

SWINE FLU CONFIRMED

Butler fairgoers contracted disease.

LOCAL/C1



LONGEST YARD SALE

690 miles open on U.S. 127 Corridor.

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LOCAL FORECAST



Today 95°/72°

Partly cloudy and nice.

Full forecast. B6

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Saturday 88°/73°

Sunday 84°/64°

Monday 86°/62°



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IN THE NEWS

Annan resigns from Syrian peace mission

Kofi Annan resigned as the special peace envoy of the United Nations and the Arab League to Syria, throwing new doubts on whether a diplomatic solution is possible. Annan blamed his decision on what he described as Syrian government intransigence, increasing militance by Syrian rebels and the failure of a divided U.N. Security Council. **A2**

LOCAL & STATE

Five water, sewer jobs outsourced

The cuts came with the awarding of a 3-year, \$1.5 million contract that is estimated to save \$600 in repair costs per break or leak. **C1**

» **Education:** Ohio Superintendent of Public Instruction Stan Heffner may have violated state ethics laws, according to an investigation by the state inspector general. **C1**

» **Turtlecreek Twp.:** Amy Sigg Davis was recently one of four women recognized as a 2012 Ohio Agriculture Woman of the Year. **C1**

» **Warren County:** The career center will host an open house for its adult education programs, and a job fair, from noon to 8 p.m. Wednesday. **C1**

NATION & WORLD

Syrian rebels use tank to attack base

Rebels bombarded a military air base in Aleppo using a tank captured from government troops as activists reported the regime has launched new raids. **A2**

» **Military:** A government watchdog criticized the VA for not doing enough to prevent abuse of a program meant to steer government contracts to companies owned by disabled veterans. **A2**

BUSINESS

Fifth Third Bank adding 38 jobs

One of the region's largest employers is adding personal bankers in an effort to increase personal interaction with its customers. **A8**

» **New details:** Procter & Gamble's CEO will try to calm critics and sell his turnaround plan today as P&G reports financial results. **A8**

SPORTS

Reds win, look toward Pirates

A 9-4 win over the Padres gave the Reds their third straight victory, 13th in 14 games and 20th in 23. And it opened a 3 1/2-game lead on the Pirates, who arrive for a three-game series tonight. **B1**

SPECIAL COVERAGE LOCAL OLYMPIC ATHLETE

MIDDLETOWN NATIVE GRABS GOLD MEDAL

Kayla Harrison reaches the top despite years of abuse. | She is 1 of 3 local athletes competing in the Olympics.



Middletown native Kayla Harrison celebrates after winning her Olympic gold-medal match against Gemma Gibbons of Great Britain in the 78-kg judo competition Thursday in London. ASSOCIATED PRESS PHOTO BY PAUL SANCYA

Her gold is U.S. judo's first in any Olympics.

By Skip Weaver
Staff Writer
and Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

Kayla Harrison took her spot atop the medal stand, determined not to cry during

the national anthem.

She was in tears after one note.

On this day, emotion was the only thing she could not beat.

America and Ohio finally have an Olympic judo champion — a 22-year-old from Middletown who was sexually abused by a former coach as a child, became a self-de-

scribed “teenage punk” who hated everything about her sport and then turned it all around.

Harrison took the final step in the journey Thursday. She beat Britain's Gemma Gibbons 2-0 for the gold medal in the women's under 78-kilogram division.

Gold continued on A7

Bringing you the full story

Read our coverage of Kayla Harrison's triumph over adversity and view a photo gallery. MiddletownJournal.com
Kayla Harrison's gold medal lesson: 'Never give up on your dreams.' [Read more in Sports on B1](#)

JOBS & ECONOMY

Outlook seems bleak for long-term jobless

5.4 million in U.S. have been unemployed for 27 weeks or longer.

Disproportionate share are 50 and older.

By Randy Tucker
Staff Writer

The steady decline in unemployment over the past year has offered little relief to the tens of thousands of Ohioans suffering spells of prolonged unemployment.

Nationwide, the ranks of the long-term unemployed — defined by the government as those who've been jobless 27 weeks or more — swelled to 5.4 million people in June, representing 42 percent of all jobless workers.

That figure more than doubled the percent of jobless workers classified as long-term unemployed when the recession began in December 2007 — 17.3 percent — and is not expected to change much when the U.S. Labor Department releases its July jobs report today.

Jobless continued on A7

NEW DETAILS

Voters to choose type of EMS service

Franklin levy would carry city for 10 years.

By Skip Weaver
Staff Writer

FRANKLIN — Franklin city officials said the creation of an Emergency Medical Services division within its own fire department will provide quicker response times and better service for its residents compared to the Joint EMS organization.

In Tuesday's special election, city residents will be asked to support a 3.5-mill tax levy

that will generate approximately \$733,000 a year and cost \$127.75 a year for the owner of a \$100,000 home. If the levy passes, Franklin plans to withdraw from the JEMS organization it has been part of since 1982 with Carlisle and Franklin Twp.

Franklin Fire Chief Jonathan Westendorf said the levy amount includes what residents currently pay for the JEMS service, plus an additional 21 cents a day to staff and equip two ambulances 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Franklin continued on A7

IRS continued on A7

AUDIT FINDINGS

- The IRS issued more than \$3.3 million in refunds to an address in Lansing, Mich., which was used to file 2,137 tax returns.
- Three addresses in Florida filed more than 500 returns totaling more than \$1 million in refunds.
- The IRS deposited 590 refunds totaling more than \$900,000 into one account.

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