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LIONS CLUB SCHEDULES ANNUAL PICNIC

The London Lions club will host its third annual community picnic at Cowling Park at 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 7. The event will be held rain or shine.

The event has grown from the members only club picnic of the past to an event that over 120 people attended last year.

"We were really surprised by the turnout last year," said Lion Greg Eades.

The London Lions will supply the hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, drinks and side dishes. The public is asked to bring their own paper plates, utensils and chairs; seating is limited.

The Lions Club has invited the Patriotic Celebration committee and the Bicentennial Committee to attend so that they can speak about upcoming events.

The Lions Club will accept donations of used eyeglasses at the event, and if folks are interested in joining the Lions, they can talk to any member at the event.

Even though it is hard to gauge the number of people that may attend, the Lions aren't too concerned. "Hey, if we run out of food, we'll go get more," said Lion Dick Hughes.

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In observance of Memorial Day, there will not be an online edition of *The Madison Press* Monday.

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Boggs gets five years for robbery

BY GREGG RETTIG
Managing Editor

More and more, it seems as if every crime in this county is related to heroin.

David C. Boggs II, 38, 11480 U.S. 36, Lot 132, Marysville, was sentenced to five years in prison Friday for aggravated robbery and theft, stemming from a stick-up last February at Mike's Pit Stop a convenience store and service station on West Main Street in Plain City, that netted a few hundred dollars.



David C. Boggs

He also received five years post-release probation and must pay \$805.85 in restitution.

Boggs told the court he robbed Mike's Pit Stop to support a heroin habit.

"If it wasn't for heroin, this never would have happened," Boggs told the court.

Boggs also said he is in treatment.

Common Pleas Court Judge Robert Nichols wished Boggs well with his treatment program, but expressed his frustration with the constant array of heroin-related cases coming through his courtroom.

"It seems we have no success whatsoever with heroin addiction," the judge said. "I wish you well, but we have had no positive response."

Assistant county prosecutor Eamon Costello echoed the judge's comments.

"What we are hearing here this morning we are hearing over and over

and over again," he said.

Bob Bannerman was appointed to represent Boggs. He asked the judge for a lighter sentence since Boggs does not have a much of a criminal record.

"He is not likely to reoffend," his attorney said.

Boggs is a former employee of Mike's Pit Stop. As a result, authorities believed he was familiar with the store's operations. He was arrested on Feb. 3 at his Marysville home after he was identified as the knife-wielding robber in the store's surveillance video.

College student finds agriculture the berries

YOU-PICK STRAWBERRIES ARE READY

BY DEAN SHIPLEY
Staff Writer

Jake Detwiler had to make a choice. Which career path do I follow? The 19-year-old Fairbanks alumnus for one year had narrowed it down to two paths: law enforcement or agriculture. He chose the latter and it's the berries.

Strawberries and raspberries, that is.

Detwiler is growing berries at the family-operated Mitchell Farms on Mitchell-Dewitt Road in Jerome Township in Union County. The Morehead State University student has berries on very healthy strawberry plants. He said Thursday they have already harvested 200 pounds of lovely, red strawberries. The you-pick portion of the operation is set to open at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 28.

Detwiler said the reason



BY DEAN SHIPLEY/THE MADISON PRESS

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Jake Detwiler shows off freshly picked strawberries from his berry operation in Jerome Township. It is open under the name of Mitchell's Farm, 9331 Mitchell-Dewitt Road.

Heiman and company close to fundraising goal

BY KEVIN DYE
Staff Writer

West Jefferson resident Gary Heiman decided to take part in a 700-mile bike trip this June to help fight Huntington's disease (see *Madison Press*, April 28). He reported Friday that the group has already reached 85 percent of their goal of raising \$12,000 for this year's Plains To Lakes ride before a single mile

has been logged. However, there is still time to join the fight against Huntington's disease and support Heiman on his ride.

The Plains To Lakes bike trip will start on June 12 at Belle Fourche, North Dakota and will end on June 23 when the group arrives in Eden Prairie, Minnesota. Heiman has

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BY DEAN SHIPLEY/THE MADISON PRESS

West Jefferson resident Gary Heiman was overjoyed that his neighbor Judy Rauch has joined him in his training for the upcoming Plains To Lakes 700-mile bike trip, which will raise funds to help fight Huntington's disease.



BY GREGG RETTIG/THE MADISON PRESS

Alder baseball advances

Jonathan Alder's Wes Fauver celebrates after he scored what turned out to be the winning run in Friday's Division II regional semifinal game. For more on the game, see Sports, page B1.

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