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Youths harvest 9,000 deer over the weekend

164 deer tagged in Highland County
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Youth hunters across Ohio harvested more than 9,000 deer over the weekend during the state's seventh annual youth deer-gun season, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Wildlife said Monday.

Although 300 fewer deer were tagged this year than in 2009, the ODNR considers the season a success for the estimated 40,000 hunters, age 17 and under, who headed out into the fields and forests.

In Highland County, 164 deer were harvested and Clinton, Brown, Adams, Pike and Fayette county youth hunters took a total of 379 deer.

The youth deer-gun season was open in all 88 Ohio counties. All participants were required to wear hunter orange, possess a valid Ohio hunting license and special deer permit, and be accompanied by a non-hunting adult.

The ODNR Division of Wildlife said the season was one of four special youth-only hunting seasons designed to offer a safe and excellent early hunting experience for young hunters.

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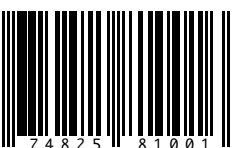
WEATHER



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Thanksgiving 2010 | 'We have so many things to be grateful for'

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Youngsters celebrate holiday; enjoy Thanksgiving feast



Photos by Katie Wright and Meredith Creek/The Times-Gazette

Greenfield Elementary School students Madison Wheaton and Gavin Wagoner show off their turkey hats Wednesday during their Thanksgiving feast. Below, Hillsboro Elementary second-graders hold up Thanksgiving projects they made recently. Pictured, back row, left to right, are Christopher, Hayden, Colby and Blake; front row, left to right, Tamika, Haven and Ozalesaa.

Hillsboro second graders take field trip to Fort Ancient

By MEREDITH CREEK
 The Times-Gazette

Schools across Highland County celebrated the Thanksgiving holiday Tuesday before classes dismissed for a four-day vacation.

In Hillsboro, several elementary students wore handmade headdresses and completed various Thanksgiving art projects. Second-graders created 3-D layouts of tepees and log cabins that were displayed throughout the hallways.

The second-graders then headed to Fort Ancient to learn more about American Indians and Ohio's history while other students took part in a Thanksgiving feast.

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Lynchburg-Clay High School senior Lindsay Cater was crowned Miss Ohio High School.

L-C senior wins Miss Ohio High School Pageant

Lindsay Cater will head to the national Miss High School America contest in San Antonio

By JEFF GILLILAND
 The Times-Gazette

As the names of the first and second runners-up were called at the Miss Ohio High School America Pageant, Lynchburg-Clay High School senior Lindsay Cater thought she'd miscalculated everything. Those thoughts disappeared seconds later, though, when she heard her name announced as the 2010 winner.

"There was some really stiff competition," Cater said of the contest held last month at Glen Oak High School in Canton. "The girls I expected to be in the top three weren't even placing. I was freaking out, and I thought, 'Oh, my gosh, they're not even taking the girls that I thought would win.'"

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Highland House Museum gears up for holidays

Gift shop, museum open on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays

By JEFF GILLILAND
 The Times-Gazette

Late each year, the Highland County Historical Society dresses its Highland House Museum for the holidays and invites the public in for a look at the museum in a different light. It also opens a gift shop to raise funds.

This year, though, the gift shop is struggling a little and a special event has been planned for Sunday, Dec. 12 to help it out.



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Amy Smith purchases a candelabra from Highland County Historical Society member Marvin Chester last weekend at the Highland House Museum Gift Shop.

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National Family Caregivers Month

The Highland County Board of Commissioners has proclaimed this month National Family Caregivers Month. Shown above are commissioners Gary Heaton, Shane Wilkin and Tom Horst; Jennifer Howland, case manager at Highland District Hospital; Jacklyn Fite, case manager at HDH; Martha Watkins, planner of caregiver program; and HDH CEO Jim Baer.

Today

Thanksgiving Day: Periods of showers and possibly a thunderstorm. Some of the storms could produce heavy rain. Breezy, southwest wind 13-21 mph, with gusts as high as 31 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80 percent. Chance of rain and snow showers at night. High 58, Low 29

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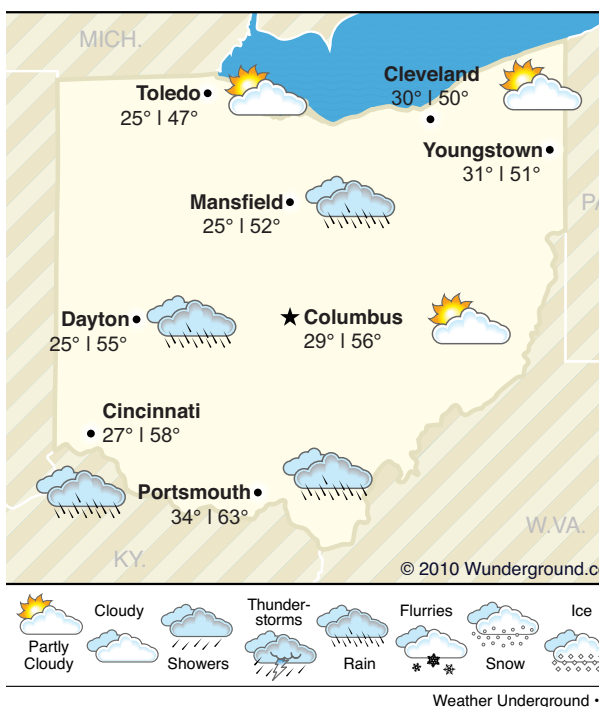
Friday: A 30-percent chance of snow showers before 7 a.m. Partly sunny. High 36, Low 23

Saturday: Sunny. Overnight, mostly clear. High 39, Low 24

Sunday: Sunny. High 44, Low 30

Around the state

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Thanksgiving: '... So many things to be thankful for'

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Jodie J., a first-grader at Hillsboro Elementary, said she will be eating cheesy mashed potatoes for Thanksgiving and then heading to Florida for vacation.

"We're going to my grandma and grandpa's and I will go to the beach and play on the new water slides," she said.

Jodie said one thing she is thankful for is her family.

Also planning to eat mashed potatoes, kindergartner Evan F. said he's heading to his aunt's house Thursday.

"I'll eat mashed potatoes ... I'm a mashed potato eater. I have them every day for dinner," he said.

Evan said he, too, is thankful for his family this holiday season.

"I'm going to my grandma's to eat

turkey," said kindergartner Jakob W., who said that in addition to feasting, he will watch the Bengals' game.

Quintin C., a first-grader at Hillsboro Elementary, will stay home for Thanksgiving, eat turkey and play his Wii.

"I'm thankful for my DS, which I play Battles of Dinosaurs a lot," he said. "And I'm thankful for my brother because we play football every day."

Kindergartner Samantha P. said she will head to her "mamaws" to eat turkey while Katie B., a first-grader, said she will go to her cousin Nate's.

"We'll play games and stuff and then spend the night," said Katie, who is also thankful for her family.

"My cousin comes over on

Thanksgiving and we go to my grandma's" said kindergartner Erin H. "We'll eat turkey and then I give my cousin a hug."

When asked what she is thankful for this holiday, Erin said "my mommy, my daddy and my sister."

At Greenfield Elementary School, dozens of students created turkey hats and enjoyed a Thanksgiving feast to celebrate the holiday before school let out on Tuesday.

After making turkey sounds and giving a loud "thank you" to teachers, parents and families, students wished each other a happy Thanksgiving and enjoyed the traditional feast.

"We have so many things to be grateful for today," said teacher Natalie Eaton.

Lindsay Cater: State titles

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Moments later Cater was being crowned after winning the pageant.

"I almost fell on the floor. Oh my goodness, it was the best feeling ever," Cater said.

The full-time Post-Secondary student at UC Clermont, who also works 20 hours a week each at two separate jobs is not new to pageants. She entered her first one at age 9 and her latest crown marked her fourth state title. She was also crowned National American Miss Texas Preteen in 2004, National American Miss Texas Junior Teen in 2007 and Miss Ohio America Teen in 2009.

"Pageants are like my sports," Cater said. "People train and watch what they eat so they'll be better athletes and that's what I do for my pageants. It's my passion. It's what I like to do. Every time I do one, I learn a little more about myself and grow a little more as a person."

Cater moved to the Lynchburg area from the suburbs of Dallas, Texas in January of 2009 and had to endure a little culture shock. She said what she likes best about her new home is that she can take college courses during high school through Ohio's Post-Secondary education program, an opportunity not offered in Texas. She said that when she graduates from high school this spring, she'll have a full year of college behind her.

She said what she doesn't like about her new home is all the driving she has to do.

In addition to taking 12 credit hours at UC Clermont, Cater works about 20 hours a week as a waitress at Frisch's in Batavia and another 20 hours a week as a sales associate at Deb at Eastgate Mall.

She said she manages that by scheduling all her college courses on Tuesday and Thursday, then working mornings at one job and evenings at the other.

"The only thing that has changed is the amount of hours of sleep I get every night," Cater said of her hectic schedule. "I've always been focused on the future and I know that having two jobs will help me pay my way through college and it will all be worth it in the end. I'm definitely focused. That's what keeps me from going crazy whenever my schedule gets crazy."

After high school, Cater plans to enroll either at the University of Cincinnati or Shawnee State University, but has her heart set on UC if it's not too pricey. She wants to study journalism and become a broadcaster.

"Not an anchor that sits there and reads the news, but a correspondent that's out there in the action interviewing people," she said.

In March, Cater will head to the national Miss High School America contest in San Antonio, Texas. The winner will receive a \$10,000 scholarship that would go a long way in helping with her college expenses.

"All I know is that I have to do my personal best and that I'm not competing against anybody but myself," Cater said. "On any given day, with any different set of judges, the results can be completely different. At the end of the day, if I know that I did my best and prepared the best I can, I will be a winner in my heart even if I don't take the national title."

"But I've been working really hard and I already have four state titles, so I really want that national title."

Highland House: Open Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays

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The historical society will provide free refreshments to visitors that day and will also enter anyone who's signed the guest registry for a drawing to win a framed photo of the Ohio Statehouse with a small gold seal on it.

Holiday operating hours for the Highland House are 1-5 p.m. Fridays and 1-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

The gift shop offers items including handhooked rugs, handknitted items,

iron candleholders, typewriter key jewelry, antique wallpaper pins, Bed Buddies warmers and more.

Seven of the rooms in the Highland House are decorated with a Christmas theme and local clubs volunteer to decorate one room each. The clubs taking part this year include the Hillsboro Women's Club, Hillsboro Mother's Club, Hillsboro Junior Women's Club, New Petersburg Social Civic Club, Esoteric Club, Three Arts Club and

Towne Club.

In addition, the historical society still has a few spaces left for its annual Children's Tea Party, scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4. Santa Claus will visit the children during the event. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 393-3392 or 393-3263.

The historical society is also offering its meeting room for holiday parties and club meetings.

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Deer: Gun season coming

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Special days are also set aside for upland game, wild turkey and waterfowl hunting opportunities.

Youth and all other hunters will have a chance at taking a whitetail during next week's statewide deer-gun season,

which runs Monday through Sunday, Nov. 29 to Dec. 5.

Details on youth hunting opportunities and all Ohio deer hunting seasons can be found in the 2010-11 Ohio Hunting Regulations, available where licenses are sold. It can also be viewed online at wildohio.com.

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