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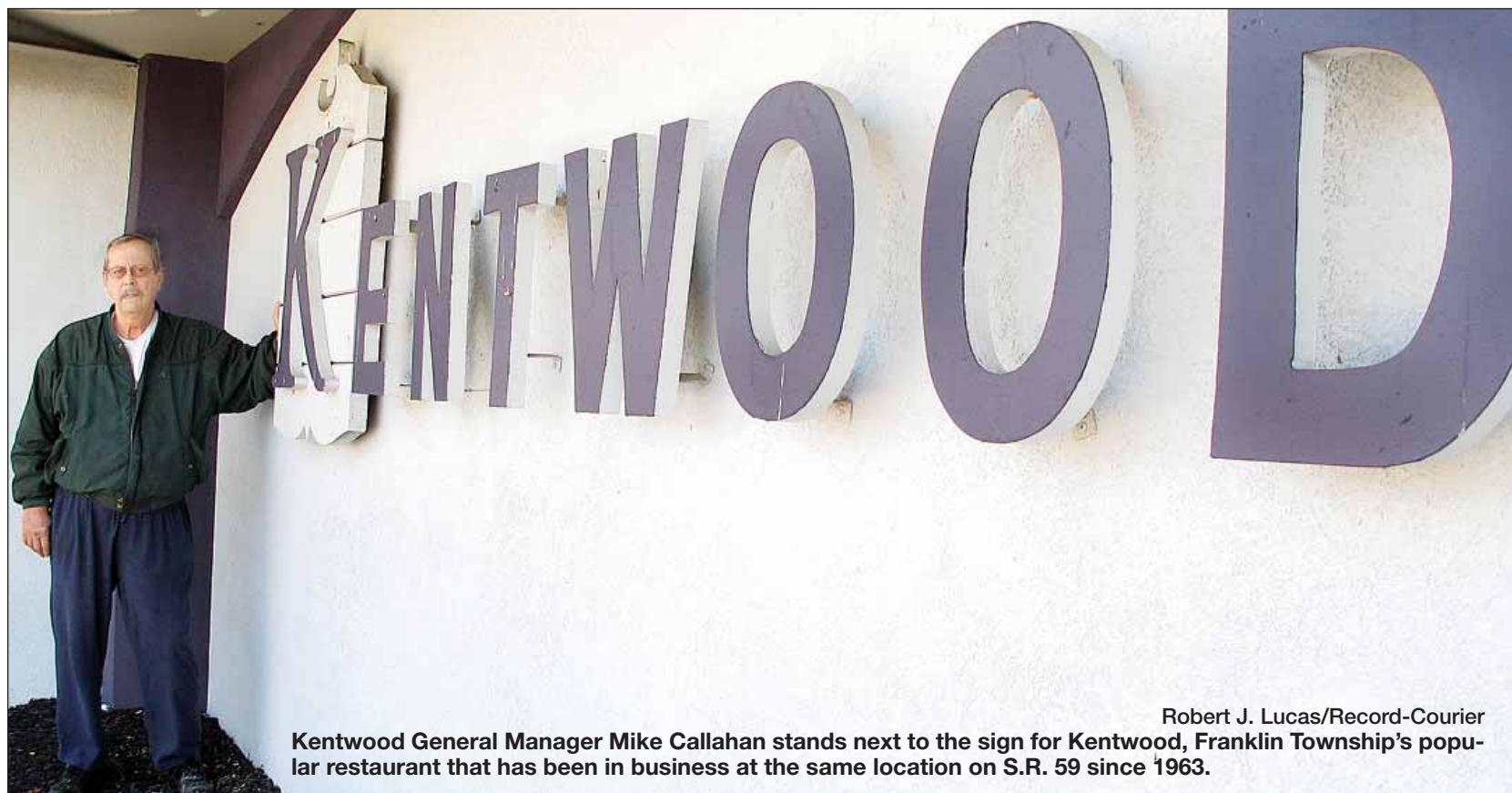
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Diners loyal to Kentwood



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Kentwood General Manager Mike Callahan stands next to the sign for Kentwood, Franklin Township's popular restaurant that has been in business at the same location on S.R. 59 since 1963.

Franklin Township eatery a mainstay since 1963

By Colin McEwen
Record-Courier staff writer

In late 1963, the nation was undergoing change. Americans mourned the loss of President John F. Kennedy, the Beatles were leading the charge with the British Invasion and seemingly overnight in Portage County, Kentwood Restaurant became the place to be. Vivian Mazzochi opened Kentwood Restaurant in early December 1963 with her husband, James, after receiving a small business loan from her father-in-law. Mr. Mazzochi's only stipu-

lation was that the restaurant not be built too small — a business decision that would prove to be quite astute. While rearing four children, Vivian ran Kentwood and James ran his retail store, Crystal Wholesale, on Sycamore Street in Ravenna. "Vivian had a lot of common sense and savvy for the business," said General Manager Mike Callahan about Mazzochi, who is now 91 years old and still involved with the business. "She hasn't retired, she's just working



hot-spot destination in the 1960s.

from home." Despite a bumpy ride on nearby gravel roads, carloads of customers flocked to Kentwood — one of the only restaurants in the vicinity of S.R. 59 in Franklin Township and a fledgling hot-spot destination in the 1960s.

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Experts: GM filing bankruptcy inevitable

Company has too much to do before June 1 deadline

By Tom Krisher
Associated Press

DETROIT — For General Motors Corp., the task at hand is so difficult that experts say a Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing is all but inevitable. To remake itself outside of court, GM must persuade bondholders to swap \$27 billion in debt for 10 percent of its risky stock. On top of that, the automaker must work out deals with its union, announce factory closures, cut or sell brands and force hundreds of dealers out of business — all in three weeks.

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Windham, guard to sign fire, EMS deal

Will service new training facility

By Colin McEwen
Record-Courier staff writer

The Windham Fire Department will provide fire and EMS services to the Ohio National Guard at its training center at the former Ravenna Army Ammunitions Plant. Once an agreement is signed by officials at the Ravenna Training and Logistics Site, the Windham Fire Department will schedule orientation meetings and exercises to become familiar with the training center. The guard will use the services on an as-needed basis, according to the agreement.

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Technology brings funerals closer to home

Green's Family Funeral Home in Mantua offering webcasts of services

By Diane Smith
Record-Courier staff writer

MANTUA — One morning at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., employees gathered to attend the funeral of a friend who had worked with them for 15 years. So they went to a computer to

call up the Web site for Green's Family Funeral Home, which arranged services for Marian Bayless of Deerfield. There, they could find a collage of photos of their friend set to music, her obituary, and the broadcast of the funeral that took place hundreds of miles away.

Funeral Director David Green said since he began webcasting funerals, they have been viewed by loved ones serving overseas in the military, a daughter in Arizona, and families with a loved one who was in the hospital at the time of the service. "I can't get over the response on

it," Green said. Green said his funeral home is the only one he knows of in Ohio that broadcasts video footage of funeral services the way he does. A funeral home in central Ohio offers them, but the webcasts are pass-

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A special good morning to Record-Courier subscriber Don Leightner of Rootstown



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David Rimar, a fifth-grader at Rootstown Elementary School, came up with a fundraiser to help his classmate Chloe Batsch, who is suffering from two rare autoimmune disorders. A cut-a-thon is set for Friday at the school to benefit Chloe.

Cut-a-thon to benefit Rootstown fifth-grader

Classmate's illness sparks boy's idea

By Diane Smith
Record-Courier staff writer

ROOTSTOWN — Debbie Rimar was concerned when her son, David, came home from school talking about classmate Chloe Batsch. Sometimes she was at school, sometimes she wasn't, and then she was starting to lose her hair. When they found out that two rare autoimmune disorders were responsible for Chloe's absences and hair loss, David asked his mother if there was something they could do for her. So on Friday, a cut-a-thon will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. at Rootstown Elementary School. Rimar said her son deserves the credit for the idea.

"I was so proud of him," Debbie Rimar said. "A lot of the fifth-grade kids had been worried about her." Stylists from Dianne's Mane Event, Famous Hair in Kent and other salons will be cutting hair. A donation of \$10 per hair cut will be donated to the family to offset medical expenses. There also will be basket raffles at the event, and gifts will be presented to the family. Hair donations will be accepted for Free Wigs for Kids, the organization that is providing a wig for Chloe. Chloe, a fifth-grader at the school, suffers from two autoimmune disorders.

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