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• Oberlin bike path sparks complaints

Amy Starkiewicz
The Chronicle-Telegram

OBERLIN — The city's new bike path isn't officially open yet, but it's already causing headaches, some residents told Council Tuesday.

Gary Nelson of King Street said a group of teens hanging out on the path Saturday stopped by his house, which is nearby, and harassed his dog. Nelson said when he asked the teens to move along, they used profanity and threw rocks at his house.

He said the pathway is dark and is attracting gangs of rowdy youths. Nelson was one of four residents who complained about the youths near the path. He and his neighbors asked the city to post the bike path's closing time and perhaps consider lowering it from 11 p.m. to dusk.

"It's so dark back there, it has got to be dangerous, a place for mischief and crime," Nelson said.

The path is due to open Saturday. By that time, signs listing the pathway's rules will be posted, City Manager Gary Goddard said.

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• In Eaton Estates, a growing problem

Charelle Rodenbaugh
The Chronicle-Telegram

EATON TWP. — Eaton Estates residents say they are terrified by increasing vandalism in the neighborhood.

One woman told trustees Tuesday that someone threw a brick through her window, spraying shards of glass onto a bed where her daughter sleeps.

Another woman said she sees groups of youths roaming the street at 3 a.m.

Many of them blamed the Sheriff's Department, which patrols township roadways. But Sgt. Dale Martin, of the Sheriff's Department, said he doesn't have the manpower to give the neighbors the intense police coverage they want.

"Three or four officers patrol 75 percent of Lorain County each shift," Martin said. With so few police in such a wide area, calls become a matter of priority, Martin said.

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Cal Ripken ties Lou Gehrig's consecutive games record.

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Baby deaths probed for spray link

Jack Lucentini
The Chronicle-Telegram

ELYRIA — Health investigators are studying whether there is a link between infant deaths and a pesticide sprayed in hundreds of homes in Lorain County.

Workers from the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta will visit 130 homes this week in their investigation, said Lisa Lepine of

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the CDC's reproductive health division. Lepine and Kathryn Boylan, the Elyria health commissioner, announced the study Tuesday.

Lepine said Lorain County hasn't suffered more infant deaths than usual, but a detailed study might reveal facts both about infant deaths and the pesticide, methyl parathion.

She also said that there have been at least two unexplained deaths of babies in the pesticide-contaminated homes, but that the bug spray didn't necessarily kill them.

Lutellis Kilgore, an unlicensed exterminator, sprayed the chemical in as many as 400 homes, authorities say. Workers are cleaning up more than 200 of them through a federally funded clean-up project, and Kilgore is to go to trial Sept. 26 on 13 felony and misdemeanor charges.

The infant death investigation is the second phase of the governmental response to the contamination.



"Nothing we can do here will help any families that have suffered from infant deaths, but the research can be beneficial."

Lisa Lepine of the CDC's reproductive health division



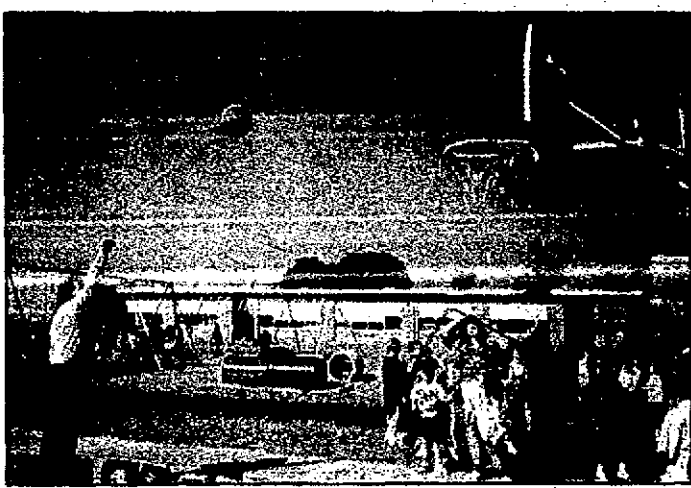
KATHY BOYLAN: Elyria health commissioner

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School realizes hoop dream

Jeff Mohrman
The Chronicle-Telegram

CARLISLE TWP. — Kyle Suerth, a kindergartner at West Carlisle Elementary School, did his imitation of Michael Jordan on Tuesday, trying to "be like Mike" at the school's new basketball court.



SWISH: West Carlisle principal Bill Fry pumps one in.

The court cost the financially strapped Keystone schools nothing. It was built through fund-raising efforts by students, donations from residents and the hard work of the West Carlisle PTA.

Kyle, whose mother Donna Suerth is PTA president, was the first student to take a shot on the court at the school on State Route 301.

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Ridgeville gas spill trio's trial tossed

Benjamin Gleisser
The Chronicle-Telegram

ELYRIA — Criminal charges against three former city officials accused of dumping gasoline and polluting groundwater were tossed out Tuesday because the three did not get a speedy trial.

Visiting Common Pleas Judge James J. Hooper of Miami County dismissed charges against former North Ridgeville Mayor Floyd Peaco, former safety-service director Raymond McLaughlin, and former city worker Robert Truxall.

Charges against another former city worker, Joseph Bachna, were not dismissed because Bachna had waived his right to a speedy trial.

The men were accused of dumping gasoline at the North Ridgeville city garage. A police

investigation showed that a gasoline tank had been removed from the area in 1989, and gasoline that leaked from the tank was never cleaned up.

The gasoline eventually found its way into the city's ground water, prosecutors were arguing.

Under Ohio law, Peaco, McLaughlin, Truxall and Bachna, who were indicted on misdemeanor pollution charges on Feb. 14, should have been brought to trial within 90 days, or by May 11. But the trial was delayed several times because several judges excused themselves from presiding over the case.

The case initially was assigned to Common Pleas Judge Thomas Janas, who excused himself 10 days later because McLaughlin's

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Ex-Elyrian guns down wife's killer

Jeff Mohrman
The Chronicle-Telegram

ELYRIA — The wife of a former Elyria man was beaten to death in her home by a man with a history of mental problems, officials said.

Donnah Winger, 31, of Springfield, Ill., died Aug. 29 after she was attacked with a hammer by Roger Harrington, 27, also of Springfield, said Dr. Norman Richter, the coroner for Sangamon County, Ill.

Winger's husband, Mark Winger, heard the commotion and killed Harrington by shooting him twice in the head, Richter said.

Mark Winger was a 1981 gradu-

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AFTER THE city of Lorain almost sold 11 lots for \$100 each, some City Council members try to find out what other properties the city owns and how much they're worth. C1

ELYRIA WEST graduate Steve Tovar has become a powerful force on the Cincinnati Bengals. B1

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Brewer ha-ha

Dennis Martinez blows 'em by Brewer batters to give the Tribe a 7-3 win in Milwaukee Tuesday night. The victory was Martinez's first in eight starts. B1