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Baseball team wins sectional

Mustangs score four runs in first inning on way to 5-4 victory over Huntington

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Relay team sets SVC record

The 1,600-meter relay team won a league title in record time as the boys team finished fifth overall. The girls placed fourth overall

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GM cutting dealer franchises

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Harden doesn't comment on local impact

NEW YORK — General Motors Corp. on Friday told about 1,100 dealers, or nearly 20 percent of its U.S. network, that they will be fired by the automaker late next year because their sales are weak.

It is uncertain if one of the dealerships is Harden Chevrolet, which was informed

Thursday it would be losing its Chrysler dealership.

"I have no comment at this time," said Don Harden, manager of the dealership which has been in business for 81 years in Pickaway County. Its Main Street location features both new and used vehicles for sale, a service department,

parts department and body shop.

GM's announcement is more bad economic news for dealers, communities and businesses still reeling from Chrysler's similar nationwide dealer cuts a day earlier. Both automakers are scrambling to reorganize and stay alive in a

severe recession that has devastated sales of cars and trucks.

While GM doesn't own the dealers, its network is too big, causing dealers to compete with each other and giving shoppers too much leverage to talk down prices and hurt the company's future sales.

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Harden Chevrolet on Main Street remains open after Thursday's announcement of the loss of Chrysler products from its new-car inventory. It is unknown if General Motors also pulled the plug on the 81-year-old dealership.

TRISH BENNETT
The Herald

Ohio has 1 month to fix budget

Economics, politics put gap about \$2 billion

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COLUMBUS — A potent combination of economics and politics has Ohio lawmakers facing the prospect of repairing a hole of at least \$2 billion in the next two-year budget in a little over a month.

Among the factors: Pessimistic economic forecasts weren't pessimistic enough. The Democratic-controlled Ohio House increased spending and didn't follow through on Gov. Ted Strickland's proposals to cut spending. And the state likely faces a "U-shaped" or "L-shaped" economic recovery, according to its budget director — in other words, the economy will either recover slowly or it will do no better than simply stopping its decline.

The hole in the budget passed by the Ohio House a couple of weeks ago was partly a function of Strickland's budget staff not foreseeing the

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Randy Sanders, from left, Paul Hang and Clyde Gosnell waded through the wetlands at the Mary Virginia Crites-Hannan Park. The three volunteers planted 800 plants, including calla, sweet flag, versicolor, pickerel and turtlehead along the east side of the wetlands Friday morning. Gosnell, an amateur naturalist from Ashville, said "every plant is native, nothing has been brought in from another country." More plants will be added to the wetlands in stages.

Water extension plan stalls

Mayor concerned pipes too big for Crites-Hannan Park

By TRISH BENNETT
STAFF WRITER

The on-again-off-again water and sewer extension into Mary Virginia Crites-Hannan Park met yet another roadblock Friday as Mayor Chuck Taylor expressed concerns over the engineering specifications for the project.

"I'm not saying they're wrong, but I want to make sure they're right," Taylor said. "I'm not questioning the design

engineer or anything, but when we invest that kind of money, it needs to be a good investment."

Taylor voiced the concerns Friday when Tom Klitzka, city council member, delivered a formal request from council for the project to move forward as quickly as



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possible.

Taylor said he received the plans May 5 and has just had a chance to review them this week. He said he intends to have the plans reviewed by a second engineering firm to insure they are correct before proceeding.

"It will be a very minimal cost," Taylor said. "I called an engineering firm [Friday], but they won't be getting back to us until Monday. It could be one of several firms, I'm not

sure yet, but we want someone to review them and make sure it's right."

The plans were engineered by Eric Clark, Michael E. Clark & Associates, using 12-inch pipe as a basis for the project, which Taylor believes is too big for the water volume that will be used at the park, potentially causing operational problems.

"That particular line is

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Mill site receives federal grant

Peters Inc. gets money to conduct environmental tests

By DAVID AMEY
EDITOR

J.E. Peters Inc. was selected as Circleville's first recipient of U.S. EPA Brownfield Assessment program assistance for environmental assessment at its 327 East Mill Street property.

The site, owned by Ed Peters through Peters Mill Street LLC, was home to a mill for several decades, most recently the Manna Pro mill, until it was largely destroyed by a fire in 2008.



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"The former mill property is a perfect fit for this program," said Circleville mayor Chuck Taylor. "The site has significant redevelopment potential and our hope is that the Brownfield Assessment grant assistance will help jump start that effort."

Circleville received a

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Pitchin' in at the park

Steve Schneider (left) helps Logann Rickards and Cassie Cunningham pitch a tent Friday in Ashville Community Park. The fifth-grade classes of Ashville Elementary School camped out overnight to celebrate their last day of elementary school in the Teays Valley district. While the rest of the district finished out the school year Friday, Scioto Elementary in Commercial Point still has two make-up days to complete, pushing their last day to May 19.

TRISH BENNETT
Circleville Herald



'Cancer doesn't recognize any holiday'

Ashville Relay for Life scheduled for Memorial Day weekend

By TRISH BENNETT
STAFF WRITER

ASHVILLE — Despite more than a few challenges this year, Ashville's annual Relay for Life event to benefit the American Cancer Society is set to kick off at noon May 23 at Teays Valley High School.

Though the event is scheduled for Memorial Day weekend, chairperson Sandra Oliver said she hopes it won't get lost in the rush of the holiday and other springtime activities.

"Cancer doesn't recognize any holiday, so we can't let that affect

us," Oliver said. "We've got a number of things playing against us this year, with the recession and the timing and the fact school is already out for Teays Valley, but we're hoping to have just as much success this year as we have in the past."

The fundraising goal is set at \$45,000 for 2009, she said, and 18 teams are currently registered to participate in the overnight walking event.

"Our goal is the same as last year, but our teams are down a little bit this year," Oliver said. "We're going to do the best we can, and if anyone wants

to join in, we're happy to have them." Last year, the Ashville Relay brought in \$48,377.41 by the time the event closed Sunday morning and topped \$50,000 when all pledges were finally received.

The Ashville event is normally held the week before Memorial Day, according to Sue Pairan, regional community director for the American Cancer Society. Competition with Teays Valley's early summer release, graduation and pending construction, however, left the holiday weekend as the only option for this year's event.

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Shred-It Day - Saturday, May 23rd

Help Fight Identity Theft & support our local Food Pantry!

This will be FREE to the residents and businesses of Pickaway County with a limit of 5 large boxes per household and/or business. Help in the fight against identity theft by shredding all your old personal and confidential documents. Workers will help unload your vehicle if needed. Volunteers from our local Food Pantry will also be there collecting non-perishable food items to help with our community needs.

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Linda Willis

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