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AREA BRIEFS

KSU to celebrate Tree Campus on Thursday

A ceremony to celebrate Kent State University's designation as a Tree Campus USA for the third consecutive year will take place at 2 p.m. Thursday in front on Engleman Hall as the university also celebrates Arbor Day.

The Tree Campus USA award, which is given by the Arbor Day Foundation, will be presented to Gregg Floyd, Kent State vice president for finance and administration. Following the presentation, residents of Engleman Hall will plant a tree to commemorate the occasion. Engleman Hall was the winner of Kent State's 2011 Recyclemania competition.

Tree Campus USA, a national program launched in 2008 by the Arbor Day Foundation, honors colleges and universities and the leaders of the campus and surrounding communities for promoting healthy urban forest management and engaging the campus community in environmental stewardship. During the first year of the program, KSU was one of 29 schools to receive the initial designation.

Karkare joins Portage United Way board

The United Way of Portage County has elected Sonia Karkare to its board of trustees.

Karkare is a resident of Kent and works for the nonprofit NPower as technology director - Community Corps. She is involved in the Ametek Tree City 5K run for United Way as a sponsor this year.

The United Way of Portage County has a local board of community volunteers that live or work in Portage County. For information about volunteering or contributing to United Way of Portage County, contact Steve Kleiber at 330-297-1424, ext. 112.

Crestwood board sets meeting on Thursday

The Crestwood Board of Education will hold a special meeting at 8 a.m. Thursday at the Pupil Services Building, 4571 W. Prospect St., Mantua.

The purpose of the meeting is related to an overnight Crestwood High School field trip and any other business.

Paris trustees change meeting dates in May

The Paris Township trustees have announced new dates for both regular trustee meetings in May. The May 5 meeting has been rescheduled for 7 p.m. May 3. The May 19 meeting has been rescheduled for 7 p.m. May 17.

LOTTERY

NIGHT DRAWINGS

Mega Millions: 19-29-32-38-55 (15)

Megaplier: x3

Rolling Cash 5: 08-15-30-32-34

Ten-Oh: 04-06-14-20-21-25-27-31-36-37-39-46-47-54-60-62-63-67-71-73

Pick 3: 9-5-1

Pick 4: 5-9-8-8

DAY DRAWINGS

Ten-Oh: 07-12-14-16-18-20-23-27-28-35-38-40-45-46-47-49-73-78-79-80

Pick 3: 3-8-8

Pick 4: 2-0-4-5

LOCAL STOCKS

DoCoMo 17.77 up 0.16
Eaton 54.91 up 1.30
Ford 15.66 up 0.12
First Energy 39.38 up 0.67
First Merit 17.18 up 0.33
General Electric 20.10 up 0.21
Goodyear 16.06 down 0.17
Huntington 532.82 up 7.77
Huntington Bank 6.65 up 0.08
JPMorgan 45.12 up 0.51
Key Corp 8.54 up 0.13
Lockheed Martin 79.04 up 1.60
McDonald's 76.94 down 0.19
Parker Hannifin 98.49 up 3.17
PNC Bank 62.01 up 0.83
Wendy's 4.77 up 0.03
The Dow Jones Industrial Average was 12,595.37, up 115.49.

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Jack Franklin Kohl, Sr.



Jack Franklin Kohl, Sr. devoted husband, father, grandfather and friend passed away April 24, 2011 after a brief illness.

Born on March 28, 1924, Jack was a lifelong resident of Ravenna, Ohio. Jack was a 1942 graduate of Charlestown High School and a 1949 graduate of Kent State University.

He served in the Armed Forces in World War II. He served with the Army Air Corps from 1943-1945 as a ball turn gunner on a B-17 warplane. He flew 17 missions while stationed in England and survived three crash landings during the war.

After the war, Jack returned home to marry the love of his life, Judy Frank in 1948 and raise his family.

Jack started the Jack Kohl Agency, Realty and Insurance in 1954. He was always the man with a smile and a positive attitude in town. He served as Ravenna Twp. trustee for 24 years. He always joked that the most money he ever spent on his "campaign" was \$3 for matches with his name on them.

Jack retired in 1990 to enjoy his passion for gardening and spending time in the Florida Keys and watching his grandchildren living life large. He enjoyed his large family creating many family memories with annual trips with the entire family camping in Maine to the annual winter get away weekend to Maumee Bay.

His backyard pool served as a main gathering place for all friends and family in the summer months who all enjoyed the bounty from his prolific garden.

Jack also served as president of the Portage County Real Estate Association. He was a long time member of the Elks Club and Kiwanis Club. He was a devoted member of his life long church Immaculate Conception of Ravenna. He will be remembered by all who knew him for his friendly and generous attitude toward everyone he met.

Jack is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Judy. Also surviving are his six children; daughters, Julie (Charlie) Bailey, Susie, Libby Clawson, and sons, Jack (Heidi), Tim (Lucinda), and Mike (Angela) Kohl. He leaves his 8 grandchildren: Chas Bailey, Jake (Charity) and Jarrod (Carmela) Kohl, Kaylyn (Matt) Kane, Alec, Jocelyn, Elise, and Jace Kohl, and one great grandson, Parker Kane.

Also survived by sister Jean Anne Pelusi and her husband John Pelusi, Sr of Boardman, Ohio, along with brother-in-laws Burt (Sue) Frank of Ravenna and Jim (Ruth) Frank of Jacksonville, Fla. along with 16 nieces and nephews and numerous grandnieces and nephews.

Family will receive friends on Wednesday, April 27, 2011 from 5:00PM until 8:00PM at the Wood-Kortright-Borkoski Funeral Home, 703 E. Main St., Ravenna.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Reverend John-Michael Lavelle on Thursday, April 28, 2011 at 11:00AM at the Immaculate Conception Church, 409 W. Main St., Ravenna. Private burial will take place at Maple Grove Cemetery.

Condolences and memories may be shared at www.wood-kortright-borkoski.com In lieu of flowers, memorials contributions may be made to Robinson Visiting Nurse and Hospice, 6847 N. Chestnut St., Ravenna, Ohio 44266 or National Parkinson Foundation (Research Fund), P.O. Box 5018, Hagerstown, MD. 21741-5018. (Wood-Kortright-Borkoski 330-296-6436, RC 4-26, 27-11)

James L. "Jim" Soltis, Sr.



Together Again

James L. "Jim" Soltis Sr., 91, of Parkman, passed away from natural causes on April 23, 2011, at his home surrounded by his loving family.

He was born July 13, 1919 to Frank and Mary (Kedzuch) Soltis Sr. in Parkman, OH. James was a farmer and milk hauler. He was a lifetime member of St. Edward's Catholic Church in Parkman.

James was a dedicated and loving husband to his beloved wife Hazel for over 65 years and he was blessed with "the most loving, perfect wife a man could ask for."

He was an avid sports fan and enjoyed watching the Browns, Indians, and Ohio State games, but James most cherished watching his family's sporting events.

James was a hard working, productive man who always helped his family any way he could. He most treasured his beloved family and friends. He is survived by his children Charlie (Susan) Soltis of Marion, Donnie (Jill) Soltis of Oberlin, Linda (Jerry) Jacobs of Parkman, Gene (Fiancee Roxanne Kaufman) Soltis of Huntsburg, Jimmy Soltis Jr. of Parkman; sister Bernice Baptie of Burton; 17 grandchildren; and 31 great grandchildren and two on the way; sisters-in-law Bernice Soltis and Virginia (Karlo) Maki; and brother-in-law Lloyd White.

James was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Hazel (Hillock) in 2007; brothers Frank, Emil, and Edward Soltis; sisters Helen Lee, Agnes White, and Rose Donaldson, and his daughter-in-law Bonnie Soltis.

Friends may join the family for visitation on Thursday, April 28, 2011, from 3-8 P.M. at Mallory-DeHaven-Carlson Funeral Homes & Cremation Services, 8382 Center St., Garrettsville, OH 44231. Please meet at St. Edward's Catholic Church in Parkman for Mass of Christian Burial on Friday, April 29, 2011, at 11 A.M. with Fr. John Burkley officiating.

Burial will follow at Overlook Cemetery in Parkman. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Parkman Fire Department, 16299 Main Market Road, Parkman, OH 44080 Online condolences @ www.carlsonfuneralhomes.com



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Melvin Z. "Butch" Thomas, Jr.



Melvin Z. "Butch" Thomas, Jr., 59, passed away on April 24. Owner and operator of M. Z. Thomas, Inc. an asphalt contracting company, he was a beloved son, husband, father, brother, uncle, and friend. Melvin Z. "Butch" Thomas, Jr. touched the hearts of all who knew him. Mel was as the Rock of Gibraltar for so many friends and family, always steady, reliable, and self-sacrificing. His passing leaves a void that will be difficult to fill, but we can honor his life by living a life enriched by love and faith.

Mel was preceded in death by his parents, Melvin and Marjorie Thomas, and is survived by his loving wife, Sandra Thomas; his daughter and son-in-law, Tamara and Harley Conrad; his son and his fiancée, Zach Thomas and Jennifer Porter; brother, Gail Thomas; and sisters Judy Montgomery, Pat Dias, Sally Weckerly, and their families.

In lieu of flowers, a fund has been established at Grace Baptist Church to assist with final expenses; checks should be payable to Sandra Thomas.

The memorial service will be at 7p.m. on Thursday April 28, 2011 at Grace Baptist Church, 5915 Rhodes Road, Kent, Ohio 44240.

(Dunn-Quigley, Stow, 330-688-3866, RC 4-27-11)

Mervin L. "Pete" Martin



Together Again

Mervin L. "Pete" Martin 71 of Ravenna passed away Monday April 25, 2011 at Akron City Hospital. He was born June 6, 1929 in New Kensington, PA to the late James and Charlotte (Troup) Martin. Pete has lived in Ravenna since 1977 and was formerly of Hubbard. He retired from Burroughs as a district manager and worked for Kent State Golf Course as a starter.

He volunteered for RMH and was a veteran of the US Navy. Survivors include his sons W. David Martin of California, Mike (Connie) Martin of Ravenna, daughter Lynne (Michael) Hall of Niles, Ohio, grandchildren Chris, Jimmy, Josh, two great-grandsons and his companion Pandy.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his wife Jean in Jan. of 2008 and twin daughters Lisa and Laura.

Calling hours will be 6-8 PM Thursday April 28, 2011 at Shorts-Spicer-Crislip Funeral Homes Ravenna Chapel. Graveside services and burial will be 3:00 PM Friday April 29, 2011 at Grandview Memorial Park Ravenna, Ohio with Chaplain Chuck Denison officiating. Condolences may be shared with the family at www.sscfuneralhomes.com (Shorts-Spicer-Crislip (330) 296-6858, RC 4-27-11)

Biagio Anthony Sidoti



Biagio Anthony Sidoti, age 83; Husband of the late Frances Anna Sidoti (nee Oros); Father of Roger B. (Mary), Gayle A. Kelly (William), Phillip B. (Paula), and Christina Latsko (Robert); Grandfather of Ann Rogers (Jason), Elizabeth Sidoti, Regina Engelmenn (Frank), Joseph Sidoti, Erin Kelly-Byrd (Aaron), Bridget Kelly, Evan and Claire Latsko; Great grandfather of Gwendolyn Rogers and Roxanne Engelmenn; Son of the late Salvatore and Josephine Sidoti, Brother of Sarah Camarati (deceased) (Angelo), Caroline Nehez (deceased) (Lewis), Joseph Sidoti (Mary) and Josephine Fragapane (deceased) (Michael); Uncle to many nieces and nephews.

He was a dedicated public servant, starting in the service department and then serving for over twenty years as an elected member of the Broadview Heights City Council, culminating his service as Council President. He was an active member of Assumption Parish, serving as an usher until his most recent illness.

Biagio (Bill) gave unselfishly his time and talents to help anyone in need and will be missed by all the lives he touched.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Crossroads Hospice, 9775 Crossroads Rd., Suite 270, Valleyview, OH 44125.

Mass of Christian Burial Assumption Church, 9183 Broadview Rd., Broadview Heights, OH 44147, Thursday, April 28, at 10 a.m. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery.

Friends received at RIPEPI FUNERAL HOME, 5762 PEARL R.D. (AT SNOW RD.), WEDNESDAY 2-4 AND 6-8 P.M. (Ripepi Funeral Home, (440) 888-0800, RC 4-26, 27-11)

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Man hospitalized after fight in Kent

By THOMAS GALLICK | STAFF WRITER

A Kent man is facing an assault charge after a fight broke out Monday night at the Blue Fig Bar and Grill on the city's west side.

According to court records, Allen V. Hribar, 26, of 170 Spaulding Drive, No. 3 in Kent is charged with felonious assault, a second-degree felony.

"There were several patrons in the bar when a female patron fell," said Kent Police Department spokesman Lt. Paul Canfield. "Another male patron made a comment someone took umbrage to."

Canfield said Roger D. Boykin, the victim of the assault, and another man allegedly began fighting.

"At least initially it was more or less a mutual fight," Canfield said. "Then a third person (Hribar) got involved

and struck the victim. He actually kicked him."

The Blue Fig Bar and Grill recently opened at 1225 W. Main St.

Boykin was transported from the scene of the assault to Robinson Memorial Hospital in Ravenna. As of Tuesday, Robinson had no available records on Boykin's condition.

Canfield said Tuesday he had no information on Boykin's current condition or the extent of his injuries.

According to Portage County Court records, Hribar was arraigned Tuesday and is scheduled to appear in court next for a preliminary hearing before Judge Kevin Poland in Portage County Municipal Court on Friday.

Charges may still be filed against the other individuals involved in the fight Canfield said.

ODNR offering free workshops

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources is offering free workshops to anyone interested in learning how to become a monitor for Ohio's Stream Monitoring Project in Northeastern Ohio.

A workshop will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. May 26 at Mantua Village Park in Mantua for the Upper Cuyahoga River. Attendees should dress appropriately.

For more information, contact Billie Jagers at 330-527-2961 or billiesqm@frontier.com or Greg Marvin at 330-

872-0040 or greg.marvin@dnr.state.oh.us.

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