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GRADUATION 2008



Starting today and running through Wednesday, graduation lists for local high schools will be printed in the *Gazette*. Rutherford B. Hayes High School is on Page 8 today. Olentangy High School will be featured Thursday; followed by Liberty on Friday, the Delaware Area Career Center on Monday, Buckeye Valley and Delaware Christian on Tuesday and Big Walnut and Village Academy on Wednesday.

VOTE ONLINE

Log on to www.delgazette.com for this week's question:

Are you satisfied with the county's emergency warning system, including tornado sirens and reverse 9-1-1?

- a) Yes
- b) No

Readers commenting on this question after voting may have their comments printed on the *Gazette's* editorial page.



Ohio 750 is closed between Sawmill Road and Liberty Road for railroad work. The posted detour will be Sawmill Parkway to Home Road to Ohio 315 or reverse. The road work is scheduled to be completed Thursday.

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Driver in fatal crash above legal limit for juveniles



Cannon

► Teen's blood-alcohol content was .043

By JOHN ROEPKE
Staff Writer

The driver in an April 20 fatal car crash had a blood-alcohol content above the legal limit for juveniles, according to toxicology reports released Tuesday by the Ohio Highway Patrol.

Jordan Cannon, 17, of Powell, a student at Olentangy Liberty High School and the Delaware Area Career Center, was killed in the crash on Ohio 315 just south of Home Road, along with his girlfriend, Sydney Siefert, 17, of Dublin, who rode in the front passenger's seat. She also was a student at Liberty High School.

A second passenger, Siefert's twin sister, Aubrey, was not serious-

ly injured in the crash, which occurred at approximately 12:50 a.m.

Cannon's blood-alcohol content was .043, which is below Ohio's legal limit of .08 for adults, but above the state's legal limit for people under 21, which is .02, said Sgt. Jeremy Landis.

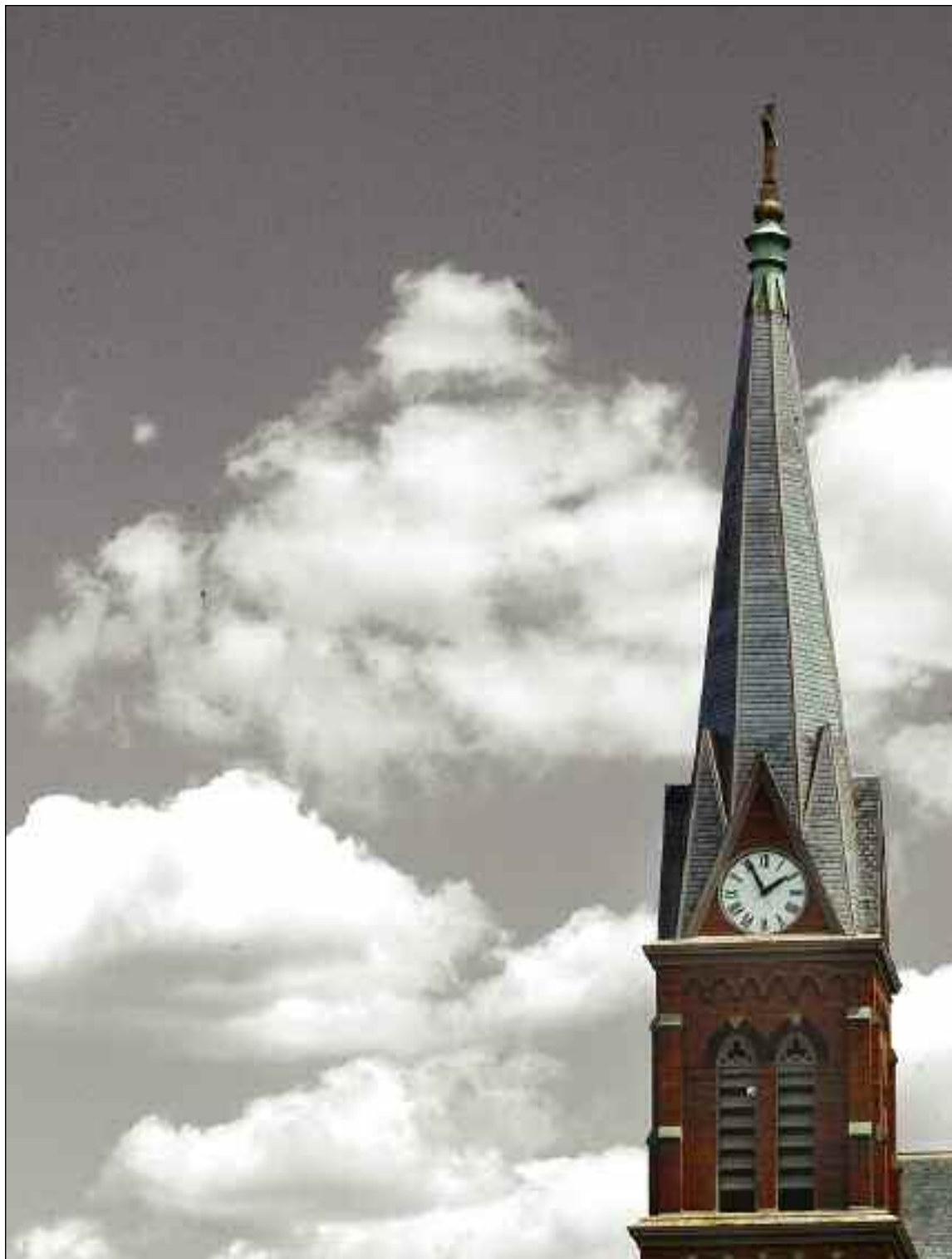
Ohio Highway Patrol officials have previously said marijuana and drug paraphernalia were found in

Cannon's vehicle, but have not said whether drug use was a cause of the accident.

Landis added he could not speak to whether Cannon was under the influence of alcohol or drugs at the time of the crash.

"We could not determine that without field tests or taking into account other factors," Landis said.

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Gazette photo illustration Matt Emmons

Clear skies ahead

After scattered rain showers and a run of lower temperatures, the forecast is shaping up beautifully for Memorial Day weekend. Clouds like these, seen over the St. Mary chapel Tuesday afternoon, should begin to disappear Thursday, and temperatures will make a steady increase from the low 60s all the way up to 80 for the Monday holiday. For more weather, see Page 2.

PRIMARY ANALYSIS

Race draws to end, time for legacies

By NEDRA PICKLER
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WASHINGTON — The Democratic presidential race is all but over.

Barring a cataclysmic change of events, Barack Obama will win enough pledged and superdelegates to win the party's nomination. The only real issue is whether he and rival Hillary Rodham Clinton leave the race with their futures — and their party — intact.

For Obama, that means winning with class so he endears himself to Clinton's supporters — letting her leave the race on her own terms, without gloating or appearing to push her out with any disrespect. And Clinton has to be careful not to damage Obama and make her legacy a weakened Democratic nominee in the fall.



Obama



Clinton

No matter what the New York senator and former first lady wants to do next — angle to be Obama's running mate, make another presidential run or ascend one day to Senate Democratic leader, it's in her interest to leave the 2008 race in a position of strength. She's doing a bang-up job of that.

Even as Obama is steadily climbing toward the 2,026 delegates he needs to secure the nomination — he was fewer than 60 away after Tuesday night's split decision in Kentucky and Oregon — Clinton has defeated him in five of the last seven primaries, including big states such as Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Her decisive victories in Kentucky and West Virginia showed she has a durable base of support, particularly among white, working-class voters and older women. Obama can't just discount those

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Senior services levy to be on August ballot

► 0.9 mill levy would replace expiring 0.7 mill levy

By DEVON IMMELT
Staff Writer

Delawareans will be asked to approve a 0.9-mill, five-year levy for senior services this summer.

The Delaware County Council of Older Adults is seeking to replace its current 0.7-mill operating levy, which expires this year. The additional 0.2 mills is needed to help meet growing demands for senior services, COA Executive Director Bob Horrocks said.

The COA this week received the county commissioners' approval to place the issue on the Aug. 5 special election ballot. It's approval would cost property owners an additional \$9.95 annually for every \$100,000 worth of property valuation. The levy would raise about \$5.6 million annually.

The COA expects the number of seniors requesting its services to rise rapidly over the next five years, from an estimated 1,139 this year to 1,552 by 2013. The county's senior population as a whole is currently 18,719 and expected to rise to 27,781 in just five years, based on census projections. No other age group is expected to rise as quickly.

Those increases will bring demands on the COA that cannot be met at the levy's current millage rate, Horrocks said.

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March of time has halted Memorial Day parade, vets say

By MARK A. CLAFFEY
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DELAWARE — Delaware County Veterans Association member Bob Burr said area veterans will not be marching in Delaware on Memorial Day because time has caught up with the men once dubbed "The Greatest Generation."

"In past years, Delaware County veterans organized and provided a marching unit to carry the flags in the front of the parade," said Burr, a recipient of the Military Order of the Purple Heart. "Now, everyone is just so old, we can't do it anymore."

The City of Delaware has not had a Memorial Day parade since 2006, according to Burr. Delaware City spokesman Lee Yoakum said the city would be glad to work with any veterans group who wanted to have a parade in the city.

Burr said the organization's honor guard, of which he is captain, consists of 20-plus veterans from Delaware County.

He said the problem is that more than half of his unit is from Sunbury and is committed to marching or being present at festivities held in that community, leaving him seven or eight men, all of whom average 70 years of age or more.

"We just can't do it like we used to," Burr said.

He said the honor guard tries to be present at as many veterans' funerals during the year as possible. He said without the infusion of some "young blooded" veterans he is afraid there won't be any honor guard members left in the next few years to give veterans the proper sendoff they deserve.

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