night victory over Marysville Tuesday night.

"We came together in the second half and put a lot of pressure on them," said Coach Charlie Brodhead after the Eagles went to 8-6-1 overall and 3-2 in the Ohio Capital Conference.

Rafeal Vasquez scored his first goal of the season at the 19th minute of the second half on crossing pass from Jim Miller.

Fourth minutes later, Evan Circle

took a Miller assist for his first goal. Blake Bachman netted his second goal on an assist from Jim Whitling.

Troy Hawksworth scored his first goal on a penalty kick at the 30th minute of the first half.

Bret Morris deflected three shots. The Eagles outshot the Maroons 21-11.

* The Eagles will host Brookhaven in the first round of the Division I Sectional on Wednesday, Oct. 21.

The winner will travel to fourth-seeded Washington Kilbourne on Saturday, Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. If BW wins that match, they would host the Sectional finals in Wednesday, Oct. 28. All games begin at 7 p.m.

* BW posted a 2-0 OCC victory over Mount Vernon last Thursday night at the high school.

"I think our defense is playing pretty well right now," said Coach Brodhead.

Jim Whitling scored with seven minutes left in the first half. Mark Weade, assisted by Miller, added the second goal with 25:00 to go in the match.

Bret Morris turned away eight shots. The Yellow Jackets outshot the

Maroons 15-14.

* BW was awarded a 1-0 forfeit over Columbus Whitstone Saturday. Whitstone was unable

to field a team.

Reserve Report

Big Walnut won its seventh consecutive match dumping Marysville 4-0 at the high school Tuesday.

BW, now 9-3-1 overall, has

outscored its opponents 45-0 during that span.

Matt Keppler scored his 14th goal of the spring. Kelly Cragg netted his ninth goal while Adam Ratliff

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Home Educated Student Plays Soccer in Germany

Aaron May, a local home-educated student, has been offered the opportunity to play soccer for the professional club FC08 Homberg in Homberg, Germany.

May played for the Big Walnut varsity soccer team the past two seasons. He is tied for sixth all-time in career goals (27) and second in season goals

achieved in the summer of 1999 to make a determination about further commitment.

"Although his position is unpaid, the potential to move through the program looks promising," said his mother, Kristine.

"This has always been a dream of Aaron," added Mrs. May. "One that and his late father, Rick, encouraged and supported him in."

May also participated with the Blast FC club in Columbus.

Big Walnut Plans Many Homecoming Festivities

Big Walnut has several activities planned for homecoming this week.

A pep rally is scheduled for 4 p.m. this afternoon (Thursday) at the high school. Several other surprises are in the works.

The homecoming court will lift off in a hot air balloon Friday from the high school soccer field at 5 p.m., according to organizer Ruth Shuster.

A parade will be held prior to the Friday's game against Whitehall. The event is set for a 4 p.m. start at J.R. Smith Park, which is located behind the Sunbury Certified.

The balloon will wind its way up Cherry Street (State Route 37), past Eling Hardware and then turn left on Columbus Street to the high school, stopping at the BW locker room to salute the team.

Prizes will be awarded for best group, funniest group and most original.

The hot air balloon will also soar back into the sky from the same location.

Senior choir members will perform prior to the crowning of the queen.

That event will take place at 7:10 p.m. on the track in front of the home stands.

Members of the court include senior candidates Lanie McKinley, Kelly Evans and Jill Eldred; junior attendant Michael Triflett; sophomore attendant Alisa Hicks and freshman attendant Meredith Day.

A bonfire will be held following the contest, which begins at 7:30 p.m.

The dance will be held Saturday from 8:30 - 11:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

Merchants were asked to decorate their windows for the event.

Lady Harriers Set 5 Personal, 3 Season Bests at JA

By Steve Kesler

The Big Walnut girls cross country team placed fourth in the Ray Russell Invitational last Saturday.

"The girls proved that they deserved their ranking," said Coach Dave Phelps as his squad scored 109 points. "They all attacked the first



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mile and carried it through to the end."

The Eagles, now 42-58 overall, moved up to fifth in the Division II area coaches poll. That is the highest rating in Coach Phelps' tenure.

Stephanie Jones completed the 5,000-meter distance at Jonathan Alder High School near Plain City, gaining fifth to earn a medal with a personal best time of 20 minutes, 24 seconds.

Heather Longshore followed in 20th, closing with a season best

21:48. Sara Pedersen took 24th with a personal best 21:57 and Julie Yagle placed 29th in the event with a season best 22:03.

Meredith Day placed 35th in a season best 22:16. Bridgette Spettel earned 40th in a personal best 22:39 and Jennifer Schwartz was 46th in a personal best 22:29.

Running in the open race were Shelly Matthews, 35th in a season's best 27:23; Emily Walton, 43rd in 30:05.

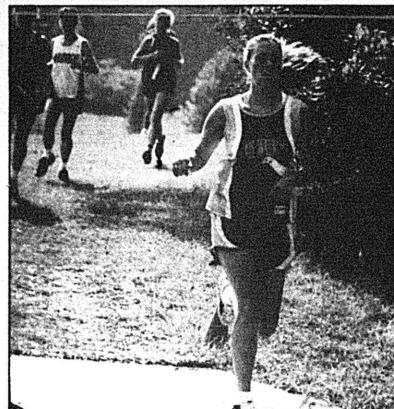
"Everybody ran great and our pack moved forward one minute to

complement Stephany's one-minute improvement," added Coach

Lancaster Fisher Catholic won the team title with 51 points followed by DeSales (69) and Worthington Christian (81).

After BW were Ready (114), Highland (130), Olentangy (154) and Westland (186).

• BW will participate in the Ohio Capital Conference Capital Division meet at Mount Vernon on Saturday. The event is slated for a 3 p.m. start.



Middle School Volleyball

(Boys)

Big Walnut participated in the reserve race at the Les Eisenhart Invitational in Worthington on Saturday.

Contributing to the effort were Ben Hopp, seventh in 13 minutes, 24 seconds; Matt Heringer, 51st in 15:11; Kory Kahrmann, 73rd in 15:47; Jacob Swain, 82nd in 16:20, and Josh Swain, 94th in

17:15.

• BW fell 15-50 against Pickerington in a rain storm at home on Wednesday, Oct. 7.

Matt Bauder was tenth with a time of 13:25. He was helped by Adam Goodrich, 13th in 13:41; Hopp, 15th in 14:04; Heringer, 26th in 15:40; Jake Bender, 37th in 16:37; Andrew West, 43rd in 17:24; Kahrmann, 47th in 17:48; Jacob Swain, 48th in 17:50 and Josh Swain, 49th in 17:55.

• The Eagles finished fourth with 65 points in a triangular meet at Reynoldsburg on Tuesday, Sept. 29.

Leading the way were Goodrich, fifth in 13:13, Bender, 10th in 14:01; Bender, 21st in 15:19; Heringer, 25th in 15:40; Josh Swain, 30th in 17:25; Kahrmann, 31st in 17:27; Matt Connelly, 33rd in 17:38 and West, 34th in 17:46.

• BW scored 266 points to take 12th at the Pickerington Invitational on Saturday.

Goodrich finished 29th with a time of 13:10.

Helping were Bauder, 36th in 13:21; Hopp, 51st in 13:49; Bender, 73rd in 15:25; Heringer, 77th in 16:36; West, 79th in 16:53 and Connelly, 81st in 17:29.

In the reserve race, Kahrmann took 10th in 16:18.

(Girls)

Big Walnut finished 14th with 358 points in the Les Eisenhart Invitational in Worthington last Saturday.

Meagan Fadely paced the attack by getting 38th in 14 minutes, 57 seconds.

She was helped by Stacy Popovich,

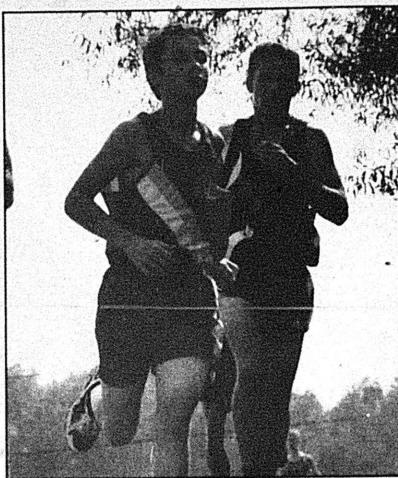


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AARON GILBERT RACES TO TOP TIME AT JA

Boys Runners Earn Personal Bests at Alder

By Steve Kesler

All five members of the Big Walnut boys cross country team established personal bests at the Ray Russell Invitational last Saturday.

Eric Schilder placed the East over the 3 1/2-mile layout at Jonathan Alder High School near Plain City with a time of 19 minutes, three

seconds.

Helping the cause were Aaron

Gilbert, 25th in 20:06; Nathan Baker, 26th in 20:13; Scott Morris, 29th in 20:47 and Chris Miller,

37th in 21:06; Lindsay Morris, 76th in 17:35; Andrea Szabo, 84th in 18:55, and Stephanie Sunderland, 87th in 20:01.

• The Eagles dropped a 15-50 decision to Pickerington in a rain storm at home on Wednesday, Oct. 7.

Fadely completed the race in tenth place with a time of 14:16. She was followed by Popovich, 26th in 18:15; Szabo, 27th in 18:16; Morris, 31st in 18:35 and Sunderland, 39th in 20:07.

• BW placed fourth with 69 points in a triangular meet at Reynoldsburg on Tuesday, Sept. 29.

35th in 22:07.

Everybody ran well," commented Coach Dave Phelps. "I'm excited about our results in this race and the possibilities this Saturday at the OCC (Ohio Capital Conference) meet.

Millersport won the event with 47 points. Next were Teays Valley (49), Marysville (68), Westland (74) and Whitehall (118).

• BW will participate in the OCC Capital Division meet at Mount Vernon. The event is slated for a 3 p.m. start.

Leading the way were Fadely, sixth in 16 minutes, 14 seconds.

She was helped by Morris, 14th in 18:08; Popovich, 19th in 19:11; Sunderland, 21st in 19:57 and Szabo, 25th in 20:14.

• BW finished ninth with 234 points in the Pickerington Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 26.

Fadely placed 30th with a time of 15:52. Helping were Popovich, 44th in 17:36; Morris, 50th in 19:19; Sunderland, 53rd in 21:06 and Szabo, 57th in 25:06.

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Successful Tennis Season Ends Too Soon

By Debby Jados

All good things must come to an end, and the Big Walnut tennis team ended their season last weekend at the Division II Sectional tournament.

"I think the season went very well," said coach David Baur. "I think, as I said from the beginning, with hard work we can accomplish something, and we did."

In first singles at the sectional tournament, senior Candice Wickham defeated Thomas of River Valley 6-2, 6-3 in the first round, then lost in the second round to Byers of New Albany 6-3, 6-3.

Freshman Megan Nowicki won in the first round, defeating Sanders of Watkins Memorial 6-3, 6-2. Nowicki lost in the second round to Choy from Academy 6-3, 6-1.

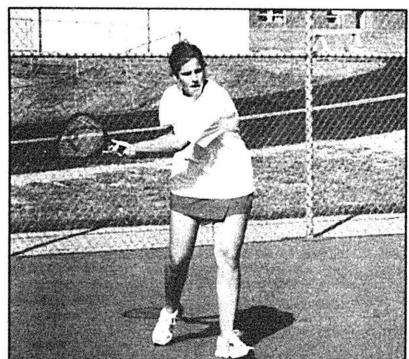
In third singles, freshman Erin Merten also won the first round, defeating Scaffery of Watkins Memorial 7-5, 6-3, then losing in round two to a second seed and district qualifier, Sharp from Bexley 6-0, 6-0.

In doubles, the team of junior Leslie Caplan and Abby DeLong won the first round on a bye, then lost to the team of Klenzman and Paff from River Valley 6-3, 6-3. That team went on to district qualifiers.

The second doubles team of juniors Corie Stickney and Stephanie Wickham lost in the first round to Roberts and Chapman from Thomas Worthington, the number four seed, 6-1, 6-0.

"We were trying to get better," Barrett said. "We were in the last four of our five dual matches and demonstrated a lot of effort."

"We won some pretty big matches in the OCC (Ohio Capital Conference) tournament. We battled people all year long," Barrett said. "Our girls handled themselves well, and I'm proud of them for that."



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Golfers End Season In County Tournament

By Debby Jados

The Big Walnut golf team ended their season last Thursday by placing fourth at the County Tournament at Tanglewood Golf Course.

"This was our last hurrah for the year, at least until sports banquet time," said head golf coach Dean Duffey. He said he was disappointed in how the end turned out for his team.

Olentangy won the tournament with a team score of 332. Delaware finished second with a 335. Buckeye Valley was third with a 352, and the Eagles had a team score of 370. Freshman Kent Haddix was the

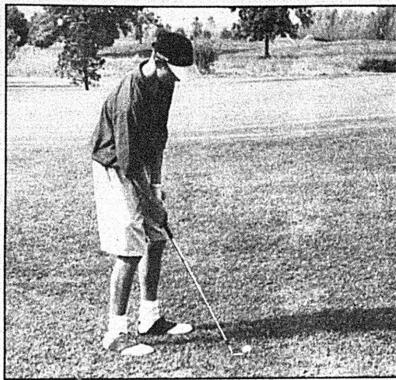
team medalist for the last tournament, with a 47 on the first nine holes and a 44 on the second nine for a total of 91.

Close behind Haddix was sophomore Aaron Zimmerman, who shot 46 on both days for a 92 total over eighteen holes. Right behind him was senior Jon Lewis, who finished his last high school golf tournament with a 47 and a 46 to be third on the team with a score of 93.

Junior Tim Haddix had a 49 and a 45 for a 94, junior Shane Salyer shot a 45 and a 50 for a 95, and senior Richard Markley ended his high school golf career with a 49 and a 51 for an even 100.



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AARON ZIMMERMAN CHIPS A PUTT ONTO GREEN

Middle School Football

Seventh Grade

Big Walnut's seventh grade football team overwhelmed Worthington McCord 32-8 in a road contest on Thursday, Oct. 1. They are 4-0 overall.

Scoring touchdowns were Anthony Gugliemi (43-yard run in the first quarter); Jeremy Evans, 2 (20-yard pass from Andy Stein in the first period, 15-yard pass from Stein in the second quarter); Jayme Wright (two-yard run in the second quarter) and Brad Rhoden (five yard run in the third quarter). Gugliemi added a two-point conversion after Wright's touch-

down. The Eagles jumped out to a sizable lead and the school off Mount Vernon in a 20-14 win at the school on Thursday, Sept. 24.

Evans scored two touchdowns in the first half. He sprinted 45 yards for one score and gathered in a 35-yard reception from Andy Stein for the other.

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Local Racers Compete In National Runoffs

The Valvoline National Runoffs will take place at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course near Lexington today and Thursday through Sunday.

Area drivers in the race are John Schmitt of Sunbury and Rusty Bell, Jason Engel, and Bruce Wright of Galena.

The 37-year-old Bell will be racing his Toyota-powered Tercel in the GT-4 class. He earned the right to race by competing in at least four national events and finished in the top-10 in his regional division.

Ohio was represented with 81 drivers. Toyota-powered races are eligible for cash awards ranging from \$100 to \$5,000 in various classes.

Bicycle Mile Challenge Set This Sunday

First Buckeye 1/8th Bicycle Challenge will be held at Pacemakers Dingstring Mount Vernon on Saturday, Oct. 18.

Schedule of events includes the following: 7 a.m. gates open; 7:30 a.m. registration; 8:30 - 1/8th Mile Hot Lap; 9:30 - 1/8th Mile Drag Race; 11:00 - 30 Lap Road Race for juniors, women, stock, super stock classes; 1:00 - 50 Lap Road Race for modified and super modified; 2:00 - Awards.

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Football Association Honors Russell, Johnson

"Big Walnut Youth Association recently planted trees in honor and memory of Margie Russell and Steve Johnson at J.R. Smith Park in Sunbury.

Members of the Russell and Johnson families are shown from

left in the adjoining photo.

"We wanted to do something in their memory and honor," said Ned Fletcher, president of the group that oversees youth football in the community.

"They spent many hours volun-

teering their time for BWYAA," he added. "They wanted the best for each child that entered this organization. We appreciate their time and devotion, and they will be sadly missed but never forgotten."

Tim Smith of Galena bowled a perfect 300 game at the Palace Lanes in Columbus on Saturday, Sept. 26.

The Big Walnut senior rolled the first perfect game this season by a Columbus area youth. His record for the morning session was 300-256-175 for a total series of 731.

Tim helped his high school bowling league team to first place as a sophomore and second as a freshman. He has been bowling in the youth league since he was eight years old.

Smith also plays first base and pitches for the Eagles' varsity baseball squad.



Smith

Middle School Volleyball

Eighth Grade

The Big Walnut eighth grade volleyball team defeated Olentangy Blue in a road match on Monday evening.

The Eagles, now 13-2 overall and 9-1 in the Ohio Capital Conference, were helped by Katie Hollingshead's six straight points in the deciding third game. Ashley and Anna Kerr offered net support and Jamie Grandomincio added six points.

• BW placed fifth of 12 teams in the Hilliard Heritage Tournament last Thursday and Saturday.

The team lost their opener to Upper Arlington but bounced back with wins over Delaware, Willis and Worthington Christian and Grandomincio led the effort.

• The Eagles knocked off host Olentangy Gold in OCC play on Wednesday, Oct. 7.

Grandomincio scored 10 straight points in the first game. In game two, Hollingshead's defense work and Grandomincio's service rallied the visitors for the win.

• BW defeated Worthington Perry 15-12, 9-15, 16-14 in an OCC road contest on Monday, Oct. 5.

Hayden Shelby scored 13 points and Sara Smith added 10. Ashley Kerr was praised for net play and hustle.

• The Eagles defeated Worthington Christian at the middle school gym on Wednesday, Sept. 30.

• BW lost to Jamie Grandomincio 15-12, 16-14 in an OCC road match on Wednesday, Oct. 7.

Leaders were Beach (1-2, point, ace); Marsha Fink (1-2, two points, ace); Holly (3-3, point); Kennedy (2-3, two points, ace); Koester (4-5, four points); Potter (2-3, three points); Scott (12-12, 11 points, ace); Sarah Zifp (3-2, two points, ace) and Zvansky (1-2, point).

• The Eagles earned a hard-fought come-from-behind 16-14, 15-12 home win over Worthington Perry on Wednesday, Sept. 9.

Jamie Grandomincio, Agin and Burris each had seven points.

• The next opponent was a hard serving host Bexley team on Tuesday, Sept. 8.

Bexley won game one 15-13, then jumped ahead 6-1 in the game two. Jenny Burns started the comeback with seven straight points, the Eagles winning game two 15-9.

then finishing off the Lions with strong net play from Andrea Agin.

Tracy Lucas scored six points to lead the Eagles.

• BW opened the season with a 15-4, 15-9 home win over Upper Arlington Hastings on Wednesday, Sept. 2.

The Eagles dominated game one with Hayden Shelby serving ten out of ten and scoring nine straight points.

Game two saw BW jump out in front, but Hastings came back to go ahead 5-3. Jena Cumbow then reeled off six straight points and Ashley Kerr finished the scoring with four consecutive points.

Seventh Grade

Big Walnut's seventh grade won its third straight match, dumping Olentangy Blue 15-2, 7-15, 11-15 at home Monday.

Helping were Megan Scott (7-9 serving, six points, two aces); Nicole Zvansky (16-17, 12 points, ace); Britney Hagan (11-12, nine points, ace); Shelly Kennedy (5-6, four points); Lindsay Potter (4-3); Alicia Tracy (2-2); Trina Rader (3-5, two points, ace); Maggie Vance (1-3, one point) and Erika Koester (3-4, two points).

BW stands 7-5 overall and 6-4 in the Ohio Capital Conference.

• The Eagles defeated Olentangy Gold 15-12, 15-14 in an OCC road match on Wednesday, Oct. 7.

Leaders were Beach (1-2, point, ace); Marsha Fink (1-2, two points, ace); Holly (3-3, point); Kennedy (2-3, two points, ace); Koester (4-5, four points); Potter (2-3, three points); Scott (12-12, 11 points, ace); Sarah Zifp (3-2, two points, ace) and Zvansky (1-2, point).

• BW posted a 16-14, 5-15, 15-4 win over Worthington Perry in an OCC road encounter on Monday, Oct. 5.

Offering support were Zvansky (15-17, 11 points, ace); Holly (11-14, eight points); Scott (7-8, point,

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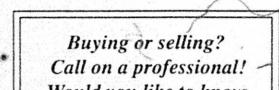
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Weather takes toll on pumpkin crop

From staff reports

Heavy rains that flooded farm fields in northern Ohio this summer also played a nasty Halloween trick on the state's pumpkin crop, leaving many farmers with fields full of rotting gourds.

A dry spring and a rainy summer combined with high temperatures left thousands of pumpkins rotting with insects and disease, said Mike Pullins, executive director of the Ohio Fruit Growers Society.

"They're just a very sensitive crop," Pullins said.

In west-central Ohio, though, fields are brimming with pumpkins, leaving the state with a slightly below average crop, said Bob Preacher, a fruit and vegetable specialist with The Ohio State University.

In Delaware County, the pumpkin prospects are looking good, said one grower.

"They're holding up remarkably well considering how early they turned and how dry August was."

— Bill Freeman Jr. of Sugarfree Farms

Bill Freeman Jr., Sugarfree Farms, 6142 Lewis Center Road, says quantity and quality are good and he has a large variety to offer the public at his place.

Although he still has large pumpkins for sale, they are smaller than in previous years, he said.

The hot, dry summer weather caused pumpkins to ripen earlier than usual, but that has not posed any great problems.

"They're holding remarkably

well considering how early they turned and how dry August was," he said.

Despite the subpar season, pumpkin prices haven't gone up in most markets and groceries, because stores often sell them cheaply to draw customers. And there still should be plenty to go around.

This year, customers just won't have a large selection to choose from, Pullins said. Prices should hold steady because many farmers agree on a set price before the season, he said.

Dave Gress, general manager of The Fruit Growers Marketing Association in Northeast Ohio, says stores are almost giving them away. He has seen prices for 20-pounders as low as \$2.99. Most farmers will get an average of 10 cents per pound on pumpkins.

The association, a coalition of smaller fruit growers, expects to ship 50 to 60 tractor-trailer loads of pumpkins, but Gress said he could sell twice as many pumpkins if they were available.

Ohio farmers grow about 3 million pumpkins on 4,000 acres. The pumpkin acreage has doubled in the last 10 years.

The crop has been so good that some Ohio farmers have become wholesale pumpkin growers, shipping them all over the United States.

Part of the reason for the growth is that Halloween continues to be a popular holiday. Another is that gourds have become fashionable.

"Pumpkins are now a decorative item," Pullins said. "They're not just used for Halloween. They're a seasonal product."

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United Way streamlines pledges

From staff reports

The local United Way has streamlined the system out-of-county workers can use when pledging to the county organization.

"This year, workers can select the county in which they want to give, without the hassle of asking for an additional donor designation card or contributors choice card," said Laura Comer, United Way of Delaware County spokeswoman.

For the 1998 campaign, "We" of Delaware County community campaign, "It's You, It's Me, It's All of Us," has a \$1,284 million goal. That is 7 percent more than last year's record-setting campaign.

Sheriff's deputies pay respects to dog

From staff reports

Delaware County sheriff's deputies paid their respects Tuesday to a deceased colleague: an animal who never refused orders, stayed by his handler's side, and saved that handler's life.

Dorian, a 5 1/2-year-old Czechoslovakian shepherd and member of a K-9 team, died last Thursday from

an apparent heart attack. His handler was Deputy Rob Springer.

"It's not very often ... we have to honor a fallen deputy," Sheriff Al Myers said during the 15-minute service that began about 2 p.m. outside his office.

The animal served the sheriff's office for 1 1/2 years. "During that time, he did the ultimate," Myers said.

Cross, Big Brothers-Big Sisters, Boy Scouts of America; Simon Kenton Council, Delaware Area Recovery Services, Delaware Speech and Hearing Center, HelpLine of Delaware, Morrow Counties, Legis Day Health Center, the League of Social Liberty Committee, Literacy Coalition, Martin Goodwill Industries, People in Need, Seal of Ohio Girl Scout Council, Senior Services for Independent Living, and Turning Point.

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United Way agencies include Action for Children, the American Red

The sheriff was referring to the night of June 1 when Springer was confronted by a knife-wielding suspect near U.S. 425 and Ohio 257S. Dorian alerted Springer to the suspect who then tried to stab the deputy. The suspect was shot and killed.

"That split second saved his handler's life," Myers said. "... That is what we honor here."

SchoolWatch members to take stance on levies, other education issues

From staff reports

A group of Olentangy school district residents have formed a new organization to promote educational reforms.

SchoolWatch will "be a forum for people who ... think their ideas are lost on the educational establishment," explained organizer Jay Black, a frequent critic of the school district.

"They have interesting ideas on how to reform the schools, but ... they feel their ideas are largely ignored. ... We want these ideas to get some consideration and public exposure," he said.

While SchoolWatch is billed as a "proactive, pro-educational consortium of people from a variety of school districts," so far, only a handful of Olentangy residents are directly involved.

"We have had conversations with people in Dublin schools and Worthington schools, about how they can help us and how we can help them," group Treasurer Wayne Jones said.

Black said that SchoolWatch will not limit itself to levies and bond issues, but will study a variety of school issues.

For now, however, SchoolWatch is opposing the three Olentangy tax issues on the Nov. 3 ballot: a 5-mill permanent operating levy; a 30-year, 0.43-mill bond issue that would raise \$6 million for land purchases; and a 0.44-mill, 20-year bond issue to raise \$4.9 million for athletic fa-

cilities and practice fields.

Last week the group formed a political action committee to oppose the issues; forming a PAC allows the group to raise funds for their campaign.

Although Black said SchoolWatch eventually will expand into other area districts, the group is taking no stand on any other tax issues, such as Dublin City Schools' 7.6-mill operating levy on the November ballot.

"People in other districts are interested in the group, but they first want to see how we handle (opposing

sues) in Olentangy," Black said.

He added that the group eventually could form an ongoing, multi-county PAC to support or oppose various central Ohio education issues, he said.

Meanwhile, Mary Ann Melvin, spokesperson for CARE — a district watchdog group — said she is distancing herself from SchoolWatch.

"I am very emphatic about disassociating myself from this group ... I disagree with the approach they are taking," she said.

Melvin — along with Black, Jones, and other district residents — organized CARE as a grassroots group intent on promoting higher management, academic, and performance standards in the district.

As a member of the Olentangy Development Committee, Melvin helped to formulate the two bond issues on the ballot.

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