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## HOOT draws visitors from county, state

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FREDERICKTOWN — The 2010 edition of the Heart of Ohio Tour did a brisk business Saturday and Sunday despite cool weather, gray skies and some rain.

Each year the tour centers on a different area of the county and this year it was in the Fredericktown area which included 14 stops between Mount Vernon and Fredericktown.

At Knox Berry Farm on Bryant Road young and old alike were checking out the raspberry bushes and trying out the product.

"I'm just looking around," said John Lamb of Fredericktown. "Just seeing what's going on. I've been to the (Ag) museum and just following the tour around. I've done this for a lot of years."

Emily Helmick, Fredericktown, was at the berry farm

with her son, Corey, 7.

"We've been checking out the berries which my son is eating over there," she said pointing to a nearby row of berry bushes. "He loves all kinds of fruits and vegetables."

Corey was too busy eating raspberries to talk about what he had been seeing, but it was obvious he liked the berries.

Visitors to the Baumberger grain farm were getting a lesson on how grain is harvested, stored and prepared for market.

"We're showing people what our grain process is," said Corey Fearn, grandson of Jim Dudgeon and co-operator of the farm with Dudgeon. "We show them where we dump our corn and dry it, and where we store the corn. We've had a good turnout this year."

Sarah Bosehart was there

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Philip Martin gets a close-up view of a horse from his mother, Melanie, as part of the Heart of Ohio Tour. The Martins made a trip all the way from Georgia to take the tour.

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## Centerburg student suspended

By PAM SCHEHL  
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CENTERBURG — A Centerburg High School student was suspended for three days for bringing elicited material into the school, following a school investigation that resulted in the resignation of a middle school teacher and coach.

High school principal Mike Hebenthal said one of two students involved in the investigation was suspended and the other was not disciplined by the school.

"I have no legal authority to discipline students who have done something outside of school and off school property," he said. "The one student who was suspended was suspended for bringing inappropriate material into the building through electronic means. That's the standard procedure if someone brings in inappropriate material — it's an automatic three-day suspension for showing it to other students."

"According to Ohio law, I have to have a reasonable suspicion of inappropriate images or messages before I can search a student's cell phone. If another student comes to me and says 'he showed this to me', then I have the authority to say, 'I want to see your phone.'"

Hebenthal said that based upon advice from the district's legal counsel, the three-day suspension was the most the school was able to do.

The school board accepted the teacher's resignation in a special meeting on Sept. 16 and the Ohio Department of Education will determine if further disciplinary measures against the teacher will be taken.

An editorial in the Sept. 24 edition of The Trojan Crier, the student newspaper, called for swift and just action in the matter.

"Who knows what kind of

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## Canfora: Power of prayer strong

By PAM SCHEHL  
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MOUNT VERNON — On Saturday, residents of Mount Vernon and surrounding areas gathered together in The Dan Emmett Conference Center to pray, as the Apostle Paul urged in 1 Timothy 2: 1-3. The assemblage asked God to bless our nation, our armed forces and our elected and appointed officials, and to grant those in positions of authority wisdom and peace in carrying out their responsibilities.

Paul Dove, who served as master of ceremonies for the 14th annual event, said the title of the happening is actually a misnomer; it is called the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast as a matter of convenience. He said it really is designed to support all elected and appointed officials, regardless of party affiliation.

"I believe in prayer," Dove continued. "I believe we get results when people get together and pray. We are blessed in this community and this county because people do still get together and pray."

After giving his personal testimony, Dave Bevington said, "Don't be afraid to ask God for help." Speaking from personal experience, he said God might not take away your troubles, but he will help you get through them.

Keynote speaker Mark Canfora also spoke about the power of prayer. Using his own life as an example, Canfora said, "My priorities were messed up and I tried to earn my way into heaven. ... I was a child of the devil until I accepted Jesus into my heart."

Canfora then explained how prayer helped him, and



Mark Canfora, right, talks with community members following his address Saturday at the Mount Vernon Mayor's Prayer Breakfast.

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his family, cope when his then 18-year-old son committed suicide, and described the story in his book, "A Child Died, a Father Cried and God Answered." He said it is important for grieving families to celebrate life, to accept

the message of hope through Jesus Christ and to ask God for strength every day.

Special music was provided by the Trinity Assembly Worship Group, which sang songs of praise and gratitude. Prayers were led by

Pastor Richard Hite of The Church on the Rise and Pastor Dan Bourcier of Harvest Christian Center. As a bonus, Canfora offered free copies of his book to those in attendance and autographed them upon request.



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## Measuring the distance

Ohio State Highway Patrol Trooper Mason Boyce measures the road after a two-car crash Sunday at 7 p.m. on U.S. 36 at Pipesville Road, just east of Howard. The patrol report said Alexis Johnson, 20, Howard, pulled from Pipesville Road into the path of this car driven by Robert Wolf, 17, Walhonding. Both were wearing seat belts and suffered from minor injuries. Johnson was charged with failure to yield the right of way from a stop sign.

## Japan warns about terror in Europe

PARIS (AP) — Japan issued a travel alert for Europe today, joining the United States and Britain in warning of a possible terrorist attack by al-Qaida or other groups, but tourists appeared to be taking the mounting warnings in stride.

The Foreign Ministry in Tokyo urged Japanese citizens to be cautious when using public transport or visiting popular tourist sites — issuing another blow to Europe's tourism industry, which is just starting to recover from the global financial crisis.

European authorities — especially in Britain, France and Germany — tightened efforts to keep the public safe in the wake of warnings by officials that the terrorism threat is high and extra vigilance is warranted.

Last week, a Pakistani intelligence official said eight Germans and two British brothers were at the heart of an al-Qaida-linked terror plot against European cities, but the plan was still in its early stages, with the suspects calling acquaintances in Europe to plan logistics. The official said the suspects were hiding in North Waziristan, a Pakistani tribal region where militancy is rife and where the U.S. has increased its drone-fired missile strikes in recent weeks.

Security officials say terrorists may be plotting attacks in Europe with assault weapons on public places, similar to the deadly 2008 shooting spree in Mumbai, India. European officials have provided no details about specific targets.

Today, French police

arrested a 53-year-old man suspected of links to bomb threats including one Friday at a Paris railway hub, an official with knowledge of the investigation said on condition of anonymity. The suspect, who was not identified, was detained southwest of the capital for possible links to a phone-in threat at the Saint-Lazare train station.

French authorities recorded nine bomb alerts in the capital in September, including two at the Eiffel Tower — a threefold increase from a year earlier. No explosives were found.

The U.S. State Department alert Sunday advised the hundreds of thousands of American citizens living or traveling in Europe to take more precaution about their personal security. The British

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## Girl killed in accident in Ashland County

ASHLAND — An Amish girl was killed and her two sisters and parents were injured when their buggy was hit Sunday on Ohio 96 in Milton Township in Ashland County, around 1:39 p.m.

Clara Brenneman, 8, died from her injuries in Samaritan Hospital in Ashland. The father, Eli Brenneman, was also taken to Samaritan Hospital where he is listed in serious condition.

Sarah Brenneman and the other two daughters, Katie and Lydian, were taken to MedCentral Hospital in Mansfield. Sarah and Lydian are listed in critical condition. Katie was released with minor injuries.

The Brennemans are from Ashland.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol said its preliminary

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## Supreme Court term starts today with new justice Kagan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court is starting its new term with a new justice, Elena Kagan, and bad

news for hundreds of parties trying to get their cases heard at the nation's highest court.

The justices are expected to start work today by denying many of the nearly 2,000 appeals that piled up in recent months. The court also is hearing argument in a bankruptcy dispute and an

appeal by criminal defendants seeking shorter prison terms.

During the new term, the court will look at provocative anti-gay protests at military funerals and a California law banning the sale of violent video games to children. These cases worry free speech

advocates, who fear the court could limit First Amendment freedoms.

The funeral protest lawsuit, over signs praising American war deaths, "is one of those cases that tests our commitment to the First Amendment," said Steven Shapiro, legal director of the

American Civil Liberties Union.

Another case involves a different aspect of the First Amendment, the government's relationship to religion. The justices will decide whether Arizona's income tax credit scholarship program, in essence, directs state money

to religious schools in violation of the constitutional separation of church and state.

Under Chief Justice John Roberts, marking his fifth anniversary on the court, and with the replacement of Justice Sandra Day O'Connor by Justice Samuel Alito, the

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