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Moment in time
REGIMENT SET FOR CIVIL WAR

Aug. 28, 1861: The 30th Ohio Volunteer Regiment for the Civil War was organized at Camp Chase.



Company I was enlisted in Tuscarawas County. In 1809, the first criminal indictment and trial were held by the associated judges in Tuscarawas County.

Source: Tuscarawas County Historical Society

Web poll

Wednesday's reader poll:
Are you happy with how your school district fared on the State Report Card?

Yes 56% **No 44%**

Total Votes: 279

Today's question:
Who was the best speaker at the Democratic National Convention so far — Michelle Obama, Hillary Clinton, Bill Clinton or John Kerry?

WEATHER



Rain, drizzle, high of 80

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DEMOCRATS SEEK UNITY

“At the end of the day, we have a house full of Democrats, and we need to go out and elect a Democrat.”

— Peggy Tanksley, New Philadelphia



Associated Press

Ohio delegates Peggy Tanksley (R) of New Philadelphia and Cathryn Fellingner of Columbus show their support Tuesday night for the party during the Democratic National Convention at Denver.

New Philadelphia delegate enjoys time in the limelight

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Peggy Tanksley of New Philadelphia felt a bit of a personal loss when U.S. Sen. Hillary Clinton finally bowed out of the race for president.

Tanksley is a Clinton delegate for Tuscarawas County at the Democratic National Convention at Denver.

“I definitely felt like I’d lost something, it felt kind of personal,” she said by telephone from the convention floor Wednesday. “At the end of the day, we have a house full of Democrats, and we need to go out and elect a Democrat.”

Tanksley was interviewed Tuesday by ABC and appeared on ABC News Wednesday night.

“They talked to Hillary delegates,” she said. “They asked me about whether the party would unite or still be split because of the long, hard-fought primary campaign between Clinton and eventual winner U.S. Sen. Barack Obama of Illinois. “I was dressed pretty elaborately, so I was interviewed a lot.”

Tanksley said Clinton’s speech Tuesday night about uniting the party was a highlight of the convention so far.

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Obama to accept nomination tonight in packed stadium

Tonight, the Democratic National Convention will throw open the doors of the convention and move to INVESCO Field at Mile High, with a crowd of more than 75,000 people expected to be on hand as Barack Obama accepts the Democratic presidential nomination.

Obama will accept his party’s presidential nomination by laying out a case for sweeping political change and illustrating the choice voters face between his candidacy and that of Republican John McCain, a top adviser said Wednesday.

Previewing Obama’s convention speech for reporters, senior strategist David Axelrod said the Illinois senator had substantially finished the text but would probably continue to edit it right up until he delivers it tonight.

Obama began working on the speech shortly before leaving for vacation earlier this month, Axelrod said.

Tonight’s lineup of featured speakers will include former Vice President Al Gore and Democratic Party Chairman Howard Dean.

Source: Democratic National Committee

TRAFFIC

Patrol to step up enforcement for Labor Day

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State troopers don’t want to see a repeat of Labor Day 2007.

Last year, statewide, 24 people died in traffic crashes during the four-day holiday weekend. Ten of those crashes involved alcohol.

To put that in perspective, there were six fatalities statewide during the Memorial Day weekend this year and nine during the Fourth of July weekend.

Although none of the fatalities were in Tuscarawas County or Carroll County

Motorists who see an apparent impaired or reckless driver should call 911, 1-877-7-PATROL or 1-800-GRAB DUI immediately.

last Labor Day, officers at the New Philadelphia post of the Ohio Highway Patrol investigated 19 crashes, four of them alcohol-related, according to Lt. Eric Escola, post commander.

“My goal this year is to try to reduce those 19 crashes by 50 percent,” Escola said. “Even 19 wasn’t so bad over four

days, and none of them were fatal or caused serious injury, so in that regard it was a very successful holiday period. This year, we’re striving for no fatalities, no serious injuries and trying to keep the crashes to no more than 10.”

He said the goal is possible because there were only 10 crashes during the four-day reporting period of Labor Day 2006.

“That’s really keeping the numbers as low as you can get them realistically,” he

SEE PATROL, A5

NEW PHILADELPHIA

Stories differ in assault

Judge sends machete case to grand jury amid contradictions

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New Philadelphia Municipal Court Judge Mary Wade Space transferred the case of alleged machete-wielding Jerry Lee Lewis to the Tuscarawas County grand jury Wednesday after a lengthy hearing full of contradictions.

Lewis, 41, is charged with felonious assault as a result of the Aug. 6 incident in his Baltic-area home. After hearing the testimony, Space increased Lewis’ bail to \$101,000 from \$25,000.

Initially, the alleged victim wrote a statement to sheriff’s deputies in which she described Lewis holding a machete to her throat on Aug. 6 during an argument. Photos showing cuts to her neck and ear were taken by deputies. She didn’t require medical treatment.

“The event I wrote down was a lie,” the woman said Wednesday. “It didn’t happen. We got into an argument. I think he was thinking I was with my ex. He gets jealous like I do. I drank that day. I take medications. I took extra pain pills. I was pretty inebriated. We both had words. We both have tempers. He never took a machete to me.”

The woman said she fell and hit her head against a table. She then said Lewis had thrown an ashtray that bounced off a table, broke and cut her ear. She said she took the broken piece of ashtray and cut the side of her neck repeatedly.

She said deputies were called by her adult son who lives in another county after she’d told him they’d argued. She claimed the son told her to make up the entire story and injure herself so he’d get a car of hers that he wants.

An acquaintance of both Lewis and the woman, Chris Robinson of Dover, painted quite a different picture. He said the woman called him after the incident, hysterical and wanting him to help her because she was “stuck on the floor bleeding.”

Robinson said Lewis was gone by the time he arrived but he saw spots of blood all over the house. The woman told him Lewis had her on the ground and she reached a letter opener and stabbed him in the hand.

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“The event I wrote down was a lie. ... He never took a machete to me.”

— statement by alleged victim Wednesday in New Philadelphia Municipal Court

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