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Eight-year-old Ally Bellamy is thriving despite living with gastroschisis, a birth defect that allows the contents of the abdomen to protrude outside the body.

Bouncing back

Despite a rare illness, 8-year-old perseveres

By **CONNIE CURRY**
Special to the *Gazette*

Ally Bellamy, 8 has two special Build-A Bears that were given to her from the Children's Hospital staff. Her favorite nurse is Jenny, and of the six doctors that have taken care of her since her birth in July 1998, Dr. Balint is her favorite. Ally, daughter of Stephanie Ross and Bob Bellamy, was born with gastroschisis, a birth defect that occurs in one out of 16,000 to 20,000 newborns. Gastroschisis is an abnormality — a defect or hole — in the abdominal wall that allows the abdominal contents to protrude outside the body. There is no peritoneal covering over the bowel or other contents. The defect is located to the right of the navel and doesn't involve the umbilicus. The exposed contents can range

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from the stomach to the rectum (almost all of the large and small bowel can become exposed). The liver is usually not involved with this defect, which most commonly occurs in first-born children. Years ago the survival rate was low, but Ally is living proof that medicine has come a long way. "I was a young mom and I grew up quick when Ally was born," Stephanie said. Because Stephanie delivered Ally by Caesarean section, she wasn't permitted to go to Children's Hospital when Ally was transferred immediately for emergency surgery. Ally was just hours old

when she went through an eight-hour surgery to try to connect her small and large intestines. "It was awful. I couldn't even be with her," Stephanie said. At 5 months old, Ally was back in surgery to try to repair her enlarged colon. It wasn't until January 1999, when Ally was 6 months old, that she got to come home for the first time with a feeding tube that allowed her to have baby formula. As she got older, she started on TPN (Total Parenteral Nutrition), which is given through a central IV line. Each night Ally also is given Elecare, a pre-digested formula, through a port, which takes about eight hours to complete. To make it easier on Ally, Stephanie hooks her up in the evening as she settles in for bed.

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TALK OF THE TOWNSHIP

Troy moving from fields to rooftops

By **LIZ ROBERTSON**
Staff Writer

Troy Township, while still fairly rural and quiet, is on the edge of development that could transform the township and its way of life. The township's southern borders meet those of the city of Delaware so township officials and residents have justified fears of encroachment or annexation. "That's one of my concerns," said township trustee Earl Lehner, current chairperson. He should know. Nearing the end of his fifth term as trustee — he was first elected when he was 23 — the dairy farmer has "lived here all my life." Trustee Larry Starling agrees that there is always a concern for annexation, especially with the township bordering the city. Starling said, "We're like all the other rural townships starting to experience some growth." Trustee Paul Price said while the township is still rural, they are close to everything.

Lehner said that most complaints from residents have been on zoning issues. But the township is ready for growth, as it already has its zoning code and master plan in place. "The zoning commission worked very hard on this," said Lehner. He added that trustees also adopted the county noise ordinance to change and improve township residents' lifestyles. Starling said at present there are no sewer lines, though he does not rule out developers bringing in a line. "Whenever a township borders a city, there is always the possibility of annexation. We know this is a possibility. Growth is the issue. We're not going to stop it, but sure hope to manage it," he said. Among some of the changes Lehner has seen are "more rooftops." As farms change hands and are lotted off, he said, "It is their right to do, as long as it is positive growth." Starling also has lived in the township his entire life. "We're right on that edge," he said. "Growth is going to start coming. We are trying to keep a rural atmosphere." He added that having a rural atmosphere means "different things to different people." As trustees, they still do most of the work in the township, including snow removal. But it is "getting harder and harder to do with more people," said Lehner, adding he is very lucky to have two other

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Straight shooter

▶ Black Wing Shooting Center hosts Patrick Flanigan, world record holder

By **MARK A. CLAFFEY**
Staff Writer



Gazette Amy Allan

Patrick Flanigan performs a trick shot from his hip Saturday at Black Wing Shooting Center, shattering an apple with the shot.

a pump shotgun. His stop in Delaware marked his second visit to Ohio this year. He has traveled the world for the past four years, breaking records and showing off his shooting prowess by shooting not only clay targets, but also more unusual items such as tomatoes, potatoes, heads of lettuce, aspirin, golf balls, tennis balls, charcoal and toilet paper. He describes his show as "high energy" and it includes rock and roll and country music blaring over loudspeakers as he takes aim at his targets. "My friends call me 'Bon Jovi with a shotgun,'" Flanigan said. "It's all about entertainment." Flanigan describes what he does as "Xtreme sport shooting," and he is always looking

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AROUND THE GLOBE

BAGHDAD
Iraq parliament votes to remove the speaker

Parliament voted today in a closed session to remove the speaker after a series of scandals involving the controversial law-



Al-Mashhadani

maker, legislators said. Mahmoud al-Mashhadani will be replaced by another Sunni Arab, they said.

The U.S. military, meanwhile, said three American soldiers were killed and six were wounded, along with an interpreter, Sunday when a suicide car bomber brought down a section bridge south of Baghdad on Iraq's main north-south artery.

"The efforts to clear the road continue," said Lt. Col. Randy Martin, a U.S. military spokesman.

Al-Mashhadani's behavior has repeatedly embarrassed the Sunni Arab partners in Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's coalition government. Many of the house's 275 legislators viewed his behavior as unbecoming and, on occasion, erratic.

Three lawmakers said the Iraqi Accordance Front, parliament's largest Sunni Arab bloc with 44 of the house's 275 seats, has pledged to offer a replacement for al-Mashhadani within a week. They spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the subject.

Al-Mashhadani, a former physician and an Islamist, is a member of the Accordance Front and will retain his seat in parliament, according to the decision. He did not attend today's session, which was chaired by his deputy, Shiite Khaled al-Attiyah.

The speaker has been in trouble for sometime.

Last year, he barely survived a campaign by Shiite and Kurdish politicians to remove him after he said Iraqis who killed American troops should be celebrated as heroes. Last month, he slapped a fellow Sunni lawmaker in the face and called him "scum" at the end of a raucous session.

An incident on Sunday appeared to have been taken by lawmakers as the last straw.

Al-Mashhadani got into a shouting match with lawmaker Firyad Mohammed Omar, a Shiite Turkoman, when he complained to the speaker about what he said was the heavy handedness of his personal security guards. Al-Mashhadani responded by heaping abuse at Omar, who complained to fellow legislators that he was also assaulted by al-Mashhadani's guards.

Bush hopes to revive immigration bill by emphasizing border security

By HOPE YEN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush is not giving up on his plan to legalize millions of unlawful immigrants and will seek to convince skeptical GOP senators that it secures the nation's borders, administration officials said Sunday.

But the Senate's No. 2 Democratic leader said he was uncertain about the prospects for a deal. Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois cited opposition from a group of Senate conservatives who contend the leg-

islation guarantees amnesty to illegal immigrants.

"We need a breakthrough on the Republican side," Durbin said.

Tony Snow, White House spokesman, and Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez both predicted an immigration bill would pass once Bush meets with lawmakers this week and Congress reconsidered the measure.

Snow said Bush planned to listen to senators' concerns when he meets with GOP senators for a scheduled lunch Tuesday. Bush has been placing phone

calls to Republican senators from Air Force One during a European trip.

"I think one of the things you do in this is you listen," said Snow, when asked what Bush planned to say. "And I think one of the concerns a lot of people have, at least around the country, is they say, 'Look, how can we trust you guys to enforce this? You had a border that's been open for 21 years. How can we trust you?'"

"If you take a look at the bill, it is the largest investment ever in border security," he said.

Last week, Senate backers of the immigration bill fell 15 votes short of the 60 needed to limit debate and allow a vote on the measure. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., then set the measure aside, calling it "the president's bill" and saying Bush's direct intervention was crucial to reviving it.

The legislation would tighten borders and offer employers more temporary workers from abroad in addition to providing lawful status to an estimated 12 million illegal aliens and putting many of them on a path toward citizenship.

TROY

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good trustees with whom to serve.

Lehner said, though, that sometimes people get confused on what trustees do. For example, he said, trustees have received calls to remove dead raccoons in the road.

Price is also road superintendent. He said he takes care of the roads with a couple others working part-time mowing, keeping the weeds back and filling potholes in the spring, summer and fall. He said the other two trustees plow and salt in the winter.

Lehner said some attributes of the township are the wildlife areas and the fact that there are still of lot of people who have been there for generations. He added that he has had three new neighbors in the last year and a half that also are good people.

"We're very lucky to have good residents," he said.

Price said Gallant Preserve on Buttermilk Hill is another attribute of the township. He said he thinks the state's second largest bur oak is located on the right of way just before the park entrance. Price said the diameter is close to four feet. "Big Troy" is said to be 250 years old.

Marlborough Cemetery in Troy is also unique. It was in the 1940s that the cemetery was moved to its current location at Horseshoe and Leonardburg roads for construction of the reservoir that split the township. The reservoir and U.S. 23 literally split the township. The township also does not have a town or anything that unites the area.

June Ufferman said her husband, James, was trustee for 32 years and also sexton of Marlborough Cemetery. She said her moth-

Quick facts

Troy was organized from Marlborough and Delaware townships on Dec. 24, 1816 with 16 landowners. The population grew to 60 families by 1850. In the last 21 years, from 1980 to end of 2000, 203 new homes were built. At the last census in 2000, the township had 2,665 residents.

er-in-law told her the cemetery name, Marlborough, was the correct way to spell it, while Marlboro was the new, easier version of the name. Ufferman said her husband grew up on Horseshoe Road and lived there his entire life. She said she still has a photograph of her mother-in-law standing next to the vault of her parents at the Marlborough Cemetery before it was relocated.

And down the road? Lehner said he sees opportunities on the U.S. 23 corridor to so something — either keeping the area in the township or it going to the city — with more businesses and stores. He also said he understands that Oakhaven Golf Course has indicated that one day the site will cease to be a golf course.

Starling also sees development and potential annexation along the U.S. 23 corridor.

"It could all change quickly," he said. He said commercialization could help the tax base, but it could bring other concerns as well.

He said development is "no cure all for everything."

Lehner also sees more houses, especially with Delco water available in most of the township.

But Starling said the sewers will make the

difference.

"The thing that changes a township is centralized sewer. Whether it is from the county, the city or developers, that's when the change really starts to happen," he said.

Price said the township has farms and residential with commercial areas along U.S. 23. Troy is also home to Buckeye Valley's middle and high schools. Along with the parks and historic features, "we pretty well have it all here," said Price.

Some historical nuggets of the township found online and credited to Troy Township historian Judy Burdette and researchers Larry Durica and Richard Helwig include:

- Troyton was once a railroad town with a popcorn plant run by Quaker Oats (under the name of Wheaton). A post office ran for a decade there from 1894 to 1904. Currently, there is an abandoned depot on the spot.

- Joseph Cole started a town, Coles Mills, on the banks of the Olentangy River in 1808 where Panhandle and Horseshoe roads intersect. The town no longer exists because it was flooded in 1948 as part of the Delaware Lake Dam Project. Cole's house remained and stood for a while with people fishing from second story windows before the house was destroyed by the lake.

- Inskip Corners is another town buried underwater by the lake project. Named for a local family, some Inskip gravestones are now in Marlborough Cemetery. The town was located near Radnor Road and is marked today by an antique store on U.S. 23. The cemetery — with 600 graves including some Revolutionary War veterans — was moved from Coles Mills when the town was submerged.

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for ways to make the sport more appealing to children.

"That's what it is all about," said the man who shoots more than 150,000 rounds of ammunition a year.

Flanigan did get the children involved during his 50-minute performance when he invited approximately 20 children to throw eggs into the Black Wing Shooting range. As the eggs went up in the air, Flanigan did his best to keep them from hitting the ground in one piece.

Depending on the throws, some made it, some didn't.

Besides his accuracy, Flanigan also demonstrated his speed shooting skills to the audience.

He threw a clay target into the air with his gun unloaded and ammunition in his mouth and still had time to destroy the target into several pieces before it hit the ground.

"Speed shooting is about not losing your concentration," Flanigan said.

Flanigan set the world record in speed shooting after he fired 12 shells in just 1.442 seconds with the Winchester Super X3 Shotgun.

He set the record in April in Utah was able to fire a dozen Winchester AA 12-gauge shells in 1.442 seconds, timed from first to last shot.

"The formula for success is simple," said Flanigan. "Xtreme reliability combined with minimal felt recoil equals super xtreme speed."

After his show, Flanigan took questions from the more than 100 people in the audience, signed autographs and posed for pictures.

He told one audience member he used a little more than 400 rounds for the show at Black Wing.

"I usually use more rounds than that, but I eliminated a few things from the show because I didn't like the wind," he said.

Flanigan said he takes his inspiration for his exhibition show from the legendary Winchester exhibition shooters such as Buffalo Bill, Annie Oakley, Ad Topperwein and Herb Parsons.

For more information about Flanigan visit his Web site at www.patrickflanigan.com.

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BACK

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Ally's immune system is low and she gets blood infections and pneumonia easily, usually sending her back to the hospital and into isolation to fight infections. Being in a public school is important to the family to allow Ally to have the opportunities that other children have, even if germs are more prevalent. Ally always bounces back after illness, and to see her, one would not know how fragile and ill she is at times.

"Although she misses a lot of school, she keeps up with the other kids and catches on quickly," said Ms. Calhoun, her third-grade teacher at Schultz Elementary School. "She's an amazing little girl."

Every six weeks, she gets immunoglobulin, which boosts her immune system in an effort to keep germs from making her ill and to improve her blood count.

Ally's diet is limited, but she can now eat most solid foods except for milk products and chocolate.

"I wish I could eat chocolate and ice cream," Ally said. Stephanie has found a soy pudding that compensates somewhat, and Ally knows the rami-

fications if she cheats on her diet.

"I always ask Ally to pick an alternative snack when my class has special treats," Ms. Calhoun said.

"Tell me anything you want, and I'll get it for you," she tells Ally.

"Nothing slows Ally down. This has always been her life and she is used to it," Stephanie said. "She dehydrates easily so we had to give up softball, but she does well in school."

"I like reading the best," Ally added.

Her teacher said the children never treat her in a negative way.

"They are always so happy when she returns to class after being in the hospital," Ms. Calhoun said.

"And my teacher came to see me when I was in the hospital," Ally said.

In the spring of 2006, Ally became quite ill and spent her school break at Children's Hospital, where she stayed for two weeks later. Mrs. McClen, her second-grade teacher, called her at the hospital and allowed her to participate in the class spelling bee. She recited the spelling of the words via the telephone, and yes, she won.

Through six surgeries and many school days spent in the

hospital, Ally remains an "A" and "B" student. Her teachers are accommodating, and Ally works hard to do homework, even when she's in the hospital. Just this year, she won the third-grade spelling bee in her class and went on to be the champ of all three third-grade classes at Schultz by spelling the word "government."

Ally is a typical girl. She loves Hello Kitty, Nintendo, swimming and Rascal Flatts. Ally got a surprise when she was given a special CD by Rascal Flatts, signed especially to her.

Her height and weight are normal, and with her support team and the care her family gives her, she understands the importance of following her special diet and taking the 18 varieties of medicines that she needs daily.

Ally's G-tube, which has been part of her body since birth, has to be cleaned and changed on a regular basis.

"Ally has learned how to change her G-tube herself,"

Stephanie said.

With the constant world of medicine in their lives, Stephanie found her niche in life by becoming a medical assistant. She presently works for Dr. Pamela Kapraly, a family doctor in Richwood.

"She is a wonderful doctor to work for. Sometimes I have to miss a lot of work to be with Ally at the hospital or when she is too ill to go to school," Stephanie said. "But my boss is always understanding. I love my job."

Ally adapts to most anything. As for shots, blood draws and tests, it's not a big deal to Ally. "They put numbing cream on me. It's really okay."

Flipping through the diary that contains pages and pages about Ally's medical history, Stephanie knows how much they — and Ally — have been through so far.

"It is tough but I wouldn't trade her for anything," Stephanie said.

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