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Bad tomatoes cause 106 more salmonella cases

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Federal health officials have learned of 106 more cases of salmonella linked to tainted tomatoes, putting the outbreak's toll at 383 on Wednesday and counting.

"We do not think the outbreak is over," said Dr. Robert

Tauxe of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Most of this newest influx of cases were people who got sick weeks ago but hadn't been counted yet. Some states began doing a better job of checking for salmonella as the outbreak has dragged on, while part of the surge comes from test

results that had been backlogged in jammed laboratories.

What hasn't changed is that the earliest known victim got sick on April 10, and the latest on June 5.

But New Hampshire and Pennsylvania reported their first cases, bringing to 30 the number of states — plus Washington, D.C. — that have

reported sick residents, although some may have been infected while traveling. At least 48 people have been hospitalized.

Ohio has reported three cases of salmonella poisoning.

It might be impossible to trace the ultimate source of the tainted tomatoes, the Food and Drug Administration's food

safety chief warned Wednesday.

"I know there is a great deal of frustration" that the mystery hasn't been solved, said Dr. David Acheson, the FDA's associate commissioner for foods. "We're continuing to work flat-out."

But tomatoes are among the hardest foods to trace in an outbreak, because people sel-

dom have any left by the time they get sick and they're sold without tags to help trace their suppliers.

The FDA has said that parts of Mexico and Florida are the most likely sources of the contamination because they were supplying most of the nation's tomatoes when the outbreak began.

Trotting to the Pickaway County Fair



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Steve Hettinger, driver and trainer, paces "Sara's Delight" past an empty grandstand on Friday at the Pickaway County Fairgrounds. The scene will be slightly different today and Sunday when harness racing opens the Pickaway County Fair. Hettinger will be back in action Sunday as he drives "Scootenhorn" to the finish. Races begin at 1 p.m. each day and admission and parking is free. For ticket prices, daily events and times call 420-6807.

Grease catching was an industry

By DARLENE WEAVER
FOR THE HERALD

What would now be considered a disgusting practice was, in 1877, seriously considered a new industry.

Working along the banks of Hargus Creek between the slaughter houses and the river, grease catchers worked at their trade.

It was reported in a Dec. 14, 1877, newspaper that at least 25 men and boys were engaged in the trade. They

managed to catch enough grease to make from a few cents to \$5 each day.

Just outside the premises of Groce and Ruggles, principal pork packers, was the best paying claim along the creek bank.

It was owned and operated by John Youngman who yielded as much as \$10 worth of grease per day. His "pool" was described as follows: "The waters of the sewer that runs

from Ruggles' house to the creek, is dammed, and the banks raised on both sides to prevent water from overflowing; the stage of water in this pool is regulated by a cut-off at the head."

Grease and fatty particles from the slaughtering houses floated down into this receptacle, then rose to the top of the water, where it was skimmed off and placed into barrels.

Other claims were found all along Hargus Creek. Needless to say, the grease was of an

inferior quality, but sold for one and a half cents per pound - the pork packers themselves buying it.

The industry was begun in 1876 by two young men who made nearly \$300 during the killing season at the packers.

Information for the above article taken from the Democrat & Watchman 1877.

Darlene Weaver is the volunteer librarian for the historical society's genealogical library. She writes a weekly story for the Herald.

Local man honored for saving officer

Miles recognized
by Columbus
City CouncilBy TRISH BENNETT
STAFF WRITER

When Derrick Foster, former Ohio State University football player, shot two Columbus narcotics officers during an April drug raid, a Pickaway County man was on the front lines of the action - and is credited for saving one officer's life.

Mike Miles, a Columbus firefighter and paramedic from northeastern Pickaway County, was honored as a hero by the Columbus City Council June 2 and the Fraternal Order of Police June 10 for actions they believe went above and beyond the call of duty.

Jim Gilbert, president of the FOP, said Miles entered an unsecured, unsafe area during a volatile situation in which two undercover narcotics officers had been shot.

"Normally, medics will not go into those scenes until the area is secured," Gilbert said.

"It was the craziest thing I've ever seen in my life pulling in there. The way the guy was, though, I'm glad we did. I've been on tons of shootings, but this was really intense with the emotion of the cops and everything. This was a lot different."

— Mike Miles, paramedic who saved an officer's life



MILES

"But in this situation, he went in, realized it was a life-threatening injury and got him to Grant Hospital within 10 minutes. Ultimately, it saved his life."

Gilbert said doctors confirmed the officer, John Gillis, would have died without Miles' intervention at the scene.

"They said he was within a minute or two of losing enough blood to lose his life," he said. "It was definitely the

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Park district purchases land for trail

Canal Park will
be linked with
Calamus SwampBy TRISH BENNETT
STAFF WRITER

A deal signed Thursday with Dayton Power & Light lays the groundwork for development of a hiking and biking trail linking Canal Park with Calamus Swamp near state Route 104.

The Pickaway County Park

District purchased parts of the old Penn Central Railroad for a two-mile trail, according to Charles Babb, park district board member.

The trail is expected to open for hiking in spring 2009 with the bike trail completed at a later date.

"The park district and others have worked for several years to secure this area for future use by the citizens of Pickaway County," Babb said. "We will be looking for assistance to develop this trail in the form of grants and gifts

from private or business donors."

The trail, he said will connect Canal Road and state Route 104 and will run along the old railroad line.

Canal Park, owned by the Pickaway County Historical and Genealogical Society, has a parking area open to the public during the day.

Calamus Swamp, owned by the Columbus branch of the National Audubon Society, is open to the public with parking, boardwalks and blinds for bird watching.

The proposed trail between the two, with the historic Owens-Campbell cemetery at its center, will be owned and maintained by the park district, Babb said.

The Pickaway County Park District was established in 2002 with members appointed by the senior county probate judge, Jan Michael Long. The purpose of the district, Babb said, is to make sure land and green space is available and maintained for the future of the county.

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Members of the Pickaway County Park District board finalized the purchase of land Thursday for a two-mile hiking and bike trail. Pictured (from left) are and Robert (Pete) Hartinger; Scott Frank and Reed Faulkner, representatives of DP&L; Charles Babb and Kenneth Speakman. Not pictured are board members Kenneth Temple and Marty DeLamatre.

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