

For the record

Galion Police Department
April 15
 2:34 a.m. - An officer was dispatched to an area business in reference to a newspaper carrier reporting a shattered window there. The officer observed where someone had shattered a front entrance door in two spots by possibly using a glass perfume bottle. The owner reported that it appeared the suspect/s may not have been able to gain entry because nothing was taken or out of place.
 2:57 a.m. - Officers were patrolling when they noticed two front windows of an area business were shattered. Upon investigating, they discovered a small hammer in the parking lot that was possibly used to do the damage.
 4:40 a.m. - Officers were dispatched to an area business in reference to an activated burglary alarm. Upon arrival, they discovered a glass door had been

broken to gain entry. The Crawford County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit was requested to attempt a track; however was unsuccessful in doing so. The owner advised a cash register was missing.
 1:47 p.m. - An officer responded to an area business on a report of two shoplifters. The store manager reported seeing a young female and male conceal batteries and candy bars under their clothes. When confronted, the female returned the batteries and apologized. The male denied stealing anything; however five king-sized candy bars were found in his jacket pocket. They were both transported to the station where they were issued a summons for theft with a mandatory court date and then released.
 2:07 p.m. - An officer responded to an area business in reference to two shoplifters. The store manager reported seeing one of the juvenile male's put a

candy bar in his pocket and the other put two packs of gum in his. The manager advised he did want to press charges. The males were transported to the station and their parents told they would be contacted by Juvenile Court.
 8:30 p.m. - An officer was dispatched to a Fairview Avenue residence in reference to a burglary. The complainant advised his TV, portable DVD player and around 250 DVDs were taken. He told the officer his roommate had already made a report; however dispatch said he did not. The roommate then admitted that the items were in Bucyrus. A short while later, they were retrieved and returned to the complainant who did not want to file charges.
 9:40 p.m. - An officer was traveling on Atwood Street when they saw a woman whom they knew to have an active warrant, enter her apartment. The officer

explained the warrant to the woman and then transported her to the station where she was later released to the Crawford County Jail.
 11 p.m. - Officers were dispatched to an Oliver Street residents in regard to a domestic disturbance. They observed a male who appeared to be intoxicated sitting on the porch. In explaining what happened, the male began cussing at his fiancé. He said the fiancé had assaulted him. The woman admitted to hitting him because he hit her first. After continuously cussing at the woman, the male was arrested. He was taken to the station and issued a summons for disorderly conduct and given a mandatory court date.
 April 16
 12:24 p.m. - An officer was on patrol when they observed a male put something in his mouth, light it

and then seeing the officer, quickly hide the item. Once contacted, the male denied smoking anything but the officer could smell an odor of burnt marijuana. The officer searched the male and found a cigarette pack which contained nine prescription pills belonging to someone else. A piece of straw with white residue on it and a baggie containing green vegetation were also found on the male. He was taken to the station and issued a summons for drug abuse, drug paraphernalia, and possessing drugs. He was then released pending his court appearance.

Students take important step in church life

On Sunday, April 26, 16 members of St. Joseph's Church in Galion celebrated their First Holy Communion. The service was celebrated by Fr. John Brennan and Deacon Greg Kirk. Teachers for the communicants were second grade teacher Jodi Baker and CCD teacher Cathy Mahoney. The music was led by Nathan Sherer and the St. Joseph's adult and children's choir. Principal Robert Lavengood was present and distributed the wine to the communicants. During the offertory, each of the communicants presented their mothers with carnations.

Brennan's homily spoke of the sacraments they have already received: baptism and reconciliation and the importance of communion. He used three stuffed animals to symbolize our guides through life. Thumper warns us to be careful and to keep us safe. Daffy keeps things light, fun, and joyful, reminding us not always to be serious, to relax. Donald is the big protector, older, wiser, to help us, keeps an eye out, overlooks everything, guides us like Jesus. Brennan reminded the class that God loved us so much that he died on the cross for us and not to be afraid.



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 The 2009 communicants at St. Joseph Parish elementary school are Nicholas Jilek, front row left, Julia Brewer, Amber Stinson, Bella Walter, Kurt Ensmann, Brenden Ganshorn, Jack McEligott, second row left, Gabrielle Kaple, Alexandria Eckert, Adrianna Culp, Kale Bickert, Olivia Hocker, Christopher Bood, third row left, Lucas Bash, Jillianne Gregg, and David Whittaker. Deacon Greg Kirk and Father John Brennan are standing at rear.

Energy

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 farming or other uses. Arnold shared slides of solar installations which take better advantage of land topography in non-farming areas like Colorado's Alamosa photovoltaic solar plant which has been operational since 2007. Internationally, solar energy-generation continues to grow. In addition to committing a large plot of land to a solar plant, considerations such as visual barriers, road and boundary set-backs, aesthetics and safety barriers also come into play.
 All alternative energy sources, said Arnold, must take environmental impact into consideration — wildlife, soil, water, run-off and noise are as important as economics when developing a generation plant. These factors must be managed during a construction period as well as during future generation phases. Ohio's soil and water conservation standards align with federal standards, said Arnold.
 Arnold mentioned several areas of Ohio law which must be addressed to support future creative generation of power resources, including laws which prohibit allowing a utility to provide a landowner with free power services as part of the company's land lease. States along the eastern seaboard of the U.S. — where alternative energy investment has moved along at a faster pace

than in the Midwest — do not have laws which discourage landowner participation in such projects.
 He also highlighted other fiscal benefits to landowners — in the form of lease payments, and to local governments — in the form of sales and income taxes during construction phases or payments in lieu of taxes. Where energy-generating plants exist, support manufacturing businesses will also exist, creating "green collar" jobs.
 The final speaker of the morning was attorney David Nash, of McMahon DeBulis LLP in Cleveland. Nash's remarks focused on the importance of environmental considerations in an energy project. He also encouraged landowners not to enter into any energy project agreement without first consulting a knowledgeable attorney — someone experienced with utility leases.
 Such leases tend to be very large documents. When written by energy company legal staff, the interests of the landowner are not likely to be protected, said Nash. Even attorneys who work both with governments and/or energy companies, should be able to ably represent a landowner's interests.
 There is no such thing as a "cold call," said Nash. Any landowner contacted by an energy company must keep in mind the amount of research which took place before the contact was initi-

ated. Just because one owns lots of acreage, don't think for a moment the company doesn't already know statistics on sustained winds, days of sun, whatever, which are major considerations for any energy-generating site.
 About 21 power-generating companies are looking at Ohio right now, said Arnold. He encouraged landowners to take advantage of the farm bureau's consulting services. During development and construction phases, agricultural acreage does come out of current agricultural use value status, he advised; when the land is available for farming again, CAUV status is put back in place.
 Wind power generation was not specifically emphasized at the conference; however, many parts of Ohio do lend themselves well to wind farming. Like solar power, wind farming takes large plots of land — a minimum of two acres per tower — but the land can still be farmed for traditional crops. Arnold said the Midwest could continue to be America's breadbasket while providing alternative energy resources.
 Landowners were encouraged to visit the Great Lakes Science Center to see and learn more about the wind power towers there. A year-long study on power generation is being conducted along the shores of Lake Erie. The wind towers at the center are the only installation of its kind on Lake Erie.

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