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Grip the border collie clears a hurdle as his handler, Dublin resident Mary Klein, urges him on. The two were competing at the Buckeye Region Agility Group's dog agility trial at Liberty Park Saturday and Sunday.

Trial run

▶ Dog lovers show up, show off at two-day agility event at Liberty Park

By DEVON IMMELT
Staff Writer

Call it part Olympics for dogs and part social gathering for dog owners.

That may be the best way to describe the two-day event that took place at Liberty Park Saturday and Sunday.

More than 100 dog lovers and their dogs attended the Buckeye Region Agility Group's dog agility trial held at the park, including Concord Township's Mark Ewing, 41, and his 9-year-old mixed breed, Akia.

Ewing, who owns six dogs, said he was introduced to the world of dog agility by a neighbor who happened to be a dog trainer. He saw the neighbor train a dog for an agility event and was immediately hooked, he said.

"It is great fun both for people and for dogs, and it's a good way to strengthen your relationship with your dog," said Ewing, who travels across Ohio, Michigan and Indiana to compete in as many as 12 different dog agility trials each year.

Dog agility trials require a handler to guide a dog through a set series of obstacles while being timed. Dogs are penalized for touching "contact zones" set up on certain obstacles such as see-saws, or for missing a turn or obstacle within the course.

The handler cannot touch the dog while running the course but can help guide it through with commands, whistles, clapping and body movement.

A judge keeps track of each competitor's performance and the trials are broken

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Olentangy students to appear on 'Today' show

▶ Glen Oak will be featured in Highlights piece

Staff reports

Glen Oak Elementary students are scheduled to appear Tuesday on NBC's "Today" show during a segment about *Highlights for Children* celebrating the Columbus-based magazine's 60th anniversary and the scheduled printing of the one billionth copy, set for Wednesday.

The "Today" show is scheduled to air on NBC 4 WCMH-TV Tuesday from 7 to 10 a.m. No exact time for the segment has been scheduled, according to Carole Dorn Bell, Olentangy Local School District spokesperson, so interested viewers and parents may have to watch or tape the entire three-hour broadcast.

Highlights reaches more than two million readers each month through subscriptions mailed directly to children and families, through its well-known presence in doctors' and dentists' waiting rooms, and in schools and libraries nationwide.

During the taping in early June, Christine French Clark, editor of *Highlights* and Cynthia Faber Smith, art editor for the magazine, visited with several Glen Oak students and teachers to discuss the magazine's purpose, history and students' favorite sections.

The one billionth copy of the magazine is scheduled to roll off the presses Wednesday at Quebecor World in Clarksville, Tenn., according to *Highlights* spokesperson Lisa Hahn. She said the magazine has been printed in Tennessee for the last 49 years.

Highlights is famous for pieces like "Hidden Pictures" and the stories about "Goofus and Gallant," two boys whose different approaches to everyday situations prompt discussions about what are right and wrong behaviors.

PROGRESS & GROWTH Delaware's John Price keeps up his end of a five-generation family farm

By CONNIE E. CURRY
For the Gazette

John Price, a graduate of Buckeye Valley High School and Columbus State Community College, has spent most of his life working on the family farm in Delaware County. But that isn't all he does. At 33, Price is a busy guy who still gives a lot of time to the community. Physical fitness plays a key role in his active life. He fits golfing, basketball and competitive cycling into his busy schedule when he isn't working on the farm.

John, named after his grandfather, John Hodges, lives in the Hodges Road farmhouse where his grandpa grew up. One of his first memories was helping his grandpa stack firewood when he was 7 or 8. In 2002, John Hodges passed away, but Price's grandma, Mary Jane, still resides on the farm.

Price's great-great-grandfather, James Birney Hodges, bought property and started the farm business in the mid 1800s. Nestled between Warrensburg Road and Ohio 37W, this beautiful country road named for Hodges' family winds along the Scioto River.

Hodges Road once was a



Gazette Amy Allan

Delaware County farmer John Price, with his dogs Bosko, left, and Brock.

narrow road with few houses. With time, growth and habitat changes, the road has been widened and paved. The trees have matured and beautiful homes sit along the Scioto River. The old barns are well kept and the farm business is thriving. The Hodges' homes are neat and tidy with an abundance of hay and pasture fields surrounding them. It's a slice

of true country life.

Price's family moved to the area in the early 1970s, when he was a young boy. "I baled a lot of straw when I was growing up. I even looked forward to it," Price said about this tough task. He now serves as operation manager of the fifth-generation farm.

Many changes took place to help the family business prosper. Price Barnes

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Organics, owned by Price's father, Tom, was developed in the fall of 1998. "The two are separate businesses, but each helps the other," Price said. "The farm is a recyclable network for Price Barnes Organics."

The farm has always had some form of livestock. Whether raising cattle or feeder pigs, Price has contributed to the success of the business. Throughout all the changes in the sometimes-struggling farm business, the Hodges farm continues to prosper. "You can't stop progress and growth, but we all try to do what's best for the community and surrounding neighbors," Price said.

Price was active in 4-H as a child and showed livestock with his two sisters at the Delaware County and Ohio State fairs. "We had our share of success," he said.

Price is a volunteer at the Ohio State Fair food booth belonging to the Ohio Pork Producers. He also has worked at the Buckeye Valley food booth at the Delaware County Fair for

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Ohio Chautauqua begins on Wednesday

Staff reports

Ohio Chautauqua in Delaware has arrived.

All the months of planning come to fruition as the week-long community cultural series begins Wednesday. The free event is open to the public with a variety of performances and activities that will run through Sunday.

The series features living history performances, music and educational workshops for the entire community. The theme "War and Peace" sheds a focus on character performances of nurse Clara Barton, Shawnee Indian Chief Cornstalk, Spanish conquistador Francisco Pizarro, World War II journalist Ernie Pyle and President Theodore Roosevelt.

Evening performances will be in a large red-and-white-

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CHAUTAUQUA SCHEDULE

Wednesday

2 p.m. Youth Workshop, Hank Fincken — "Johnny Appleseed Comes to Life," Stratford Ecological Center, 3083 Liberty Road.

3 p.m. Adult Workshop, Karen Vuranch — "Is War the Mother of Invention?," Willow Brook Christian Village, The Garden Room, 100 Willow Brook Way S.

7 p.m. Heritage — traditional dulcimer music, under the tent, Ohio Wesleyan University

7:30 p.m. An Evening with Chief Cornstalk, under the tent, Ohio Wesleyan University

Thursday

10 a.m. Adult Workshop, Gene Worthington — "White House Firsts," Ohio Wesleyan University, Slocum Hall, 2nd floor, 75 S. Sandusky St.

1 p.m. Adult Workshop, Dan Cutler — "The American Revolution, Indian Style," Senior Citizens Inc. of Delaware County, 420 Park Ave.

2 p.m. Youth Workshop, Karen Vuranch — "Stories of Peace and Justice," The Arts Castle, 190 W. Winter St.

7 p.m. Olentangy Men's Chorus, under the tent, Ohio Wesleyan University

7:30 p.m. An Evening with Francisco Pizarro, under the tent, Ohio Wesleyan University

Friday

10 a.m. Youth Workshop, Hank Fincken — "If Only I Had Been Born an Inca...," Delaware County District Library, 84 E. Winter St.

2 p.m. Adult Workshop, Hank Fincken — "Visions of America," Delaware County District Library, 84 E. Winter St.

3 p.m. Youth Workshop, Dan Cutler — "Adopted by the Indians" Andrews House, 39 W. Winter St.

7 p.m. Delaware Community Chorus, under the tent, Ohio Wesleyan University

7:30 p.m. An Evening with Clara Barton, under the tent, Ohio Wesleyan University

Saturday

9:30 a.m. Youth Workshop, Gene Worthington — "Exploring the Natural World" Nature Hike, Stratford Ecological Center, 3083 Liberty Road.

2 p.m. Adult Workshop, Karen Vuranch — "The Legend of King Arthur, Past and Present," The Arts Castle, 190 W. Winter St.

7 p.m. Ohio Heartland Chapter of Sweet Adelines, International, Sign language interpretation provided, under the tent, Ohio Wesleyan University

7:30 p.m. An Evening with Ernie Pyle, Sign language interpretation provided, under the tent, Ohio Wesleyan University

Sunday

12 p.m. Community Picnic — Come celebrate Father's Day! Bring your own picnic or special concessions available. Music by Buckeye Valley Alumni Dixieland Band and Hayes Players Quartet, under the tent, Ohio Wesleyan University

2 p.m. Central Ohio Symphony Brass Quintet, under the tent, Ohio Wesleyan University

2:30 p.m. An Afternoon with Theodore Roosevelt, under the tent, Ohio Wesleyan University

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striped tent that can seat up to 500 people. The interactive program encourages the audience to ask questions. The daytime workshops for both adults and children will be held throughout the community.

A Chautauqua refers to an educational and recreational assembly with a program of lecture and concerts. The name is derived from the Chautauqua Institution in western New York, where educational and cultural events began in the late 1800s and continue today. Delaware went through an audition process to be selected as one of the communities participating in Ohio Chautauqua 2006. The annual event has been well received in other communities in previous years.

The Chautauqua is presented by the

Ohio Humanities Council with support from the Delaware County District Library and the following community sponsors: Community Foundation of Delaware County, Grady Memorial Hospital, Ohio Wesleyan University, *The Delaware Gazette*, The People Fund, a subsidiary of Consolidated Electric Cooperative, Chartwells, The Arts Castle, City of Delaware, Council for Older Adults of Delaware County, Delaware Area Chamber of Commerce with Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Delaware County Visitors and Convention Bureau, Inno-Pak, Inc., PPG Industries, Park National Bank, The Delaware County Bank & Trust, and URS Corporation

at Ohio Wesleyan University, Roy Rike Field, 249 Park Ave. There will be live musical entertainment prior to each performance.

Among a couple of the workshops is Hank Fincken's session for youth "Johnny Appleseed Comes to Life." Explaining the importance of living history, Fincken invites participants to help him "become" Johnny Appleseed by selecting costume pieces and applying makeup while discussing the importance of body language and voice in making a character come to life. There also is the adult workshop presented by Karen Vuranch on "The Legend of King Arthur, Past and Present." This workshop will examine the age-old legend and its evolution over time and how the legend has been

adapted and used to promote current political sentiment. One example is found during the Norman Conquest of England, when the French employed the story of King Arthur, introducing a French hero, Lancelot, to humiliate the English leader and his brave knights. Later, as the English regained a hold on the government of their country, they worked to regain their national pride and used the legend of King Arthur to do that.

Detailed information on other workshops can be found in the Chautauqua companion piece that can be picked up free at many establishments around Delaware or at www.ohiohumanities.org.

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Prominent publisher missing from sailboat

By **BEN NUCKOLS**
Associated Press Writer

BALTIMORE — Rescue crews searched the Chesapeake Bay on Sunday for a prominent publisher and former diplomat whose sailboat was found empty and drifting in shallow water.



Merrill

Philip Merrill, 72, an experienced sailor, had taken his 41-foot sailboat out alone Saturday, and he typically followed an 18-mile round trip without wearing a lifejacket, said Col. Mark S. Chaney, superintendent of the Maryland Natural Resources Police.

Skies were clear with winds gusting up to 25 mph — "a condition that would probably be difficult for a single sailor alone," Chaney said. The search was suspended at midnight, but was to resume early Monday.

State and federal agencies searched 100 square miles of the bay with aircraft and boats. But rescue crews think Merrill fell overboard since his wallet was found on board and there was no damage to the boat, officials said.

"As time goes by, chances of survival are less and less," Chaney said.

Merrill's family issued a statement saying he had been an avid yachtsman since he first learned to sail at age 7.

"If there was anyone who could captain a boat competently alone, it was Phil," the statement said. "He just couldn't resist a sunny day with the wind at his back."

Two boaters found Merrill's boat near Plum Point, about 25 miles south of Annapolis, and called police, officials said.

Merrill is chairman of the board of Annapolis-based Capital-Gazette Communications Inc., which publishes *Washingtonian* magazine, *The Capital* and five other Maryland newspapers.

Merrill took leave from publishing in December 2002 to be president and chairman of the Export-Import Bank of the

United States. His term expired in July 2005.

He served as assistant secretary-general of NATO in Brussels from 1990 to 1992 and from 1983 to 1990 he served on the Department of Defense Policy Board. From 1981 to 1983, he was counselor to the undersecretary of defense for policy. In 1988, the secretary of defense awarded him the Medal for Distinguished Service, the highest civilian honor given by the department.

Merrill has represented the United States in negotiations on the Law of the Sea Conference, the International Telecommunications Union and various disarmament and exchange agreements with the former Soviet Union. He is a former special assistant to the deputy secretary of state and has worked in the White House on national security affairs.

The college of journalism at the University of Maryland was named for him, as was the headquarters of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation — both after multimillion-dollar donations.

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the last three years; he is co-manager of this 24-hour, all-volunteer operation. He also is a trustee for the Delaware County Farm Bureau.

Price has been the Buckeye Valley girls' assistant basketball coach for eight years, giving many long hours to practice and games and helping build a solid, successful program for the school.

Landon Fraker, the head basketball coach, has been a friend of Price's for more than 25 years. "I knew he was a perfect fit for the basketball program. He has a great work ethic and loves helping the kids. John has good qualities that anyone would be pleased to be a part of," Fraker said.

Price swims yearly for Swim for Diabetes because he feels strongly about its cause. He spent about 10 years racing motocross 4-wheelers and also

has a gentle, creative side when he sits down to write poetry. He's been a first responder and firefighter for the Radnor Fire Department since 1993. Although shy and reserved, he is the emcee every year at the Radnor Memorial Day ceremony.

His devotion to helping others also extends to his neighbors. When a recent storm blew over a large tree in neighbor Naoma Van Brimmer's yard, she came home from church to find out it was Price who had come over and cleaned up the debris.

"He is always out helping the neighbors when a snow-storm hits," Van Brimmer said. "He voluntarily heads out to clean driveways. We appreciate it so much."

In 2005, the Price family won the Good Neighbor of the

Year award from the Ohio Livestock Coalition. Last July, Price and some friends made a trip to Spain and France to see the Tour de France. "This is the race of all races in the cyclist world," Price said. "Prior to the race, we rode bikes up The Tour. We went to Paris to see the finish. What an experience."

In April, Price won the co-ed relay division of the Alum Creek Duathlon. He said he plans on entering future races. An avid competitor, he also has trained and competed in a tri-adventure in Defiance. The event demands competitors finish 35 miles of cycling, 8 1/2 miles of hiking while car-

rying 20 percent of their body weight and 5 1/2 miles of canoeing.

Despite his full plate, Price still finds time to attend church at Bellpoint United Methodist and sing in the church choir.

Price is proud of the putting green he created in his front yard, though it's easy to wonder when he has time to practice his putting. After all, a neighbor might need him, a fire call might come in or it could be time to feed the livestock.

"I like to keep busy and I just like helping people."

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into different classes based on the dog's height. All types of breeds compete in the trials and older dogs are allowed to compete in lower height classes.

Though the agility trial is a competition, the Buckeye Regional Agility Group (BRAG) takes care to ensure dog owners are not abusive with their animals. Yelling at a dog during an agility event is strictly forbidden, said Mary Lee Raines, spokesperson for BRAG.

"This is a sport that's meant to be fun for the animals and a dog won't do well on an obstacle course if it's not having fun," she said.

Lee Raines' Australian Shepherd, Robbie, was among approximately 110 dogs competing at Liberty Park Saturday. She began participating in the sport eight years ago after watching a BRAG agility trial.

Back then, dog owners would have had to travel to the east coast to find dog agility events, Raines said. The sport originated in Europe and was brought to the states in the 1980s, according to the United States Dog Agility Association. Its popularity has grown ever since, and there are now hundreds of associations such as BRAG, which has more than 50 members.

So what breed of dog is best suited for dog agility?

The breed isn't as important as the relationship between the dog and its owner, Raines said.

"The breed that works best is the breed that you work best with" she said. "It comes down to what dog you relate to."

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