



MR. AND MRS. WALTERS

Couple visit Jamaica on honeymoon

BRYAN — Misty Mobley and Paul Walters were married Saturday, Aug. 15, in St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Bryan by Revs. Jim Hollaron and Charles Schmunk.

Parents of the couple are John and Sandy Mobley of Bryan and Linda and Kevin Heffelfinger and Ed and Deb Walters, all of Hicksville.

Nuptial music was performed by pianist Bill Beber and flutist Colleen Welker.

Attending the bride as matrons of honor were Michelle Schuette and Heather Bell. Bridesmaids were: Stephanie Groenke, Hayley Briskey, sister of the groom, Sara Ryder and Elizabeth Simon. Flower girl was Jaida Lang, niece of the groom.

Serving the groom as best man was Eric Calkins. Groomsmen were: Carl Singer, Andrew Hasch, Tyler Miller, Ryan Sulek and Mark Rairigh. Ushers were Brandon Welker and Eric Jesse. Ring bearer was Kaden Blair, nephew of the groom.

The bride is a graduate of Fairview High School (2003) and University of Toledo (2007). She is presently working on her doctorate degree of physical therapy at University of Toledo.

The groom is a graduate of Fairview High School (2003) and Adrian College (2007), with a bachelor's degree in education. He is employed by Witt Farms and Walters' Lawn Care, Deerfield, Mich.

Following the ceremony a reception for 350 guests took place in the Ridgeville Legion.

The couple traveled to Ocho Rios, Jamaica, on their honeymoon.

They reside in Blissfield,

Auxiliary notes

Defiance Eagles Auxiliary Post 372 met recently with 14 members in attendance.

A first reading of application was given for re-enrollee, Patricia Ross. A second reading was given for Karen Gallagher who was duly elected to membership. Initiated into membership were Celeste Marroquin and Tomme Tijerina.

A thank-you note was read from the Ron Mehring family. Volunteers are needed for the first Friday drawing this week. Contact Darlene Meade at the Eagles.

Past madam presidents' club will meet 7 p.m. Oct. 6. September birthdays were recognized and happy birthday song was sung by Jody Schroeder. Prizes were won by Janelle Rubio, Celeste Marroquin, Kay Kraber and Cathy Aden.

The next meeting will be 7:15 p.m. Oct. 13 for officers followed by the meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Eagles.

Retirees reunion

Former employees of Sylvania-GTE-Philips are invited for a get-together Oct. 25 in the Ottawa K of C hall. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. The Quarter Century club, which has met every year since the plant closed, is extending an invitation for all former employees to join members for dinner, no matter how long they worked there. The cost is \$10 per person; former employees are welcome to bring a guest at the same cost. Reservations must be received by Oct. 18. Send reservations to: Mary Jane Lambert, 17717 Ohio Route 15, Continental, 45831.



HOLLY MILLER AND ADAM BELTZ

Fall ceremony slated

HICKSVILLE — Mark and Sheril Miller of Fort Wayne announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Holly, to Adam Beltz, son of Richard and Delores Beltz, Hicksville.

The bride-elect, a 2004 alumna of New Haven High School, New Haven, Ind., is a recent graduate of Indiana Purdue Fort Wayne University. She is employed by ResCare Adult Day Center, Fort Wayne. Her fiancé, a 2002 alumnus of Hicksville High School, is a 2006 graduate of Tri-State University, Angola, Ind. He is employed by J.M. Smucker Co., Orrville.

The couple will exchange wedding vows Saturday, Oct. 24, in Trinity United Methodist Church, Hicksville.



SCOTT WILSON AND JESSICA MARTIE

Nuptials set in Edon park

Ron and Kathy Martie of Defiance announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Jessica, to Scott Wilson.

The bride-elect is a 2008 graduate of Defiance High School. Her fiancé is a 1988 graduate of Rossford High School. He is employed by Tri-Wall, Butler, Ind. He is a part-time police officer in Edon.

The couple will exchange wedding vows Saturday, Oct. 17, in Walz Park, Edon.



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Artist at work

Clear skies and sunshine provided the backdrop for the Society of Artists fall festival held this weekend. Painting by local artists, fine art crafts and baked goods attracted guests to the studio before the downtown rib fest. Here artist Marilyn Wiseman works on a watercolor painting while Sylvia Wiseman of Antwerp observes.

VVA to offer bake sale Saturday

VVA chapter 954 will offer a bake sale Saturday starting at 10 a.m. in the Northtowne Mall. There will be a wide selection of cakes, pies, cookies, breads and other items.

Proceeds will benefit the nonprofit organization for veterans.

Open house to mark 40 years



Mr. and Mrs. Duane Dukes

BRYAN — Mr. and Mrs. Duane Dukes of Bryan will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary.

Duane Dukes and Jandra Hageman were married Oct. 11, 1969, in Union Chapel Church of God by Rev. Keith Snyder.

The couple have two children: Michelle Griffith, Fort Wayne; and Tara (Robert) Chase, Defiance. A son, Matthew, is deceased. They have five grandchildren. A grandson is deceased.

The Dukes will celebrate the special occasion at an open house, hosted by their children, 2-4 p.m. Sunday in Union Chapel Church of God, 17983 County Road A.

Couple make new home in Columbus

NAPOLEON — Hannah Lee Callaway and Ryan William Funchion were married Saturday, Aug. 15, in Emanuel Lutheran Church by Rev. James Castillo.

Parents of the couple are Cason and Julie Callaway and Terry and Lisa Funchion of Napoleon.

Nuptial music was performed by vocalist Marv MtCastle and pianist and harpist Angela Tonjes.

The bride selected a strapless, A-line gown with lace-up closure with satin wrapping across the A-line silhouette accented at the side hip with a glistening beaded motif.

Attending the bride as maid of honor was Sarah Callaway, sister of the



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bride. Bridesmaids were: Kaitlin Helberg, Megan Yarnell, Sarah Zehnder and Jenna Funchion.

Serving the groom as best man was Terry Funchion, father of the groom. Groomsmen were: Dustin Wanemacher, Kyle

Borstelman, Chris Moden and Jonathan Callaway. Ushers were: Grant Bockerman and Jon Saul.

The bride and groom are both graduates of Napoleon Class of 2004. She received her training in 2006 from Toledo Beauty Academy and is employed at Inspirational Solon brewery district in Columbus.

The groom holds a bachelor's degree from Bowling Green State University where he recently received his master's degree in business administration. He is employed by Crowe Horwath CPA firm, Columbus.

Following the ceremony a reception was attended by 350 guests. The newlyweds traveled to St. Lucia for their honeymoon. They reside in Columbus.

Meaning of 'African-American' reflects past, present

DEAR ABBY: On July 23, "Wondering" asked why President Obama is considered to be African-American and you responded that the term "African-American" is used in this country as a label that describes skin color. However, in the U.S. the term is generally applied to black Americans of slave ancestry. Before the Civil War we were African-American slaves, not considered fully human by the U.S. Constitution. After the Civil War and the outlawing of slavery, former slaves gained citizenship through amendments to the Constitution but were not able to exercise the full rights of citizenship. Most former slaves wanted to just be "Americans" with all the rights and privileges associated with it — but because of the color of their skin were discriminated against.

The term "African-American" is the result of a search for identity by these new Americans, former slaves and their descendants. We were called by many names — most of them negative, such as "Negro," "Colored," the infa-

mous "N- word," "Afro-American" and finally, "black." All of these at one time we considered negative because they didn't represent self-identification.

The black power movement occurred



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when Black Americans changed the negative term "black" to the positive term "Black." Other black folk began to adopt the term "African-American," which brings us to the present. We are a nation that has roots in all nations of the world. The labels tend to divide us into groups which separate us rather than bring us together. Let us all come together and all be blessed. — REV. ALTON E. PARIS, AMERICAN

Words of Thanks

Dear Friends:

I have never been one to be at a loss for words, but since my diagnosis in August, I have been overwhelmed and left speechless many times. The love and support of our church, family, friends and community have been tremendous, and we don't know how to begin to say thanks. Your many thoughts, prayers, cards, donations and offers of help are greatly appreciated. They have made my road to recovery much easier to travel, because I know I am loved and not alone. I also can't thank enough those who took part in the spaghetti dinner benefit. From the Fire Department, to the church members, and those who came to eat, God has truly blessed us with a supportive and caring community. Thank you so much! We love you all!

May God bless each and every one of you and keep you in His care! Thanks again and keep the prayers coming.

God Bless,
Jina & Matt Flory and family



43rd Annual Johnny Appleseed Festival

October 3rd & 4th, 2009 • 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Historic AuGlaize Village & Farm Museum
(a restored 19th century village and museum complex)

Located 3 miles west of Defiance, Ohio - off St. Rt. 24 on Krouse Rd.

- ☞ Apple Butter ☞ Caramel Corn done in an open kettle
- ☞ Crafters, Antiques & Flea Market ☞ Tinsmith ☞ Spinner ☞ Weave A Rug
- ☞ Homemade Soup ☞ Garded Tractor "Hawg" Pull ☞ Horse Drawn Wagon Rides
- ☞ General Store ☞ Vintage Farm Machinery displayed and demonstrated
- ☞ Lincoln Bay and Gateway Model Railroad Museum ☞ 20 Restored 19th Century Buildings
- ☞ Concession Stand ☞ Steam Powered Sawmill ☞ Early 1800's Settlement ☞ Petting Zoo

\$2 Train Rides Available Again! At the Jewell Depot

Antique Tractor Pull, Saturday at 11:00 AM
DJ Pair A Dice

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