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Wilson: Education forum no time for complaint

By KATIE ALBERTI
T-R Staff Writer

Monday night's session in Dover on school funding isn't intended to be a forum for taxpayers to complain about failing levies or teachers' salaries.

State Sen. Jason Wilson, D-Columbiana, said the public education forum he is holding in the Dover High auditorium at 7 is about discussing what residents of Tuscarawas County can do to promote school funding.

"Right now, we have a negative feeling about schools, and we've got to correct that."

Ohio Sen. Jason Wilson

Wilson won't be the only one attending the meeting. Also in attendance, he said, will be three members of the Ohio Board of Education, including Deborah Cain, who represents the 8th State Board District, which includes Carroll, Harrison, Stark and Tuscarawas

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Carroll driver dies in crash

By LORI MONSEWICZ
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CARROLLTON - A Carroll County truck driver was killed in a fiery crash in Indiana Monday when his truck carrying steel coils collided with another carrying a carnival ride.

Donald Whitmer, 44, of Brussell Rd. near Carrollton died at the scene of the 5:15 p.m. crash on Rt. 35 in the Kingsbury area in northwest Indiana, said Maj. Gary E. Brooling of the LaPorte County Sheriff Department.

Whitmer, a married father of two, was driving a tractor-trailer for D.L. Belknap Trucking of Stark County.

Brooling said Whitmer was heading east on Rt. 35 when Jeffrey Dickinson, 28, of Granbury, Texas, did not yield to Whitmer's truck at the junction of Rts. 35 and 6. The impact pushed Dickinson's truck into the median and ignited the fuel tanks on Whitmer's truck, causing a series of explosions, Brooling said. Dickinson was not injured, he said.

An accident scene reconstruction investigator was called in, he said. No alcohol or drugs were involved, and no one has been charged, he added.

JoAnne Leidner, vice president of Belknap, said that Whitmer had worked for the company since October 1999.

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Foot-stompin' fun

Fans love country!

By JOE MIZER
T-R Staff Writer

Three country entertainers for one price. It doesn't get much better than that.

Country fans were rockin' the grandstand at the Tuscarawas County Fair at Dover as they listened Wednesday night to the high energy sounds of DeWayne Spaw, Sarah Buxton and Keith Anderson.

Spaw, a seasoned entertainer who has been a performer at the county fair for the past three years, kicked off the Wednesday entertainment with songs from his newest album, "Money, Gun and the Bible." Spaw said afterward that he will be on hand again

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T-R/Pat Burk

Country musician Keith Anderson performs at the Tuscarawas County Fair at Dover Wednesday night. More coverage of the fair is on Pages D-1 and D-4.



Photo Gallery

More Tuscarawas County Fair coverage is available at www.timesreporter.com. Photos may be viewed or ordered online under the Photo Gallery link. Fair memories submitted by readers may be viewed under the Community News link.



T-R/Pat Burk

Hannah Kohler (R), 23 months, may have gotten a salty one while eating fries with her twin sister, Hailey, and their father, Ben, of Dover Wednesday at the fair.

Drug-related charges filed against four

Four people have been charged with possession of drug paraphernalia at the Tuscarawas County Fairgrounds by sheriff deputies.

Early Wednesday morning, with the assistance of two K-9 units, deputies detected narcotics around the camper trailers where amusement vendor employees live during the fair, Detective Capt. Orvis Campbell said.

Charged were Anthony N. Grossi, 28, of Lebanon; Sandra M. Toler, 35, of Cleveland; William O. Walters, 26, of Greenville; and Austin J. Fetters, 18, of Van Wert.

Campbell said all four must appear today at 4:15 in New Philadelphia Municipal Court.

Deputies also arrested Larry M. Huskins Jr., 35, of Woodlawn, Va., at a N. Wooster Ave., Dover, business on a charge of obstructing official business.

Campbell said Huskins gave deputies a

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Vicious cycle: More than 300,000 Ohioans trapped in payday lending debt

By STEPHEN MAJORS
Associated Press Writer

COLUMBUS - More than 300,000 Ohioans are trapped in a cycle of debt to payday lenders and are paying more than \$318 million in payday loan fees each year, said a report released Wednesday.

The average Ohioan who uses payday lending

FYI

■ There are at least nine cash advance loan centers in the Dover-New Philadelphia area.

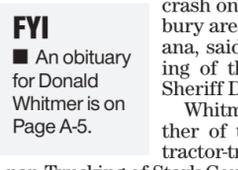
takes out 7.4 two-week loans each year, beyond the five that researchers consider the trigger to becoming trapped in debt, according to the

report from the Ohio Coalition for Responsible Lending. Studies have shown the average payday borrower uses more than one payday lending company annually, making the average number of loans likely higher than the 7.4 that was reported by the companies sampled.

The Ohio Financial Services Assn., which

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