



No column by Cardwell

Jewell Cardwell's column does not appear today.

Falls schools look at wells

Oil and gas wells may bring the district revenue; details will be given to the school board Aug. 2.

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Local

Perkins program goes to camp in effort to help 'boys become men'



Middle school student D'Antonio Parmer, 14, rests on his drum as he listens to instructions during a drumming circle.



Stacee Starr (left), 13, and William Thompson, 12, of Perkins Middle School participate in a drumming circle at the start of Alchemy Inc.'s overnight retreat at Camp Christopher in Bath Township.

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Tomorrow's leaders train

Speakers provide life lessons for middle school students on weekend Alchemy retreat

By Jim Carney
Beacon Journal staff writer

BATH TWP.: As 25 boys exercised together in a large circle Friday at Camp Christopher, Dr. Kwa David Whitaker watched and gazed into the future.

"If they stay intact, they could change the world," the 62-year-old Cleveland lawyer and family therapist said of the group of young men who make up Alchemy, a two-year-old after-school program at Perkins Middle School in Akron.

Whitaker is one of several speakers who are spending the weekend with the seventh- and eighth-graders at Alchemy Inc.'s first weekend overnight camp, which ends Sunday.

The program uses guest speakers, African drumming, mythology, storytelling, fairy tales and mentoring to guide middle school boys.

G. Kwame Scruggs, 48, of Copley Township, founder of the nonprofit Alchemy Inc., has pledged to keep the group together through high school. He hopes to help get all the boys scholarships to college.

He is working on a doctorate in mythological studies at Pacifica Graduate Institute in California.

The Alchemy Inc. program is one of more than 25 after-school programs



DaVonte Roper (left), 12, and Robert Lewis, 14, focus on drumming at Alchemy Inc.'s weekend retreat.

that make up Perkins Activities Central, which has received about \$3.5 million in funding from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation.

Alchemy Inc. has received more than \$400,000 in grants since its founding.

Scruggs said he hopes the Alchemy group will be more mature when they



return home Sunday afternoon.

At the beginning of the retreat, the boys stood along a serene Lake Marian as Scruggs told them "this is where boys become men."

They will spend the weekend hearing stories about sacrifice, commitment and perseverance.

Along the way, they will write their thoughts about what they are experiencing in a notebook that they will keep with them.

DaVonte Roper, 12, a seventh-grader at Perkins, said he hopes to learn new things about life over the weekend.

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"If they stay intact, they could change the world."

Dr. Kwa David Whitaker, speaker at Alchemy, an after-school program at Perkins Middle School

Hearing includes memorial

50 seconds of silence part of sentencing for Shaun Cleland

By Gina Mace
Special to the Beacon Journal

MEDINA: The muffled sobs of David Heinrich's grieving family were the only sounds heard for about 50 seconds Friday in the Medina County courtroom of Judge James L. Kimbler.

Heinrich's father, Guy Argenziano, asked Kimbler for the moment of silence to honor his son during the sentencing hearing of his killer, Shaun Cleland.

Cleland, 25, pleaded guilty in April to aggravated murder, kidnapping and aggravated burglary in an arrangement that dismissed a death-penalty specification.

On Friday, the Brunswick man sat next to his lawyers, on the edge of his seat. He spoke once, at the end of the hearing.

"I'm truly sorry for the death of this young man," Cleland said.

Cleland's lawyer, Frank C. Gasper of Cleveland, said his client's crime was one of passion - the desperate act of a man whose marriage was falling apart - not cold and calculated. He stopped short of calling it a "love triangle," but said that Cleland's wife was an "essential part" of the murder because she was living with Heinrich.

Medina County Prosecutor Dean Holman said Cleland planned the murder before he boarded a plane in Hawaii, where he was stationed with the Army.

Holman said Cleland typed a fake suicide note before he left the islands, even forging Heinrich's name. Cleland was carrying rope and a pellet gun when he scaled the Brunswick apartment building and broke into Heinrich's apartment.

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Hudson explores contract buyout

Board votes 3-1 to take a look at agreement with superintendent

By Katie Byard
Beacon Journal staff writer

The Hudson school board, which has had a rocky relationship with Superintendent Maryann Wolowiec, is exploring the possibility of buying out her contract.

In a 3-1 vote Thursday night, the board directed the district's lawyers to "explore a mutually beneficial agreement relating to" Wolowiec's contract.

The motion was introduced by board member Douglas Whipple, a vocal critic of the superintendent.

"All we're doing is asking the lawyers to have a discussion," Whipple said. "This doesn't necessarily mean that there will be any agreement."

Wolowiec's contract expires on July 31, 2007. Her annual pay is \$120,645.

She moved up from assistant superintendent to the district's top job in the affluent, highly educated community on Aug. 1, 2004. She succeeded Joseph Siegfert, who had served eight years in the post.

Asked how much the board would be willing to spend to buy out Wolowiec's contract, Whipple said: "We don't know what the parameters are (or) even that there will be an agreement."

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GOP candidate releases plans for secretary of state

But he stops short of criticizing Blackwell

By Patrick Cain
Beacon Journal Columbus Bureau

COLUMBUS: Greg Hartmann, the GOP nominee for secretary of state, took the bold step Friday of attempting to position himself as a reform-minded candidate.

Without directly criticizing J. Kenneth Blackwell - who currently holds the office and heads the ticket as Republican nominee for governor - Hartmann outlined 20 initiatives to improve the state's chief elections

office. He criticized the office for posting Social Security numbers online, thus making them potentially available to identity thieves, and said that if elected, he would remain neutral in partisan issues and not take a position as an honorary chairman on a candidate's campaign.

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Hartmann

DeWine calls plant tour 'exciting'

Ovonics to test hydrogen fuel tanks for use in new nonpolluting vehicles

By Carl Chancellor
Beacon Journal staff writer

It was fitting that Sen. Mike DeWine drove a 1925 Ford Model T to the former Akron Steel Treating plant on Akron's South Broadway.

The old factory is being renovated for the Ovonics Hydrogen Storage Testing facility, which will test hydrogen fuel storage tanks for a new generation of nonpolluting vehicles.

DeWine, his wife, Frances, and their 14-year-old daughter, Anna, were escorted Friday through the 32,000-square-foot building by Jeffrey Wilhite, Akron's deputy director of planning and urban development, who treated them to a glimpse



DeWine

of hopes for the city's future.

Akron and Ovonics officials believe the plant is the first step to placing the city on the cutting edge of alternative energy technology.

Wilhite told the senator that the testing facility, which is still basically empty, will create close to 25 jobs in the next few months and as many as 300 jobs within six years.

What Wilhite was able to show DeWine on Friday was a

prototype hydrogen-fueled car - a converted Toyota Prius.

DeWine, as a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, was key to securing \$2.5 million for the project in the 2005 federal defense budget for military applications.

"This is exciting. This is about Ohio's future. This is evidence of the new economy right here today in Akron . . . This has tremendous potential that is really not too far away," DeWine said after taking a spin in the hydrogen-powered car.

The two-term Republican senator, who is facing a stiff

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Firefighters extinguish flames at restaurant

Akron firefighters are called to the Firehouse Grill & Pub, 1677 E. Market St., about 7 p.m. Friday. Smoking materials discarded in mulch caused the fire, Capt. James Case said.

Alchemy

Small group can make difference, speaker says

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He said being in Alchemy last school year made a huge difference in his life.

"I truly am better," he said. Whitaker said he hopes participants learn about the importance of working together. "Each of us has to do our best and work with others before you can make something happen," he said.

This group of 25 could make a huge difference in the world, he said, pointing out the ripple effect that one person can have on future generations.

"It's not far-fetched," Whitaker said.

For more about Alchemy Inc., go to www.alchemyinc.net.

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Dr. Kwa David Whitaker plays the rhythm pattern for the students before everyone joins in during a drumming circle at Alchemy Inc.'s summer retreat at Camp Christopher in Bath Township.

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Reform

Candidate careful not to criticize Blackwell

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Nonetheless, Hartmann, the Hamilton County clerk of courts, was reluctant to criticize Blackwell personally.

"I don't think Ken has failed. He has made great technological advances," Hartmann said. "The secretary of state has done a good job so far."

Still, Hartmann said the state's chief elections officer must be bipartisan and fair.

"I'm not going to chair any issue campaigns or chair any presidential campaigns," Hart-

mann said. In 2004, Blackwell was a vocal advocate for State Issue 1, a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriages that was approved by voters. He also was honorary co-chairman for President Bush's re-election.

Democrats and a number of organizations attacked Blackwell for being partisan and alleged his office policies hindered efforts to register and turn out voters on Election Day.

In recent weeks, Blackwell has also drawn fire for not removing Social Security numbers from electronic records in his office that are accessible through the Internet.

Hartmann's 20 reform measures include working closer with county boards of elections, being "the quarterback" for business in Ohio, increasing voter education and decreasing voter fraud.

According to his campaign Web site, Hartmann says Blackwell's "outsourcing administrative and customer service components of the Secretary of State's Office isn't serving Ohioans."

Carlo LoParo, a Blackwell campaign spokesman, was equally reluctant to take a potshot at Hartmann, who, like Blackwell, is from Cincinnati.

"It's an excellent platform," LoParo said. "I think he has an agenda that moves the office forward. There are always things that can be improved."

But LoParo noted that although Blackwell "served as an honorary co-chair of the Bush campaign... so did every other statewide elected official in Ohio."

He said Blackwell's involvement is no different from Gov. Bob Taft's participation in Bob

Dole's 1996 presidential campaign when Taft was secretary of state, which LoParo said did not get scrutinized.

Jennifer Brunner, the Democratic nominee for secretary of state, said Hartmann needs to either call for reform or support Blackwell.

"I started from the very beginning running on the reform platform. Greg's stepping up right now saying 'me too,'" Brunner said. "He's in a very difficult position because to talk about reform, you're talking about change. You have to say: 'Here's where we need to change.' It's difficult for him to say that about someone in his own party, from the same town he's from, who shares many of the same beliefs."

Hudson

Superintendent's critic wants 'peace and unity'

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Whipple said his motion was an attempt to "bring about some peace and unity in the district."

"I think most everyone agrees that there is a lot of acrimony, and we need to find a way to put that behind us," Whipple said.

Thursday's vote at a special meeting followed a failed attempt by Whipple at a previous meeting to get the board to discuss a buyout. When he could

not get items he wanted on the agenda, Whipple walked out, leaving the board without a quorum to do other business.

Whipple is one of three new board members who defeated incumbents in last fall's election. All three new members voted for the motion Thursday night.

The single vote against the motion was cast by Bruce Hubach, who is in the third year of a four-year term.

"Maryann is a person of extremely high morals and standards who is passionate about the Hudson City School district," Hubach said Friday. She has not violated her contract in any way. She has not done anything illegal or unethical."

Referring to legal expenses that will be incurred in discussions regarding Wolowiec's con-

tract, Hubach said, "We must answer to the public regarding fiscal responsibility, and we cannot add this unnecessary expense to an already stressed budget."

Wolowiec said Friday she was not at the executive session Thursday night when the motion was discussed.

"The board is speaking through their motion, and that's really all I can say. . . . I don't want to interpret it," she said.

"There are always people unhappy with every decision you make. . . . I always try to do the best I can do."

"I think my actions and my speaking are all very consistent with doing what is right and in the best interest of our children."

Whipple said he didn't "want

to get into particulars" about Wolowiec's performance.

Many say unrest in the district began in 2004, when the board cut staff because of budget shortfalls. Then the board, following Wolowiec's recommendation, decided in March 2005 not to renew the contract of popular high school principal Roger Howard, prompting protests by students as well as an outcry from parents.

Whipple is among those who have questioned the district's legal expenses and the need for construction. The district is in the midst of a building program that includes a new elementary school, set to open for the 2007-08 school year.

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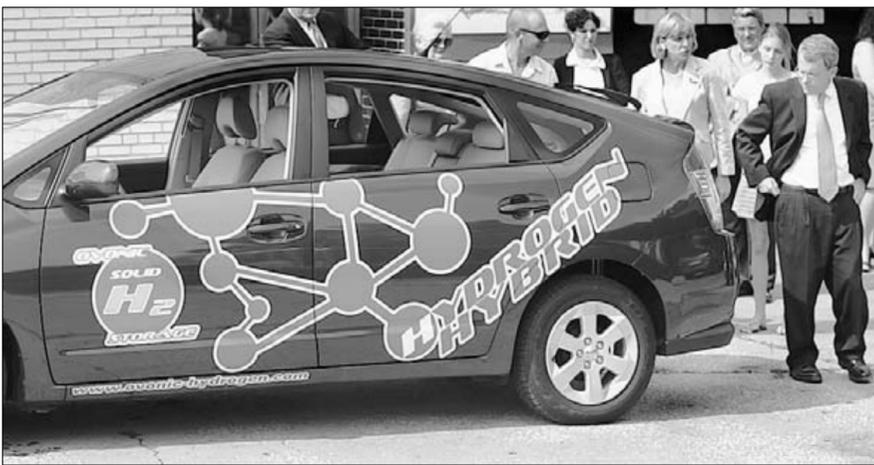
DeWine

Visit meant to show immersion in issues

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challenge from U.S. Rep. Sherrod Brown, D-Avon, was in Akron to underscore his record of being "immersed" in the issues that he views as vital to the well-being of Ohioans.

DeWine is viewed by some political pundits as one of the most vulnerable incumbent senators, owing in great measure to President Bush's low poll numbers and to the scandals dogging the GOP in Ohio.



PAUL TOPLE/Akron Beacon Journal

DeWines take test drive

U.S. Sen. Mike DeWine (right) and his family look over a Toyota Prius converted to use hydrogen fuel at Ovonic Hydrogen Storage Testing facility on Akron's South Broadway Avenue.

Cleland

Defendant eligible for parole in 28 years

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Holman said Cleland tied the rope around a post that separates two rooms, then around Heinrich's neck, strangling him. Cleland then rigged the scene to look like a suicide, the prosecutor said.

Cleland spoke to his girlfriend by phone before and after killing Heinrich, Holman said.

Heinrich's mother, Gloria Heinrich Glancy, said her son was just starting his life.

"I was and am still proud of who I was watching David become," Glancy told Kimbler. "The beautiful child I loved and nurtured was becoming a beautiful man. He could have been whatever he chose."

Glancy called Cleland a jealous, controlling young man.

"My son is gone for what -

the will of a brutal, selfish coward of a man who decided to take my child's life," she said. "He checked plane departures, purchased tickets and rented a car. He had David's suicide note ready but didn't have enough respect to find out how to spell David's last name or that 'Dave,' as Mr. Cleland forged, always signs his name David."

Cleland was at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport on Oct. 2 waiting for a flight back to Hawaii when Argenziano heard his son's name and apartment address over a police scanner around 2:30 a.m.

Argenziano, wearing a choker made from wooden, cylindrical beads that his son was wearing when he was killed, described for the court - with his voice cracking - how he went to his son's apartment and was greeted by a Brunswick police sergeant, who told him his son was dead.

"His body was only 10 feet from me, but I couldn't see him," Argenziano said. "Three police officers had to walk me - almost carry me downstairs - so I could deliver the news to our

family. David's body laid there for 16 hours. It was then that I realized I would never laugh with him, hold him or hug him ever again."

Argenziano asked those in the courtroom to sit in silence for 50 seconds while they looked at a picture of Heinrich.

"I chose 50 seconds because that's how long it takes to strangle a person to death," he said. "I would like everyone to look at the pictures and think about the last 50 seconds of David's life - what he felt, what he saw, what he heard, and what he thought."

Kimbler sentenced Cleland to 25 years to life in prison for aggravated murder and three years each for kidnapping and aggravated burglary. He ordered that the three-year sentences run at the same time, but follow the longer sentence. Cleland will be eligible for parole in 28 years.

"The court believes that people can be redeemed," Kimbler said. "I hope at some point Mr. Cleland understands the agony he has caused other people."

Patient attacks two, steals ambulance

State troopers catch psychiatric patient; 2 paramedics treated

Associated Press

CLARIDON TWP.: A woman being transported from a nursing care facility to a hospital overpowered two paramedics and stole their ambulance, driving about 17 miles through Northeast Ohio before surrendering, officials said.

Victoria Madge, 33, of Willoughby, was charged Friday in Chardon Municipal Court with two counts of aggravated robbery and one count of theft of a motor vehicle.

Madge freed herself Thursday from safety restraints holding her onto the gurney and attacked the paramedic riding with her in the back of the ambulance.

The patient clawed Erin Roesch's face and choked her, Gauga County Sheriff Dan McClelland said.

The driver, paramedic Stacey Hall, 32, pulled over and ran to the back of the ambulance, where Madge kicked her

to the pavement and threw Roesch, 21, out the back of the vehicle, McClelland said.

Roesch was able to call 911 on her cell phone as Madge drove away on U.S. 322, where the attack took place in Claridon Township, about 30 miles east of Cleveland.

During the 911 call, Roesch described Madge as a psychiatric patient who was being taken to Gauga Hospital in Chardon for forced treatment after refusing to take her medication at Grand Valley Country Manor in Winsor.

State troopers spotted the eastbound ambulance a few miles after it crossed into Ash-tabula County.

The patrol set spikes in the road, which punctured three tires, forcing Madge to stop and surrender.

The paramedics were treated and released from a hospital, said their employer, Ashtabula-based Community Care Ambulance.

Madge was being evaluated Friday at a medical holding center, authorities said.

Her condition was not disclosed.

Obituary

Longtime federal judge dies in Lakewood at 83

Associated Press

CLEVELAND: U.S. District Judge John M. Manos, who served on state and federal benches for 43 years, has died at his suburban Lakewood home.

Judge Manos, 83, who died Thursday, lost two toes to diabetes in 2002 and his left leg was amputated early this year. He had heart surgery in 1995.

He worked as an attorney for 13 years before Gov. James Rhodes selected him in 1963 to fill a vacancy on the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas bench in Cleveland.

In 1969, Manos was appointed to the 8th Ohio District Court of Appeals, and in 1976

President Gerald Ford appointed him to the federal bench. He took senior status with a lighter caseload in 1991.

In 1981, Manos handled Mobil Corp.'s attempt to acquire Marathon Oil, ruling that the \$6.5 billion bid would violate federal antitrust laws.

He is survived by daughters Donna Uebler of Chillicothe, Ill., and Christine McLaughlin of Cleveland Heights; sons Michael Manos of Shaker Heights and Keith Manos of Willoughby; 12 grandchildren; and a brother, Eli. His wife, Viola, died in 1989.

Services will be Monday at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church in Rocky River.

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