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BRIMFIELD

Kidney failure claims police K-9 Ace

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BRIMFIELD — With his partner and fellow officers at his side, K-9 Ace died Monday of kidney failure.

The German shepherd, who was humanely euthanized, had been the partner of Sgt. David Knarr for four years.

"It was a sad day for us yesterday," said Police Chief David Blough, who explained the certified animal was more than a dog, but a fellow officer to the men in his department. "We weren't going to let him suffer."

Ace, who was 5 years old, earned national and state certifications in narcotics detection, tracking, evidence recovery and handler protection. He had countless narcotics finds from motor vehicles and other locations during his time in service, Blough said.

He also made many appearances at local functions, including at the schools, where he was very much loved by the students.

Blough said the department will start looking for another dog after the first of the year. The department currently has one K-9 that works one shift and is on call.

"The dog has to have the drive, like playing with a ball, chasing it," Blough said. "He also has to have a good temperament. Our dogs are very social. They're in the schools and meet with children in kindergarten to college. Sociability is paramount to us."

The K-9s are donated, as is their training. Blough said to eliminate overtime, the handler trains as part of his regular work day.

Veterinary care is donated by Brimfield Veterinary, and food is donated by a manufacturer, Blough said.

When the next puppy is selected, Blough will look for the puppy's drive and temperament.

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BRIMFIELD

WingStreet ready to open

Pizza Hut location prototype for new restaurant

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BRIMFIELD — Holiday shoppers will be able to take a break at Pizza Hut WingStreet, which will open Dec. 14.

The restaurant is located at 4118 S.R. 43.

"I've had so many calls from people asking when it was going to open," said Carol Magazzeni, a spokeswoman for Hallrich Inc., which owns the restaurant. "There's a lot of excitement going around."

Township Trustee C. Daniel Tronge also said "a lot of people have asked when the restaurant was going to open

WAITING FOR SANTA



Santa Claus recently visited the German Family Society in Brimfield. Waiting for the Jolly Old Elf to arrive, above from left, are Mischi Rodesheim and Natalie Blaser. At right is Leann Powel, dressed as an angel.

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KSU

Museum shows 'Great American Glass'

"Great American Glass: The Roaring 20s and Depression Era" a new exhibition at the Kent State University Museum, features more than 60 items from the museum's extensive collection of American glass.

The exhibition in the Museum's Tarter/Miller gallery

notes the many household uses of glass in this era as well as showing some of the manufacturing processes for blown and pressed glassware. The exhibit's guest curator is James Measell, historian at Fenton Art Glass in Williamstown, W.Va.

All the glassware on display

is from the Tarter/Miller Collection. Generous donations and bequests from Jabe Tarter and Paul Miller, formerly of Akron, led to the creation of the Tarter/Miller Gallery at the KSU Museum in 1983, and the glassware collection numbers approximately 10,000 items.

ROOTSTOWN

Residents complain about snow plowing

By Diane Smith
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ROOTSTOWN — Residents of the Marsh Creek development on Tuesday complained to Township trustees, concerned that this could be another winter when their roads are barely touched by snowplows.

There are 16 homes on undedicated streets in the development.

Trustee Bonnie Howe said an inspector with the Portage County Engineer's Office has listed 13 tasks in an Oct. 2 letter to developer Dale Haggerty, all of which must be completed before the roads can be dedicated.

She said the developer has not responded to the letter, and the next step will be to check with the Portage County Prosecutor's Office if Haggerty does not comply with the con-

ditions outlined in the letter.

Meanwhile, trustees told residents, the township has a policy stating that the roads must be plowed when snow is 4 inches deep or more.

If Haggerty does not return a phone call within 90 minutes of a snow emergency being declared, the township road crew will bill Haggerty \$400, plus an extra \$100 for every 30 minutes crews spend in the development. Last year, road

STREETSBORO

Jury: Player not at fault for injury

Accused of breaking nose of basketball opponent

By Colin McEwen
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A former Streetsboro High School girls basketball player was found not responsible for breaking the nose of a Woodridge competitor in January 2006, a Summit County jury ruled.

Tabitha Richardson was accused of "intentionally, willfully and maliciously" striking a Woodridge basketball player, Anna Horning, in the nose, according to court records.

The eight-member jury unanimously disagreed Friday, finding no intent for Richardson to injure Horning.

The jury was shown a video of the incident, occurring in the final moments of the contest, and found no "recklessness or intent" needed to prove the case.

The video shows Richardson setting a pick for a teammate, then moments later elbowing Horning in the nose during a scrum for the basketball.

"When you look beyond the seven seconds of the tape, there was no pushing or shoving, no animosity between these players," said Frank Mazgaj, the defense attorney for Richardson and her mother, Cassandra, who was also named in the suit.

"Everyone who testified said it was a clean game. These two played each other in soccer and basketball twice a year for the four years they played."

Mazgaj said the plaintiff needed to prove a "conscious understanding of the actions would result in injury," and argued there was not sufficient time for his defendant to make such a decision.

Horning sued seeking to pay for \$5,000 in medical bills, as well as more than \$200,000 in damages, according to court records.

Diana Colavecchio, Horning's attorney, said it was "difficult" to prove recklessness due to the inability to show prior animosities between the two athletes.

"We're happy to get it that far," she said "It was a tough case."

"We do feel that we have advanced the ball for the next person who gets injured in a high school sports event," she said. "Next time, we feel high school administrators and the Ohio High School Athletic Association will sit up straighter and take a little more notice in an injury in high school sports to avoid things like this ending up in court."

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PORTAGE COUNTY

Habitat taps two for board

JoAnn McEwen and Richard Schaack were elected to the Habitat for Humanity of Portage County Board of Directors at the affiliate's December board meeting.

Denny Mervis, board president, said "I am enthusiastic about the willingness of JoAnn and Richard to serve on our board. Both have backgrounds that will greatly contribute to the success of our housing ministry in Portage County."

The new directors will serve three-year terms beginning Jan. 1.

McEwen is a native of Ravenna. She is a 1990 graduate of Kent State University with a degree in Education. She has taught school for 17 years.

She brings to the Habitat board 14 years of experience working with the Portage affiliate.

Schaack is an entrepreneur who owns and operates Davey Industries and Lariat Machine in Ravenna.

HOLIDAY SERVICE



Bissler & Sons Funeral Home and Crematory in Kent recently hosted its 18th annual holiday remembrance service. The gathering allows families a special time to come together and share the emotions that the season brings to those who have lost a loved one. Each family placed a dove on the tree in remembrance of their loved one as their name was being read. The Rev. Julie Fisher, rector of Christ Episcopal Church in Kent, officiated at the service. From left are the Rev. Julie Fisher, Mrs. William (Mary E.) Bacon and Julie Schossler.

KSU

Yokoyama joins Liquid Crystal Institute

Kent State University's world-renowned Liquid Crystal Institute recently announced that Hiroshi Yokoyama has become an Ohio Research Scholar and professor of chemical physics at the LCI, starting July 1.

He most recently held the

position of director of the Nanotechnology Research Institute at the National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology, one of the largest government-funded research organizations in Japan.

Yokoyama is an expert

in the field of liquid crystal physics with a focus on the surface properties. His primary research interests are in the areas of liquid crystals, surface and colloid science, organic thin films and scanning probe technology.

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