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WHAT'S ON Sylvania

■ **Science Careers for Valuing the Environment** sponsors a talk by James Diller, "Three Careers in Fifty Years — Sharing Medical Mission Experiences," 7:30-9 p.m. Nov. 6 at the Franciscan Conference Center, Lourdes College, Convent Boulevard. Free.

■ **Sylvania Women's Connection West brunch**, Nov. 9 at Sylvania Country Club, 5201 Corey Rd. Juice and coffee at 9:15 a.m., followed by brunch and program. Cost, \$12. Reservations and complimentary nursery. Call 419-472-8749, evenings, by Nov. 6.

■ **Sylvania United Church rummage sale**, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 10 at 7240 Erie St. Bag sale for clothing until noon, \$3. Fill a bag for \$2 from noon to 2 p.m.

■ **Thoroughly Modern Millie**, production by Northview High School, 7:30 p.m. Nov. 8-10 and an afternoon matinee on Nov. 11 at the school's Little Theater, 5403 Silica Drive. Adult \$10, student \$8.

■ **"Bites and Bids" dessert and auction event** to benefit Grace Community Center, 3-5 p.m. Nov. 4 at Sylvania United Church of Christ, 7240 Erie St.

■ **It's a Jungle**, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Nov. 7, Sylvania Branch Library, Monroe Street. Animal program presented by Mary Leugers and Sandy Gratop, Olander Park System naturalist. Registration: 419-882-2089.

■ **How to Listen to Jazz**, 7-8 p.m. Nov. 12, Sylvania library. Gene Parker, jazz performer, will talk about how to listen to a jazz performance for maximum appreciation. Registration required: 419-882-2089.

West Toledo

■ **West Toledo Democratic Club**, 7 p.m. Nov. 1 in the Fraternal Order of Eagles Club, 5050 Jackman Rd. Nominations for club officers. Sign up for potluck holiday dinner, Dec. 6.

■ **Gospel Concert**, 7 p.m. Nov. 9 at Calvary Bible Chapel, 3740 West Alexis Rd. Free.

■ **Silent auction and spaghetti dinner** at Fairgreen Presbyterian Church, 3220 Laskey Rd., 5 p.m. Nov. 10. Dinner reservations required: 419-475-4436. **Gospel concert** from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Nov. 10 and at the worship service at 10 a.m. Nov. 11.

■ **Block watch 142-B Library Village**, Sylvania at Willys Parkway, 7 p.m. Nov. 6 meeting at Augsburg Lutheran Church, 1342 West Sylvania Ave. Taser demonstration. Open to the public.

■ **Ladies Auxiliary to VFW 606**, free lunch to veterans, noon Nov. 10 at 3005 Laskey Rd.

■ **That's So Elementary**, 7-8 p.m. Nov. 6, Sanger Branch Library, 3030 West Central Ave., for grades K-5; theater and improvisation games. Registration required: 419-259-5295.

Ottawa Hills

■ **Ottawa Hills High School rummage sale**, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 3 at Evergreen and Kenwood Boulevard.

■ **Ottawa Hills Community Education fall classes** for adults include choosing a digital camera, hatha yoga, and pilates. Fall children's classes for Ottawa Hills residents include yoga, martial arts training, and art quilt. Information: 419-537-9852.

Toledo

■ **Native American Legends and Lore** with storyteller Indiana Bones, Nov. 10 at 11 a.m. Reynolds Corners, 4833 Dorr St., and 1:30 p.m. Main Library, 325 Michigan St.

■ **Little Flower Church feather party**, 5-10 p.m. Nov. 10 at 5522 Dorr St. Games, bingo, turkey and ham raffles. Swiss steak dinner from 5-7 p.m. Benefit for the school.

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Enthusiasts get wheels rolling on park

Meeting's turnout convinces Sylvania panel to study skateboard site

By **JANET ROMAHER**
BLADE STAFF WRITER

Skateboard enthusiasts packed the house during a public meeting in Sylvania council chambers to discuss a possible skate park, and officials sat up and took notice.

"Based on the turnout here tonight, we will take a serious look at building something for the kids," George France, chair-

man of the Sylvania Area Joint Recreation District, said after the meeting.

The recreation district sponsored the forum earlier this week to give residents a chance to offer their views and to determine whether there is a need in the Sylvania area for a skate park.

Sylvania City Council as well as the recreation district's officials have been fielding ques-

tions from local residents about the potential construction of a skateboard park. Cost estimates discussed by city officials in recent months have ranged from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

The recreation district is looking at options for capital improvements for recreational facilities, and is considering a millage issue on the ballot next year, Mr. France said. A skateboard facil-

ity is in consideration as part of those discussions, he said.

If the recreation district board decides to move forward with development of the park, it will need input from the public, Mr. France told the crowd of more than 100 people, including dozens of teenagers who are passionate about the sport.

"It's our life. It's what we do," said Cody Weis, 15, of Sylvania.

After the session, he said that he's optimistic that a park will be built in the community.

However, he and other skateboarders emphasized that unless the park is developed with the users in mind, it will flop.

A skateboard park, several said, should include features such as those at Bedford Town-

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SWANTON, LIBERTY CENTER, ANTHONY WAYNE QUEENS



THE BLADE/LORI KING

Childhood friends, from left, Julia Poca, Katie Lillevik, and Chelsea Chadwick share homecoming queen stories.

Get-together of pals a royal homecoming

By **JANET ROMAHER**
BLADE STAFF WRITER

SWANTON — Once upon a time, three young girls went to school together and played basketball together. They took dance classes together and went to Girl Scout meetings together. They went to parties together and shared secrets together.

And then the three young

girls grew up, and went their separate ways — Julia Poca went to Swanton High School; Katie Lillevik went to Liberty Center High School, and Chelsea Chadwick went to Anthony Wayne High School.

Years passed. And then this fall, they were back together again, comparing their glistening crowns and their satiny

sashes.

Remarkably, all three of the childhood friends were named homecoming queen at their respective high schools.

The girls met in kindergarten at St. Richard School in Swanton. They attended classes there through sixth grade.

Although they haven't been close in recent years, they share

some similar interests, such as sporting activities.

Julia is a member of the Great Lakes Cheer Diamonds, a competitive cheerleading team based in Perrysburg. She's president of show choir at her school.

"I like to sing," she said as she and the other two queens sat on

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THE THREE P'S OF THE SEASON: POETRY, PUMPKINS, AND PIZZA



When it comes to the Halloween season, folks at the Washington Branch Library put together the three P's: Poetry, Pumpkins, and Pizza, the name of a special program for youths last weekend. At left, Seth Agustyniak, 9, of Toledo, has an eye on



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the pizza. At right, Alexis Jackson, 8, of Toledo, carefully crafts an artistic pumpkin. The youths together shared poetry readings to go along with the treats they ate at the library, 5560 Harvest Lane, and the pumpkins that they took home.

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC PARISH IN SYLVANIA

Jaguar runners dominate CYO cross-country

By **ZACH SILKA**
BLADE SPORTS WRITER

The cross-country program at St. Joseph Catholic Parish in Sylvania climbed to new heights this season.

The Jaguars captured seven out of eight team championships and finished runner-up in the eighth race at the CYO Diocesan Championship cross-country meet at Maumee Bay State Park on Oct. 6.

That accomplishment exceeded the seven team championships won in 2005 and 2006.

"It's an exciting program to be a part of," said Sean Savage, St. Joseph cross-country coordinator of five years.

There were 28 schools and 1,106 runners from kindergarten through eighth grade at the culminating event of the CYO cross-country season.

More than 160 runners participate in the St. Joseph program, along with 23 volunteer coaches. "We focus a great deal of attention on attracting as many kids as possible to run cross-country at St. Joe's and then make the

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experience enjoyable so the retention rate is high," said Mr. Savage, a financial adviser with Savage & Associates.

"There is the expectation that the children will strive hard to achieve their personal best and do so having fun in a Christian-centered environment."

Individuals who had particu-

larly impressive performances at the championship for St. Joseph include Lexy Aughenbaugh (first), Megan David (second), and Shannon Lagassa (seventh) in the seventh-eighth grade girls' division.

The Jaguars placed seven runners in the top 13 in the seventh-eighth grade boys' division, with Daniel Lenart (second), Drew Savage (fifth), and Chris Schenk (ninth) leading the way.

In the fourth-fifth-sixth grade boys' division, St. Joseph placed six runners in the top 12 with Michael Baugh fifth, Jason White

sixth, Jason Kimmet seventh, and Ryan Savage 10th. "It was exciting to have them all run their best at the end," Mr. Savage said. "[But] our focus as a program is about team and not individual accomplishments."

The program raised \$1,500 during the season for the Ed Konicki Memorial Fund. Mr. Konicki was St. Joseph's cross-country coach before dying of cancer a few years ago.

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Election expected to draw 40-45% of Fulton Co. voters

By JANE SCHMUCKER
BLADE STAFF WRITER

Half of the races for elected office on the Fulton County ballot are contested this fall.

And just under half of the registered voters are expected to cast a ballot Tuesday, according to county Board of Elections predictions.

Across Fulton County, where 28,309 voters are registered for this election, county Elections Director Brett Kolb predicted turnout at 40 to 45 percent.

That's about the midpoint between November, 2003, when 52 percent of registered voters cast a ballot and November, 2001, when 38 percent were at the polls.

Swanton Local School District, where the school board is asking for a levy renewal, is expected to have one of the highest turnouts in the county at about 50 percent.

Turnout is likely to be similar in the Gorham Fayette district which has a 7-mill, five-year renewal request on the ballot, Mr. Kolb said.

Turnout is expected to be well above 50 percent in the Archbold area where there are contested races for German Township trustee and fiscal officer and turnout is typically among the highest in the region.

Across the county, 71 public officials will be elected this month.

Of those seats up for election, there are contested races for 36, including competition for mayor in half of the county's communities — Wauseon, Delta, and Swanton — and competition for council in all the communities — Wauseon, Archbold, Delta, Fayette, Lyons, Metamora, and Swanton.

CONTESTED RACES (races are nonpartisan):

Wauseon mayor: For the first time in memory, voters will have a choice between a current mayor and a former mayor as incumbent Jerry Dehnbostel and the city's former mayor, Jerry Matheny, compete for the post.

Both men are Republicans and former council members. They have never run against each other.

Mr. Dehnbostel, 57, and his wife own Tomahawk Printing Inc. in York Township. Operating the business, which employs 10 people full-time and two part-time, is good experience for running the city as well, he said.

Mr. Dehnbostel said he is

seeking re-election because he wants to continue the focus he's put on economic development and fiscal responsibility. He also wants to repair more sidewalks and replace more sewer lines.

During his tenure he has encouraged repair rather than replacement of city property and has put the city's health insurance plan out for bids annually, which is more often than it had been done in the past, Mr. Dehnbostel said.

Mr. Matheny, 70, who was mayor for 12 years, has said he has gained a new lease on life since he left office without running for re-election in 2003. In the first 2½ years that he was out of office, he lost 125 pounds.

He and his wife owned the Books, Brass, and Candles shop, which closed in 2005. They still live above the shop, which is now rented, in downtown Wauseon.

Mr. Matheny has said that he's not unhappy with the city's direction now, but wants to be involved and feels he has much to add.

"To be a mayor you have to be a dreamer and planner and you have to be dreaming and planning ahead," Mr. Matheny has said.

Wauseon City Council: Six candidates are running for three seats: incumbents Dan Garvin and Kathy Huner, appointee Don Mathews, and newcomers Shane Chamberlin, James Parker, and Justo Suarez.

Archbold Village Council: Vying for three seats are incumbents Edward Leininger and Kevin Morton; former councilman Vaughn Bentz, and Kevin Eicher. Councilman Larry Baus is not seeking re-election.

Delta Village Mayor: Councilman Dan Miller and former Councilman Frank Wilton are running for the seat long held by Don Gerdes, who is not seeking re-election.

Mr. Miller, 44, a truck driver, has been a village councilman about seven years and finished second in a three-way race for mayor with Mr. Gerdes and the late Helen Jones four years ago.

Mr. Miller has often cast minority "no" votes.

Mr. Miller and Mr. Wilton agreed that Mr. Miller would oppose "any tax increase" while Mr. Wilton said he might support an increase that was part of "a logical plan."

Mr. Wilton, 57, who is a middle manager at Universal Urethane Products in Toledo,



was on village council for eight years before he was defeated for re-election in 2005. He is on Fulton County's Republican Central Committee.

Both men said separating sanitary and storm water sewers and finding an equitable way to pay for the work will be among the village's biggest challenges during the next mayoral term.

Delta Village Council: Running for three seats are incumbent Marcy LeFevre, appointee Paul Fournier, and newcomers Randy Jackson, Sandra Wanless, and Michael Wolford. Councilman Miller is not seeking re-election because he's running for mayor.

Fayette Village Council: Vying for two seats are incumbent Ruth Marlatt, appointee Michael Maginn, and newcomer Eugene Rosinski.

Lyons Village Council: Two seats are open, and there are three candidates: incumbents John Good and Joan Klier and newcomer Delbert Neill.

Metamora Village Council: Running for two seats are newcomers Jeff Fuller, Eric Gonzalez, and Karon Lane. Incumbents Catherine Mossing and Terry Robideau are not seeking re-election.

Swanton Village Mayor: Three candidates are seeking the seat vacated when Tandy Grubbs resigned Aug. 20 after he and his wife were accused of failing to file village income tax returns from 2002 to 2005. Mr. Grubbs was found guilty on Oct. 3 and ordered to file returns within one week and make any payments owed within one year; the case against Holly Grubbs was dismissed.

Mayoral candidates are James Bushong, a former councilman who was appointed mayor on Aug. 27, and newcomers Charles F. Davis II and Jon Majerowski.

Mr. Bushong, a World War II veteran who retired as a general foreman at Libbey-Owens-Ford, had been on council eight years.

A Republican, he said the biggest issues facing the village are sanitary and storm water sewer separation projects and the Ohio Department of Transportation's planned Hallett Avenue overpass.

Mr. Davis, 42, a service mechanic at Hiab Inc. in Monclova Township, said he would try to increase water quality and decrease rates if elected.

A Republican who has never held elective office, he said he would offer more tax abatements or other incentives to bring development to the village in an attempt to ease the tax burden on residents.

Mr. Majerowski, 28, who has owned the Ugly Duckling restaurant for about 18 months and previously was a DJ, bartender, and manager at nightclubs, said such work has given him experience controlling costs.

An independent, Mr. Majerowski said he would work to improve the perception of Swanton in an attempt to draw more residents, as well as business and industry.

Swanton Village Council: Three candidates are running for two seats: incumbent David Pilliod and newcomers Deacon D. Dzierzawski and B.J. Lord. The seat vacated by Mr. Bushong is the other term expiring this year.

Gorham Fayette school board: Competing for the three seats are incumbents David Brinegar and Terry Kovar and newcomers Kirk Keiser and Karen Joy King. Kelly Bentley is not running for re-election.

Competing for the unexpired term vacated by John Kim Wenzler are appointee Fred Stockburger, who was previously on the board, and newcomer, Debra Leininger.

Liberty Center school board: Two seats are open. Candidates are incumbent Tammie Sharp and newcomers Jeff Benson and Richard Seymour. John Hartford, Jr., is not running for re-election.

Pike-Delta-York school board: Incumbents James Friess, Matthew Mattin, and Scott Sullivan and newcomers Jeffrey Alig, Jim Allion, and Sandi Arredondo are running for three seats.

Swanton school board: Two seats are open. Newcomers Mona Dyke and Cynthia Irmen are on the ballot. Incumbent Catherine Kline is running as a write-in because she collected signatures on the incorrect petition to get her name on the ballot. Longtime board president William Green is not seeking another term.

Dover Township Fiscal Officer: Rhonda Borton and Sue Dieringer are competing to replace

Lee Riches who is not seeking re-election.

German Township Trustee: Stephen Lange and Kenneth Leupp are competing for the seat held by Andy King. Mr. King, who was appointed to fill the seat, is not running.

German Township Fiscal Officer: Incumbent Mari Yoder and newcomer Keith Short are competing.

Royalton Township Trustee: Incumbent Bill Smith and former Fulton County Commissioner Brad Peebles are competing.

Swancreek Township Trustee: Kimberly Baker and James Leu are competing for the seat held by Randal Ruge. He isn't seeking re-election.

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SYLVANIA TOWNSHIP Unopposed trustee still works to earn votes

By MIKE JONES
SPECIAL TO THE BLADE

Her white-on-green signs are dotted throughout Sylvania Township and Carol Contrada has been getting to citizens' group meetings in her bid to be re-elected as a Sylvania Township trustee.

Although she's campaigning, the election result was clear at the board of elections deadline for candidates to enter the race.

Ms. Contrada is unopposed.

Nevertheless, she said it's important for voters to hear her views and for her to hear the concerns of township residents.

"Public support should not be taken for granted, and my campaign is a 'thank you' for the community's confidence in my leadership for both the past four years and for my future term in office," she said.

She will be the first township trustee to be re-elected since voters returned Lucille Laskey

and Deanne Allen, who took office for the last time in 1994.

Ms. Contrada said her campaign is modest compared to what it would be in a contested election, and that she's appreciative of the support she's had from residents. She described the past two years as tumultuous for the township and pointed specifically to the changes in four of the top five administrative posts in the township.

Skateboard

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ship's Parmalee Park in Michigan or at Ohio Surf and Skate in Dayton — ramps, stairs, ledges, and rails, the very things that attract skateboarders to private and public property in Sylvania.

Business owners often ask police to step in to keep the skaters off their properties. Sylvania Police Chief Gerald Sobb said a business that opened recently had \$8,000 in damage to concrete planters and curbing.

Some parents complain that police are harassing the skateboarders, but Chief Sobb said police respond to complaints from business owners. Law enforcement officials, he said, "would love to see a park and then demand you go there."

Young Weis told the officials that "We want to skate every day," and skateboarders often drive to nearby parks, such as at Highland in Toledo, Parmalee Park in Bedford Township, and in Blissfield, Mich.

Andy Mikolajczyk, 17, of Sylvania, said the Parmalee Park is the "best one around, but it's not that good." A good park, he said, would have stairs, half pipes, and other attractions.

Kurt Hofmeister of Holland, who said his son Karl, 12, skates every day, suggested that officials consider the economic impact a park would have on the Sylvania community.

Popular skate parks draw people from all over the world, and that would mean people would be staying in hotels, buying gas, and eating at restaurants locally. A skate park could "be a very positive thing for this com-

munity," Mr. Hofmeister said.

Some parents suggested that state grants or foundation funds should be sought to offset the cost for a skate park.

Several skateboard enthusiasts said they would rather skate at a park than skate somewhere illegally. Some teen-aged boys said after the meeting that they often have to run from police to avoid getting arrested.

Sylvania Township Police Chief Robert Metzger, Jr., said law enforcement officials do not like to "kick kids out of anywhere," but the police do not want property damaged by skateboarders. "Kids need a place to go," he said.

Councilman Keith Haddad, a member of the recreation district board, said he suggested the meeting be held to show public support for a skate park. He said he was pleased with the large turnout and was impressed by presentations of the skate-

boarders who stepped to the microphone to make their pitch for why Sylvania should be home to a skate park. Suggested sites are Veterans Memorial Park, Pacesetter Park, Olander Park, and the riverfront near Harroun Park.

Alex Elrod, 14, of Sylvania, said the community has plenty of soccer fields and baseball diamonds. Using one of the fields as a site for a skate park would be a good idea, he said.

Some said they would just like the chance to go to a local skate park where people would walk by and admire the skills of the skateboarders. That, they said, would help to promote the sport and would change the image of skateboarders from bad kids who run from the cops to good kids who are skilled athletes.

"It would keep us off the streets and give us somewhere where we could go," said Kyle Curlie, 15, of Sylvania. "It would be a place for us, for our sport."

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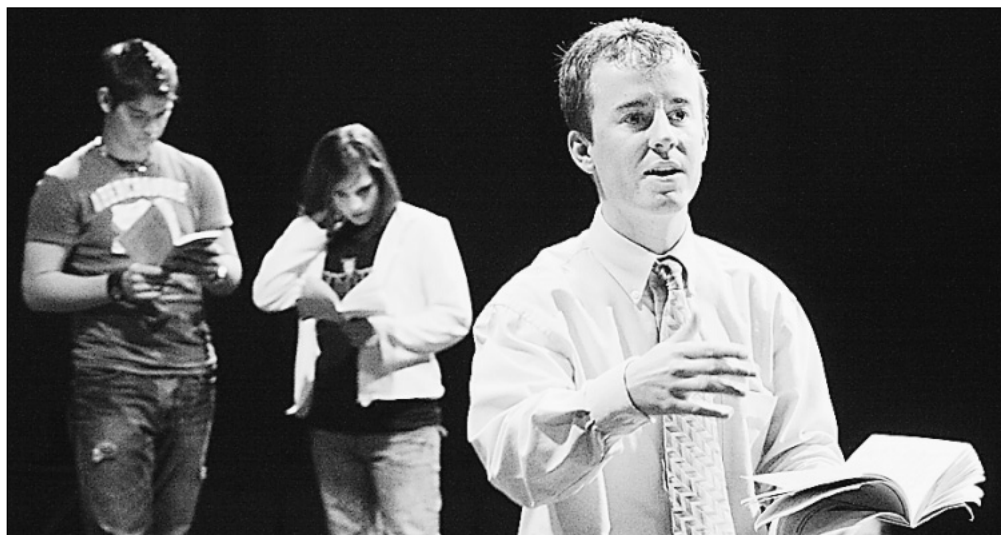
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At Archbold High School, Kent VanDock, director of choral activities, leads students through a rehearsal for the upcoming play, 'The Nit Wits.' It is the story about a college student who passes himself off as a consulting psychologist for people who think they are losing their minds. Performances are at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 10 and 2:30 p.m. Nov. 11 at the school, 600 Lafayette St., Archbold.




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a school for pre-kindergarten through grade four by the middle school on Panther Pride Drive in Delta.

The proposed building would replace Delta Elementary School, which houses kindergarten through third grade, on Fernwood Street, and York Elementary School, which houses fourth and fifth grades on County Road 10 in York Township. Under the proposal, fifth-graders would attend classes at the current middle school and both Delta Elementary and York Elementary buildings would be sold or demolished.

Neither York, which was built in the mid-1950s, nor Delta, which was built in 1939, is air-conditioned; their gymnasiums and locker rooms are smaller, and both have what Superintendent Robin Rayfield has described as "a flashback" feel.

The project would cost \$28 million, not including the \$8.5 million in interest. Of the total, the Ohio School Facilities Commission would provide \$15.4 million.

The biggest part of the project would be the proposed elementary school, estimated at \$13 million, followed by renovations for the high school, estimated at \$9 million.

The elementary school could open by August, 2010, if voters approve the bond issue next week, Mr. Rayfield said. At the high school, renovations would include \$1.8 million to replace the 30-year-old heating system, almost \$780,000 for SMART boards — a white board that can be connected to a computer and replace chalkboards, and \$472,000 to rewire the school.

Liberty Center school board is asking for an 8.61-mill, 28-year bond issue to raise more than \$14.5 million, not including interest, to replace most of its classrooms. It is also asking for a 0.25-mill, continuing, permanent improvement levy.

The state would contribute \$18.3 million to the project to build a new kindergarten through eighth-grade building and new high school on a single

campus. If approved, the measure would cost the owner of a \$100,000 property an additional \$270 per year.

Most of the district is in Henry County, but it has 842 registered voters in Fulton County.

Gorham Fayette school board is asking for a 7-mill, five-year operating levy renewal that would maintain collections at \$234,700 a year at a cost of about \$189 a year to the owner of a \$100,000, owner-occupied home.

Early this year, the district had put the request on the May ballot. But in March, the board voted to pull the levy from the spring ballot while school leaders mulled how they would spend a \$3.9 million settlement from a groundwater contamination lawsuit which had just been announced.

The levy, which expires at the end of this year, has been collecting at an effective rate of 6.16 mills for agricultural and residential property owners.

Pettisville school board is asking for a 1 percent, continuing, income tax renewal for operations, beginning in 2009.

The levy collects roughly \$400,000 a year. It makes up about 10 percent of the district's annual operating budget.

If the request would fail, the school board would return to the voters with another request, Superintendent Stephen Switzer said. That's why the board is asking for the levy renewal now, a year before the current levy ends. The levy was first approved in 2003 as a five-year issue; this request is to make the levy permanent.

Swanton school board is asking for a 3.99-mill, five-year, emergency operating levy renewal that would collect \$825,000 a year. Because of increasing district property values, the requested millage has been reduced from the existing 4.34 mills to the 3.99 mills.

The requested levy would cost the owner of a \$100,000, owner-occupied home about \$122 a year. This is a reduction of \$11 per year from what that same homeowner has been paying previously. The expiring levy has cost such a homeowner about \$133 a year.

In May, the levy was narrowly defeated. If the levy would fail again, it would go off the books,

but Superintendent Neil Weber said the board would almost certainly ask again next year. "We would soon reach deficit spending," he said, adding that the levy provides 8 percent of the district's annual operating budget.

Led by levy committee members, district residents are operating one of the most active campaigns in the county with a letter sent to district residents about six weeks ago, 500 yard signs out, and plans to go door-to-door and make phone calls to hundreds of people who are presumed to be "yes" voters, encouraging them to cast a ballot, Mr. Weber said.

Most compelling to voters, however, might be the district's effective rating from the Ohio Department of Education, which it achieved for the first time in 2006 for a combination of test scores.

"I think it does make a difference," Mr. Weber said. "It would make a difference to me."

Franklin Township is seeking a 0.6-mill, five-year, additional levy for emergency medical services. If the levy is approved, the township would collect about \$7,800 a year at an annual cost of \$18.38 to the owner of a \$100,000, owner-occupied home.

German Township is asking for a 0.5-mill, five-year, replacement fire levy. If approved, the levy would generate about \$126,000 a year. The current levy brings in \$59,000 a year. The increase would cost the owner of a \$100,000, owner-occupied home \$15.31 a year, up from \$5.51 a year now.

LOCAL OPTIONS
Chief Supermarket is asking to sell wine and mixed beverages from 10 a.m. to midnight Sundays at 810 N. Shoop Ave., Wauseon.

Circle K, which is operated by Macs Convenience Stores LLC, is asking to sell beer from 1 p.m. to midnight Sundays at 1497 North Shoop Ave., Wauseon.

Wal-Mart is asking to sell wine and mixed beverages from 1 p.m. to midnight Sundays at 485 East Airport Hwy., Wauseon.

Toledo 76 is asking to sell beer from 1 p.m. to midnight at 102 East Airport Hwy., Swanton.


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“We urge you to vote for the 1.5 mill levy.”

A black and white photograph of two men standing in front of a fire truck. The man on the left is wearing a jacket and pants, and the man on the right is wearing a suit. They are holding a sign that says "1.5" and "Saves Lives". The fire truck has "SYLVANIA FIRE STATION NO. 1" written on its side.

**Councilman Keith Haddad &
Councilman Mark Luetke**

“Only the 1.5 mill levy will provide the funding needed to staff our fire department with professional EMS/fire personnel to meet minimum national standards, and restore a medical transport service staffed by professional EMS/fire personnel.”

**Issue 20 in City
Issue 5 in Township**

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WEEKLY RECORD

David Kwyer, 28, of 210 East Fifth, Perrysburg, \$300 fine, costs, 17 days jail time, 14 days suspended, 3 days DWI program, license suspended 180 days.

William Stoler, 30, of 5017 Allen, \$575 fine, costs, 60 days jail time, 40 days suspended, 90 days immobilization, license suspended 18 months.

Matthew Mercurio, 34, of 5941 Corduroy, Oregon, \$300 fine, costs, 17 days jail time, 14 days suspended, 3 days DWI program, license suspended 180 days.

Mark Hageman, 43, of 1471 Gould, Toledo, \$300 fine, costs, 17 days jail time, 14 days suspended, 3 days DWI program, license suspended 180 days.

Thomas Sadowy, 25, of 1834 Barrows, Toledo, \$300 fine, costs, 17 days jail time, 14 days suspended, 3 days DWI program, license suspended 180 days.

Julian Mack, 23, of 1901 Bobolink, \$300 fine, costs, 17 days jail time, 14 days suspended, 3 days DWI program, license suspended 180 days.

Theodore Spradlin, 33, of 7021 Garden, Maumee, \$300 fine, costs, 20 days jail time, 14 days suspended, 3 days DWI program, license suspended 180 days.

Peggy Shepard, 40, of 8322 Janet, \$300 fine, costs, 36 days jail time, 30 days suspended, 3 days DWI program, license suspended 180 days.

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Miss Poca is undecided about which college she will attend; she might be a lawyer. She is the daughter of Steve and Kathy Poca.

Miss Lillevik, president of the Liberty Center Athletic Sup-

porters, is on the high school's volleyball, track, cross-country, and basketball teams. She's a member of the National Honor Society and editor of the *Tigeron*, the school's yearbook.

The daughter of Colleen Lillevik and Dave Clapp, she

is considering attending the University of Toledo where she possibly would pursue a degree in physical therapy.

At Liberty Center, football players nominate queen candidates, and then the high school students vote to elect the queen, Miss Lillevik said.

"I did not think I would get it," she said. "I didn't expect it."

She and her family moved from Swanton to Liberty Center when she was in the seventh grade.

Miss Poca, 18, learned that she had been selected as queen five minutes before the homecoming game, compared to Miss Lillevik who found out that she was to be queen two weeks before the big game.

The advance notice gave Miss Lillevik, 17, plenty of time to shop, said her mother.

"I had to pick out the attendants' outfits," said Miss Lillevik, "and they all had to match."

That's tradition, explained Mrs. Lillevik. Liberty Center is

known for its tradition when it comes to football games and homecoming queens.

For instance, the pillow on which the crown rests before the queen is officially crowned was handstitched some 30 years ago and is still used today, said Mrs. Lillevik.

At the homecoming dance, the ceremonial grand march is lead by the queen and her escort. "He has to be a football player," Miss Lillevik said. It's tradition.

Coincidentally, Liberty Center played Swanton for its homecoming game. That meant Miss Poca, a Swanton cheerleader, was cheering at the game when Miss Lillevik was crowned queen.

Miss Chadwick, 17, who is on the Anthony Wayne soccer team and is a member of the National Honor Society, plays club soccer with the Greater Toledo Futbol Club.

She might attend Kent State University; she's thinking about becoming a nurse. She's the daughter of Gloria and Dan

Chadwick.

Because of their hectic schedules, it's been awhile since the trio spent time together, but they run into each other now and then at different events.

However, when they heard about the triple play, they had to get together for some photographs.

And of course, they swapped stories about the homecoming games and homecoming dances and compared the homecoming bling.

"We got the girls together for pictures. We were all so thrilled," said Mrs. Poca.

And about that bling. You just know they had been checking out each other's glittery hardware.

When asked who had the best crown, they didn't hesitate. "Julia," they said in unison.

And best sash? "Katie," they said.

Next fall, the three childhood chums will crown their successors, completing another page in the memory book.

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What the Citizens'

1.5 Mill Fire Department Levy (TWP Issue 5, City Issue 20)

Will Do

✓ The 1.5 mill levy will provide essential funding for the Fire Department over the 5 year life of the levy

✓ The 1.5 mill levy will guarantee that professional Fire/EMS 1st Responders deliver safe service levels that Sylvania residents deserve and expect

✓ The 1.5 mill levy will bring the staffing levels of the Sylvania Fire Department nearer to safe, National Standards with professional, full-time firefighters

✓ The 1.5 mill levy will reestablish the emergency transport service and staff it with fully-trained emergency medical professionals

✓ The 1.5 mill levy will provide essential funding until long-term funding/control options can be explored by the City Council and Trustees

✓ Will cost the owner of a \$100,000 home just under \$46 per year – the cost of a dinner out for two

On November 6th:

VOTE

YES

**Township
Issue 5**

YES

**City
Issue 20**

NO

**Issues
6 & 7**

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Why the Trustees'

Half-Mill Levies (Issues 6 & 7)

Will Not Work

① Will put the Fire Department back into deficit spending (debt) in less than 3 years*

① The half-mill operating levy proposed by the Trustees will not restore the Fire Department to even minimally acceptable safe staffing levels, requiring full-time professional voids to be filled by lesser experienced and lesser trained part-time and volunteer personnel

① Plans for new fire stations are totally inadequate; though new stations would have a 40-50 year life-span, the Trustees' current designs are based on today's inadequate staffing levels and do not take into account a need for better locations. Future needs are not considered and new buildings are worthless without 1st Responders to staff them

* From official budget assumptions prepared by Township Administrator Hugh Thomas.

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