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TO OUR READERS:

The Sentinel will be publishing a morning edition Friday due to the July Fourth holiday weekend. The Sentinel offices will also be closed Friday. For a list of other area schedule changes for the holiday weekend, see page A8.



LOCAL

Project SHARE
welcomes new freezer

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WEB EXTRAS

• Sentinel reporter Heather Stauffer offers her weekly Lunchtime Blog on cops and courts.

WEATHER

Today Tomorrow



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Yesterday's PM 2s average

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DEATHS

- Fair, Raymond L. - 87
- Goulet, Raymond J. R. - 70
- Leo, John A. - 69
- Mellott, Forrest C. "Chick" Sr. - 82
- Rotz, Lillian B. - 86

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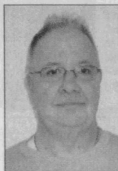
State can't pay bills

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Wormleysburg

Area official faces sex charges

■ The accusations against Ronald Frank come from three teen boys, some of whom said the acts took place at the fire commission office.



Ronald P. Frank

BY NAOMI CREASON
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On Tuesday, Ronald P. Frank was a deeply involved member of the Wormleysburg-area community: borough councilman, code enforcement officer for Lemoyne, commissioner of the West Shore Bureau of

Fire and a former crossing guard at Lemoyne Middle School.

On Wednesday, he was in Cumberland County Prison in lieu of \$250,000 bail, accused of sexual misconduct with three teen boys.

The West Shore Regional Police Department announced Wednesday that it had filed 16 felony and misdemeanor charges against Frank

— three each of involuntary sexual intercourse, corruption of minors, indecent assault, statutory sexual assault and unlawful contact with a minor, as well as one of prostitution and related offenses.

Frank, 62, lives on Porsha Terrace in Wormleysburg. He does not have a criminal history in Pennsylvania, according to court records.

Investigation

The charges followed an investigation that began in February 2008,

• See Official, A4



Pavlovich

Courts

Emotions run high at Pavlovich sentencing

■ The former Marysville police officer will spend 10.5 to 19 years in state prison.

BY HEATHER STAUFFER
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The third victim to speak at former Marysville police officer Robert Pavlovich's sentencing Wednesday positioned himself so she faced him directly.

"You stole my childhood," she said, crying and pausing between sentences. "You stole my innocence. You stole my confidence. You stole my happiness ... You stole any chance I had to have a normal life."

Now 19, she briefly recounted her testimony that for nearly one full year, when she was 12 and 13 years old, Pavlovich came to her house once and sometimes more each day when her parents were gone and sexually assaulted her.

• See Pavlovich, A4

Carlisle

In the swing



Michael Bupp/The Sentinel

Korrd Micklo, 7, of Hickorytown enjoys riding the Swinger Wednesday evening at the Empire Friendship Fire Company Carnival in Carlisle. The annual carnival runs through Saturday night at the fire station at 177 Spring Road in Carlisle.

— see page A5 for more pictures

Franklin County

Military contract good news for JLG

BY DINESH RAMDE
AP BUSINESS WRITER

MILWAUKEE — Oshkosh Corp. said Wednesday that it's too early to know how many jobs its new billion-dollar military contract will create but stressed that the number will be "significant."

The contract awarded Tuesday to the Oshkosh-based company calls for 2,244 mine-resistant, ambush-protected vehicles, or MRAPs. The Defense Department said it urgently needs strong protective trucks that are also light and can maneuver Afghanistan's rocky terrain.

A beneficiary of the military contract is the town of McConnellsburg. That's where JLG Industries Inc., the Oshkosh subsidiary that will help build the new trucks, is headquartered.

• See JLG, A4

Summerfair

Baby race headlines annual event



Sentinel file photo

Above, volunteers scoop ice cream for Carlisle-area residents during last year's Summerfair ice cream social.

"It's so funny, because the babies get so easily distracted. It could take them a long time to reach the finish line."

DOROTHY WARNER
SUMMERFAIR BOARD MEMBER

■ Carlisle's Summerfair offers 10 days of activities for children of all ages.

BY NAOMI CREASON
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After 20 years, Summerfair board member Dorothy Warner still never gets tired of her favorite event.

The crowd is huge, the competition fierce and the participants adorable.

In Focus

What: Summerfair's Baby Race

When: Registration is at 12:30 p.m. with a race start at 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 11

Where: Rush Campus, Dickinson College.

Sure, they don't always reach the finish line in record time, but the competitors in Summerfair's annual baby race always put on a show.

"It's always been a big crowd pleaser," said Warner, who coordinates the baby race.



• For the rest of this story, check out page D4 of Alive inside today's paper



Time to dust off your bike

BY ANDREA CICCOCIO
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Ever wonder what Carlisle looks like when you're not driving through it at 25 miles per hour? Find out during the Around the Town bike ride, a Summerfair XXXII event.

The Around the Town ride is not a race, but a casual ride through town.

• See Bike, A4

JLG

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Within the past year JLG laid off more than 2,000 people, or half its worldwide work force. The contract means JLG will be able to bring back an unspecified number of those employees, Bohn said. But plans to close a plant in Oakes, N.D., which has 61 employees, remain unchanged.

Oshkosh, which has about 12,000 employees worldwide, is evaluating its needs this week to see how many new hires will be needed, said Robert Bohn, the company's chairman and chief executive.

"It will depend on volume and production pace," Bohn said. "I can't go out and put those (hiring) numbers out there right now (but) I can tell you it will be significant. We should have those numbers in a few days."

The company had a pair of two-day

furloughs at a number of its plants this year. It also laid off some workers, although a spokesman could not immediately say how many.

Oshkosh's contract was prompted a flurry of activity on Wall Street. About 9.7 million Oshkosh shares changed hands Wednesday, nearly seven times the average trading activity.

Shares rose \$3.83, or 26 percent, to close at \$18.37 on the New York Stock Exchange. Shares traded for less than \$5 in March.

The contract comes as welcome news in Wisconsin, which has had a recent string of economic bad news. General Motors Corp. last week passed on the option of reopening its Janesville production plant, which idled 1,200 workers when it shut down last Christmas. And Milwaukee engine-maker Briggs & Stratton said Wednesday that it was closing its Jefferson

plant, cutting 430 jobs.

Oshkosh Mayor Paul Esslinger cheered the contract, calling the \$1.1 billion contract "staggering."

"I think it's a testament to the quality of businesses here in Oshkosh," he said. "We can tout that we have companies that are known around the world."

He declined to say what effect the contract might have on the city, saying he was waiting to talk to the company about its future hiring and spending plans.

Gov. Jim Doyle also called Oshkosh's contract "great news for Wisconsin. It's a tremendous tribute to a company that's innovative and very nimble."

Doyle said he had conversations with the company early in the process of seeking the contract, but he did not detail what assistance the state gave to Oshkosh for the bid.

NEWS BRIEF

Harrisburg police:

No shootings in one week

HARRISBURG — Police say the gun violence in Pennsylvania's capital city appears to have subsided.

Harrisburg Police Richard Pickles told a crime-watch group Wednesday night that there haven't been any shootings in the city for a week. Pickles also says police have arrested more than 200 people on various charges. The crackdown was in reaction to at least 12 shootings in three weeks in the city.

Pickles says most shootings have been drug-related. He says the only non-drug-related shootings he knows of in Harrisburg are tied to domestic violence.

— Associated Press

CORRECTION

A story on Page A1 in Wednesday's Sentinel about the Rotary roast beef dinner today said coupons for ice cream cones would be given with the dinners. It should have noted that the coupons from Bruster's Ice Cream in Carlisle are a buy one, get one free offer.

Bike

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"It's a nice family event," explained Michael Black, event coordinator. "It's for all ages, but you should be experienced riding a bike."

The bike ride begins at 9 a.m. Friday at Allison United Methodist Church and riders should expect to ride for about an hour.

Last year, more than 30 cyclists participated in the event.

Riders must provide their own bicycles and wear helmets.



Schedule corrections

Due to last minute changes with events, Summerfair Chairwoman, Deb Elliott, said that two events are listed on the wrong dates in the flyers printed for this year's event.

• The Swing Dance Lessons and Open Swing Dancing is scheduled from 7-9 p.m. on Monday, July 6, as opposed to the July 7 date in the flyer.

• The 50K Run will take place at 8 a.m., July 4 at Rich Campus, Dickinson College. Registration begins at 7 a.m. The flyer incorrectly shows the run as a July 11 event.

The errors were not caught in time by production deadline, but correct schedules may be obtained online at www.carlisesummerfair.com or The Sentinel's website www.cumberlink.net.

Tomorrow at Summerfair

Friday, July 3

- 9 a.m. Around the Town bike ride, Allison United Methodist Church parking lot, 99 Mooreland Avenue, Carlisle
- 6-8 p.m. Open pool night, Carlisle Pool, 1236 Franklin St., Carlisle
- 7 p.m. Musical, "Oliver!" Carlisle Theatre, 44 W. High St.
- 7-11 p.m. Tractor Trwang country line dance, Carlisle Fairgrounds
- 9:30 p.m. Stars Burst Over Carlisle fireworks display (funded through private donations separate from Summerfair), from Carlisle Fairgrounds

Pavlovich

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Now, she said, she doesn't like police officers and she's afraid to go out and afraid to be alone.

"He has a sickness and he preys on young girls," she told Perry County Judge Kathy Morrow in a courtroom heavily guarded by at least nine armed law enforcement officers. "He should get the maximum penalty and go to jail for a very long time so he never gets the chance to do this to anyone else."

'Wolf among sheep'

The father of another victim read a statement in which the girl said she now thinks all police officers are pigs and hates all men except those in her and her boyfriend's family.

As for himself, he said, he did the best he could to protect his daughters. "I told them if they ever found themselves in trouble and I wasn't there, find a policeman," he said. "I'm sure all parents tell their children that."

Now, he said, after seeing how the court system allowed Pavlovich out on bail for so long and despite the fact that he lived near a school, he was afraid that Pavlovich would get a sentence that allowed him to again be "a wolf among sheep."

Calling Pavlovich's actions "reprehensible," prosecutor Jonelle Eschbach, Pennsylvania senior deputy attorney general, also asked Morrow to "incapacitate" him for as long as possible.

Sentencing options

Defense attorney P. Richard Wagner had requested that Morrow follow the probation office's recommendation of a 5.5 to 11-year sentence, which would have run the sentences on some of his 15 counts concurrently.

Eschbach, however, argued that would

In Focus

Robert J. Pavlovich, 41, formerly a police officer in Maryland, Perry County, was convicted in October 2008 of having sexual contact with teenage girls while on duty.

Previously a member of the Manheim Township Police Department in Lancaster County, Pavlovich was charged with indecent assault against a 13-year-old girl and corruption of minors in 1996 but was acquitted.

In 1999 he was hired as a police officer in Duncannon and was fired that same year after two complaints about sexual misconduct with minors.

He had worked in Maryland for seven years before he was put on administrative leave in March 2007 and then arrested in October 2007.

He had been fined on \$250,000 bail since December 2007 and has settled civil suits brought by some of the girls involved in the current case.

Investigation of the accusations against Pavlovich also led to the retirement of former Maryland police Chief Jake Stoss.

make some of the victims a "throw-away."

Furthermore, she said, in light of the fact that he used his duties as a police officer to find vulnerable girls, a standard or aggravated range sentence was definitely appropriate.

Wagner disagreed, reminding Morrow that one of the girls admitted to lying under oath.

Maintains innocence

When Pavlovich spoke after the girls, he said he will declare his innocence until the day he dies.

"I did my job, and I did my job well," Pavlovich said in a brief statement. "I respect the criminal justice system: I was part of it."

But now, he said, he has lost faith in it, and Wednesday was the hardest day of his life as he said goodbye to his 1- and a-half-year-old son and 7-year-old daughter.

"You are sentencing my children and my family," Pavlovich said, asking Morrow for mercy.

Sexual predator

"You put a stain on every honorable police officer in this community that cannot easily be lifted," Morrow said.

She asked the victims to "please, please, please" not let Pavlovich's actions control their feelings about all police officers.

Then she sentenced him to a total of 10.5 to 19 years in prison followed by 24 months of probation, as well as requiring that he undergo lifetime Megan's Law registration as a sexually violent predator.

The sentence didn't quite equal what Eschbach had asked for, but it was standard range and even aggravated on the count of involuntary deviate sexual intercourse with a person with a mental disability.

Reaction

Eschbach and the victims said they were pleased the judge listened to them and imposed a long sentence. "I think it made a big difference," the 19-year-old said of her testimony. Now she feels "a little bit safer," she said.

"He didn't get enough," said area resident Kenneth Bair, who was there merely as an observer. "It took seven years to get any like that."

Police stayed nearby as the small crowd reassembled outside the courtroom, waiting for Pavlovich to appear in handcuffs. When he did, they ran to get a better look and clapped and yelled. Wagner had no comment afterward.

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police said.

A 13-year-old boy reported that on several occasions during the summer and fall of 2007, Frank performed a sex act on him while the boy was helping Frank with office work at the fire company at the Fire Commission Office, police said. The boy said Frank also took him to the man's home, where Frank would perform another sex act.

Asked about the length of the investigation, Cumberland County District Attorney David Freed noted that an unsupported initial report is rarely enough to base charges on.

"Charges are filed when we believe, based on experience, that we have enough," Freed said. Investigators always make a determination as to whether any victims are in immediate danger, he said.

"The reports here were historical and not immediate." He also noted that inves-

tigators should be credited for developing additional "strong evidence."

Conditions

Cumberland County Magisterial District Judge Richard Dougherty stipulated Wednesday that if Frank makes bail, he must observe the following conditions:

- Absolutely no contact with any of the boys.
- No contact or visitation with any child or minor under 18 years old unless supervised by a third person 21 years or older or approved by Cumberland County Children and Youth Services.
- May not while engaged in any activity related to the West Shore Bureau of Fire oversee direct or have any contact with any juvenile under the age of 18 nor participate in any recruiting and/or selection of any members who might make

applications to the West Shore Bureau of Fire.

• Shall not engage in any crossing guard duties which might place him in contact with young children.

• Shall not return to his home address until the residence is not occupied by any child or minor under 18 years old.

• Prior to being released on bail, the defendant shall provide sufficient proof of an alternate place of residence other than that of his home address.

A preliminary hearing has been set for 2:15 p.m. July 8 before Cumberland County Magisterial District Judge Roger Estep.

Frank's attorney, William Tully, did not return a call by press time this morning. Neither did Wormleysburg Mayor George Preble or officials at the West Shore Bureau of Fire.

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Summerfair XXXII

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with you on the day of the event.

On-site registration will begin at 5:30 p.m.

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