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Findlay, Ohio

PREP FOOTBALL AT-A-GLANCE

Findlay 60, Greenville 23
Liberty-Benton 43, McComb 20
Arcadia 43, Arlington 27

Van Buren 46, Hardin Northern 6
Leipsic 42, Vanlue 7
Patrick Henry 47, Montpelier 0
Elmwood 12, North Baltimore 8

Carey 38, Toledo Scott 0
Wynford 40, Riverdale 0
Ottawa-Glandorf 27, Lima Shawnee 24
Columbus Grove 34, Ada 33



**ONE LAST SUMMER
B*A*S*H | WEEKEND**

68 indicted in probe of retail thefts

Dozens charged from 3 area counties

By RYAN DUNN
STAFF WRITER

An investigation into retail thefts that occurred over a two-year period has led to felony charges being filed against 68 people, including dozens from Hancock, Wood and Putnam counties.

A six-month investigation headed by the Ohio Investigative Unit of the Ohio Department of Public Safety and Perrysburg Township Police Department uncovered more than 100 people allegedly working together to steal items from stores, then return the items to those stores, or similar stores, without receipts, said

Perrysburg Township Det. Todd Curtis.

The group allegedly stole about \$250,000 worth of credit from the returns, Curtis said.

Sometimes the stolen items were exchanged for store gift cards.

Through search warrants executed in July, officers recovered more than 100 gift cards valued at about \$40,000, police said.

Police also seized stolen land-

scape equipment, generators, custom windows and a utility trailer valued at about \$50,000, they said.

The evidence was presented to a Wood County grand jury on Wednesday, and it handed up 174 felony charges, Curtis said.

The operation spread over northwest Ohio, Michigan and Indiana, Curtis said. Wood County was likely the most popular location, with Home Depot stores

being targeted prominently, he said.

Those indicted included seven people from Findlay and 14 from North Baltimore.

The indicted include:

- James Ankney of Findlay, charged with a first-degree felony count of engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity; a fifth-degree felony count of receiving stolen property; and a fifth-degree felony count of possession of heroin.

- Rachel B. Ankney of North Baltimore, charged with a first-degree felony count of engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity; receiving stolen property and possession of heroin, both fifth-degree felonies.

- Erika L. Barringer of North Baltimore, charged with a first-degree felony count of engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity, and

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9/11: Readers remember 'horrid day' N.Y., D.C. aware of terror threat, not afraid

Perspectives offered, 10 years later

EDITOR'S NOTE — The Courier recently asked readers what they recall about 9/11 and how they view it 10 years later.

Sept. 11, 2001 started out as a typical late-summer day in our country. Little did we know that it would become another "day in infamy."

I had just left Bob Evans after having breakfast with my mom when my cell phone rang. I am a member of a federal disaster response team that handles mass fatality disasters. The phone call that I received was from a team member wanting to know where I was and if I knew what was going on.

I said no to him, and was immediately told about the World Trade Center being hit by an airplane. At that point, I was advised to head home and start getting my gear ready for a possible deployment. My mind was a whirlwind of emotion.



Security ramped up in both cities

By EILEEN SULLIVAN and LOLITA C. BALDOR
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WASHINGTON — Undaunted by talk of a new terror threat, New Yorkers and Washingtonians wove among police armed with assault rifles and waited with varying degrees of patience at security checkpoints Friday while intelligence officials scrambled to nail down information on a possible al-Qaida strike timed to coincide with the 10th anniversary of 9/11.

Counterterrorism officials have been working around the clock to determine whether the threat is accurate, and extra security was put in place to protect the people in the two cities that took the brunt of the jetliner attacks that killed nearly 3,000 people at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon a decade ago. It was the worst terror assault in the nation's history, and al-Qaida has long dreamed of striking again to mark the anniversary. But it could be weeks before the intelligence community can say whether this particular threat is real.

Security worker Eric Martinez wore a pin depicting the twin towers on his lapel as he headed to work in lower Manhattan on Friday where he also worked 10 years ago when the towers came down. "If you're going to be afraid, you're just going to stay home," he said.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg, too, made a point of taking the subway to City Hall.

Briefed on the threat Friday morning, President Barack Obama instructed his security team to take "all necessary precautions," the White House said. Obama still plans to travel to New York on Sunday to mark the 10th anniversary with stops that day at the Pentagon and Shanksville, Pa.

Washington commuters were

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SATURDAY SPECIAL

Today, 10 years later, there is not a week that goes by that I don't stop and think about the experience that I had working five weeks at the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in New York City.

To look at the recent pictures of ground zero and seeing how the new construction is progressing is difficult at best. Such hallowed ground being reused as though nothing had happened.

Are we safer today than we were 10 years ago?

I would like to think so. Maybe. Can this happen again?

Yes, it can.

Would I go again?

Yes, I would.

— Brent Hartley, McComb

It began as a normal morning. Our computer room technician always had a radio on in case of

weather-related issues. I don't even know what time it was, but she came in and announced that a plane had crashed into the World Trade Center.

Although the news was surely stunning, we talked about it for a while and finally wrote it off that there was probably not much to the story because the media tends to make molehills much more spectacular than they really are.

She returned later, saying that another plane had crashed into the WTC, and now both towers were on fire! Suddenly, my stomach curdled, and I knew something was very wrong.

I went online to get more details. Horrified, it felt like a never-ending nightmare as our fears were confirmed: The United States had been attacked by terrorists!

Then I received word about my twin brother, stationed in Maine while serving the U.S. Navy. His base was on lockdown. Security and defense measures were in

place and he had no idea when the threat level would be lowered.

His wife was a flight attendant and was beside herself with worry and shock, waiting for details about the plane crashes.

None of us could concentrate on work, and we were all talking about what was happening, trying to watch the details unravel online.

Our accounting manager finally walked into the room and told us all to focus on our work, that what was happening had "nothing to do with us."

In my head, I slapped the snot out of him.

I'll never forget that moment, nor the days that followed.

—Janeen Boutwell, Findlay

I remember:

- Receiving an email from a friend saying, "Did you hear about the plane hitting the WTC?" and responding, "I don't get it, what's the punch line," only to hear it was real.

- Calling a gentleman to con-

duct a job interview and needing to reschedule as he told me, in tears, "My son is a pilot for United Airlines and we can't find him."

- Getting gas in my car and looking into the eyes of a complete stranger; both of us crying.

- Being one nation under terrorist attack, and one nation under God.

For the first time in my adult life, I felt a real desolate sense of loss. I hope I never feel that emptiness and void again.

—Bev Phillips, Findlay

I was teaching a drawing class at the University of Findlay. We turned on the radio in the classroom just before the second plane hit the tower. I knew that this event was going to consume my students' minds.

I also knew that the creative process is good therapy. So I canceled the homework assignment and assigned a new project.

Using the fundamentals in drawing that we have been learn-

ing (line, shape, form, and value), design a monument for ground zero. I played the documentary of Mia Lin, and how she designed the Vietnam memorial in Washington, D.C.

For the next several weeks, my students concentrated on their designs, creating preliminary studies and organizational line drawings, all part of the assignment. Word had got out from one of my students, and Toledo news TV came into the classroom on one of the days we were working on the assignment.

In the end, all the students completed their assignments of designing a memorial for ground zero and, at the same time, found the assignment very therapeutic, helping them, as well as me, get through a rough time in all our lives. I still have my design.

—Philip Sugden, Findlay

As a Findlayite, I passed a tele-

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Cummins Inc. sells Kuss Filtration

New headquarters will be in Findlay

Cummins Inc. is selling its light-duty filters operations, including its Kuss Filtration

business in Findlay, to Industrial Opportunity Partners, a private equity investment firm in Evanston, Ill.

The new company will revive the Kuss Filtration name and have its headquarters in Findlay. More

than 300 people are employed at the Findlay plant.

The sale also affects Cummins' filters operations at Bloomer, Wis., and its Kuss operations in Sao Paulo, Brazil, and Shanghai, China.

Terms of the deal were not disclosed.

The operations are part of Cummins' filtration business, which specializes in light-duty

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