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PICKAWAY COUNTY FAIR

Today's schedule

Kids' day

- Kids admitted free
- \$7 unlimited rides from noon to 5 p.m.

Events

- 8:30 a.m.: Jr. Fair Rabbit Show (Show Arena)
- 9 a.m.: 4-H Food & Nutrition and Creative Arts Judging
- 10 a.m.: 4-H Cloverbud Activities
- 2 p.m.: Bobby the Clown (Midway Stage)
- 3 p.m.: Jr. Fair Swine Show
- 4 p.m.: Antique Tractor Show Judging
- 5:15 p.m.: Bicycle Drawing (Must be present to win)
- 5:30 p.m.: National Kiddie Tractor Pullers
- 7:30 p.m.: Motocross (Grandstand)
- 7:30 p.m.: Southern Ohio Opry Band (Midway Stage)

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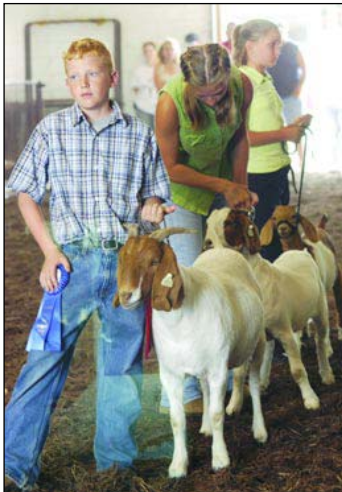
Zoe Neider, 6, looks to be the leader of the pack as she zooms by on her motorcycle at the Pickaway County Fair. The toddler was visiting the fair with her grandmother Diane Deider, of Grove City.



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ABOVE: Senior citizens were treated to a free lunch and several activities as the Pickaway County Fair celebrated Senior Citizens Day on Tuesday. Donna Beavers (left) and Ruth Fields, both of Orient, enjoyed a game of bingo as Sue Frey (center), director of the Pickaway County Senior Center, drew the numbers.

RIGHT: Kids parade through the show arena at the Pickaway County Fair during the Junior Champion Doe show Tuesday. The goats will go up for sale Saturday at the Junior Fair Livestock Sale. The event begins at 1 p.m.



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South end bustles with shoppers

Outlet store opens up to packed house

By TRISH BENNETT
STAFF WRITER

The Grandview Weekend Outlet store on U.S. Route 23 opened to a packed house Tuesday as shoppers turned out in droves in search of deals.

Don Ashworth, owner, said the new Circleville location is the largest in his chain of 10 outlets across the midwest and employs nearly 35 people with the prospect of more jobs in the near future.

"Our inventory changes every week," Ashworth said. "Our employees work harder stocking the shelves during the week than they do when we're open on the weekends."

The store's inventory rivals major retail stores, with everything from the largest piece of patio furniture to the smallest hair accessory. The store also deals in a limited selection of food products.

Ashworth said prices on name-brand merchandise are at least 50 percent off retail, and clothing is generally priced at 75 percent off.

The discounts are possible, he said, because of how he buys his inventory through overstocks, damaged packing cases and cases of assorted merchandise other retailers reject because of the manpower involved sorting it all out.

"I love it," said Chuck Taylor, Circleville mayor. "I'm real pleased. This really came to Circleville at a good time with the economy the way it is."

Discount Grocery at 900 S. Pickaway St. has also seen a wave of new customers in the wake of the slowing economy, according to owner Susan



TRISH BENNETT/Circleville Herald

Shoppers came in droves for Tuesday's grand opening of the Grandview Weekend Outlet store on U.S. Route 23 in the old Wal-Mart location.

Armstrong. "We've lost a lot of jobs around here, and with the gas prices and everything, people are going for the bargains to stretch their dollar," Armstrong said. "We're definitely seeing an increase in business."

Discount Grocery works much the same as the Grandview Weekend Outlet store, but deals strictly in grocery and household products. Armstrong said they have contracts throughout the state for products with distressed packaging and warehouse overages that major retail stores won't sell.

The store also carries a limited selection of items past their recommended expiration dates, but Armstrong said nearly all of the items were packaged for sale in 2008.

"In the state of Ohio, businesses can sell any out-of-date items except baby food and medicine," she said. "There's a limit to what we'll accept, though, and it's just a small percentage of the store inventory that's out of date."

While not a one-stop grocery, Armstrong said shoppers can save a lot of money buying

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Humane society takes in fire victim

By TRISH BENNETT
STAFF WRITER

The smallest victim of Saturday's fire on South Court Street, a yellow male cat, will need a permanent home after he recovers from his injuries, according to Christine Roan, president of the Circleville Area Humane Society.

"The Red Cross brought a cat to a local vet that was burned in the fire," Roan said.

"He still needs to recover a bit, but we think he's going to recuperate."

The cat, nicknamed "Blaze" by his caregivers, suffered burns on his paws, ears, nose and other patches of his body. He was found wandering through the rubble of the destroyed houses by neighbors, Roan said.

"He was completely black when he was brought in to the vet," she said. "We didn't real-

ize he was a yellow cat until he got cleaned up over a couple of days."

Mary Remotap, of the North Court Animal Clinic, said Blaze was doing much better Tuesday, and they expect a good recovery.

"We're giving him pain medicine so he'll feel better," Remotap said. "He's such a sweet cat, but he looks really sad because he was burnt. He's eating, drinking and purring,

though, so those are all good signs."

Roan said none of the families involved in the fire have claimed the cat, so they believe he was a stray that may have been fed regularly at one of the houses.

She expects him to be available for adoption by the humane society once he has recovered from his burns, but she was uncertain how long

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A cat found wandering in the aftermath of Saturday's fire on South Court Street is recovering at a local veterinary clinic.

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Shoppers lined up Tuesday waiting for their first look at the Grandview Weekend Outlet store on U.S. Route 23 in the old Wal-Mart location.

Picnic set for Saturday

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The Marine Corps League Detachment 830 of Circleville will hold a picnic at noon Saturday at the AMVETS Post 2256 shelter house on Tarlton Road.

All area Marines and Navy corpsmen previously attached to fleet Marine Corps units and their families are invited to meet, greet, socialize and enjoy the esprit de corps of the United States Marine Corps.

The picnic will include brats, hot dogs and soft drinks, and veterans service officers will be on hand to answer veteran-related questions and match the weekend schedule for the main store.

Detachment 830 of the Marine Corps League meets at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at AMVETS Post 2256.

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grocery and household products through the Discount Grocery and finishing their shopping list elsewhere.

Discount Grocery is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

The Grandview Weekend Discount store will remain open daily from 10 a.m. to 8

p.m. through Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. Next week, the store will begin operating on its regular week-end schedule, which is 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday.

The home improvement section of the store, Ashworth said, is the only section that will be open seven days per week, selling everything from door knobs and shingles to bathtubs and windows.

"We'll have that part open every day," he said. "Somebody needing a hot water tank, for instance, usually can't wait until Friday." The home improvement section will be open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, he said, and then match the weekend schedule for the main store. —Staff Writer Trish Bennett can be reached at 474-3133 or tbennett@circlevilleherald.com

Two tree diseases on the increase

SUBMITTED

COLUMBUS — A cool, moist spring has led to an increase in sycamore anthracnose and oak anthracnose, diseases affecting the foliage of sycamore and white oak trees, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

"The diseases appear to

some extent each spring, but symptoms are unusually severe this year," said Dan Balsler, forest health administrator of the ODNR Division of Forestry. "Diseased trees will be stressed, but should survive with little permanent damage."

These leaf and twig diseases are caused by a family of closely related fungi and

are responsible for the widespread defoliation observed on sycamore and white oak trees in recent weeks. These diseases prevail as the leaves begin to emerge from the bud and expand. By early summer, re-growth will be underway. New shoots will arise from buds that would have remained dormant.

Summer heat and dryness will prevent the new shoots from being attacked by the fungi and the trees will once again leaf out. Property owners should be aware that weakened trees may be subject to branch dieback and insect attack. Disease resistant varieties of sycamores and white oaks may be obtained from local nurseries.

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that process would take.

The Circle Area Humane Society welcomes donations to help pay Blaze's medical expenses, she said. Anyone interested in donating may contact her at 474-5013.

Another animal in the humane society's care has received life-saving treatment thanks to donated services from a local veterinarian, Roan said.

Dr. Charles Hardin of Kingston Veterinary Clinic donated heartworm treatment at no charge to Hope, a large mixed-breed dog taken in by the society as part of a neglect case.

"She's had her first two treatments and is doing well," Roan said. "She'll go back about a month for the third treatment, and then she'll be ready for adoption." Hope, featured in The Herald last month, is approximately 5 years old, she said, weighs 97 pounds and is likely a mix of Labrador Retriever and possibly Bloodhound.

Location set for fire donations

Donations of furniture, clothing and other miscellaneous items for the victims of the weekend fire on South Court Street are now being accepted at the Touching Lives for Christ facility at 459 E. Ohio Street.

Melissa Bundock, director of TLC, said they will be able to store many items on site until the families find permanent housing and have made arrangements with PICCA to store larger furniture items in nearby buildings.

Touching Lives for Christ is open Monday 4 to 7 p.m.; Tuesday 9 a.m. to noon and 4 to 6 p.m.; Wednesday through Friday 9 a.m. to noon; and the last Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"That treatment would have cost hundreds of dollars," Roan said. "We're very grateful Dr. Hardin offered his services."

Roan said Bosco, the dog found with a collar embedded in its neck, also is doing much

better after recent treatment. The owners in that abuse case have pleaded "not guilty," she said, so the dog will not be available for adoption until the case goes to court and custody of the animal can be determined.

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