

Local headlines

Franklin City Council selects its new mayor, vice mayor

FRANKLIN — Denny Centers was selected by his fellow councilmen to serve as mayor for 2009.

Carl Bray will serve as vice mayor for the city.

Felonious assault lands West Chester man in prison

A West Chester Twp. man who police said left a woman for dead after a July attack in her Middletown home is now serving a seven-year prison term.



David P. Watters

David P. Watters, 30, pleaded guilty last month in Butler County Common Pleas Court to felonious assault and grand theft in connection with a July 25 incident. On that day, Watters assaulted Judy Apking, 35, in her Curtis Street home, where she was found with lacerations, chemical burns and other injuries, according to Middletown police.

Judge Andrew Nastoff sentenced Watters on Dec. 12 to seven years in prison for the felonious assault charge and five years of community control after his release from prison for the grand theft charge.

No jail time for nurse who stole drugs from Otterbein patients

A former Otterbein Home nurse was sentenced Tuesday,



Roxie Luff

Jan. 6, in Warren County Common Pleas Court to three years of community control for stealing medication from her elderly patients.

Roxie Luff, 22, of Hamilton, pleaded guilty Nov. 18, to five drug-related offenses for stealing medication, including hydrocodone and oxycodone, from her patients at Otterbein by altering charts to indicate she had given them their medications, according to the prosecutor's office. In addition to the community control sanctions, Luff received a fine and is prohibited from practicing as a nurse for three years.

The Ohio Nursing Board will be notified of the sentence, according to the prosecutor's office.

"This is a person that was entrusted with protecting the health and well being of our elderly and she violated that trust," said Warren County Prosecutor Rachel Hutzel in a statement released Tuesday.

MHS sets yearbook pickup for '08 grads

Middletown High School Class of 2008 alumni may pick up their yearbooks from 8 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Jan. 13 and 14 in the high school media center.

Any alumni having someone else pick up yearbooks must give written permission.

The 2007-08 yearbooks will be passed out to current students during their fifth-period lunch Jan. 7, 8 and 9 in front of the media center.

Locally shot horror movie out on DVD

The movie "Kiss of the Vampire" hit store shelves this week.

The DVD should be available at Best Buy, Blockbuster, Family Video, Amazon, Netflix and numerous other outlets, according to the film's producers.

The film included many local residents cast as extras, and locals will recognize many familiar landmarks such as the former Swallen's building and the former Schiavone's Restaurant in Middletown; the Masonic Temple in Dayton; and locations around the Historic Butler County Courthouse in Hamilton.

