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## Historic building to be demolished

By TRISH BENNETT  
STAFF WRITER

### S. Bloomfield sets Nov. 20 deadline for Stagecoach Inn

The South Bloomfield village council set a Nov. 20 deadline on Tuesday for the demolition of the historic Stagecoach Inn on U.S. Route 23 that was destroyed by fire April 29. "Our building inspector has been conversing with the owner on the subject for months now, so we finally had

to set a date for safety reasons," said Rick Wilson, village mayor. "He did agree on that date, though, so we expect it will be completed by then." Wilson said the demolition of the building should not affect traffic on Route 23. "They should be able to pull it in toward the west so

they won't have to block off any of 23," he said. "We'll have to review that with the person responsible for the demolition as to whether or not that will be the case." The council also approved the launch of a new Web site for the village at Tuesday's council meeting. The site is now located

at www.southbloomfield.org. "The decision was made more or less to give it a better appearance and more capabilities," Wilson said. "We'll be able to provide a lot more information with the new format and do a lot more with it." New development is proceeding in other areas of the

village as well, Wilson said. While a proposed Tim Hortons restaurant is still in preliminary stages, construction has already begun for a new Arby's location at the southwest corner of U.S. Route 23 and Northup Avenue near Bob Evans. "Arby's has broken ground, and they're moving right

along," Wilson said. "I believe they're estimating an opening in January, but that, of course, depends upon the weather and those sorts of things." The South Bloomfield Police department also is settling in to new digs, Wilson said. The department now occupies the former library room on the first floor of the municipal building to make it more accessible to the public.

## No cash to give? Not a problem

### Salvation Army to let Ohioans text donations

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A pilot program will allow Ohioans to donate to the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign this holiday season by sending a text message to a number posted near 80 kettles in the Columbus area. The program is aimed at younger, tech-savvy donors who are less likely to carry cash.

When the campaign begins in late November, people will be able to make a \$5 donation, which is then posted to cell phone bills.

Salvation Army officials have talked about creating a texting program for about three years and hope it will be successful enough to expand nationally, spokeswoman Melissa Tomme said.

"Particularly this year, where the economy is such a huge factor, we're all cautiously optimistic about fundraising but we don't really know what to expect," she said.

As the sour economy raises uncertainty, Salvation Army officials are searching for new ways to boost donations and awareness.

Kettle donations in Columbus and nationwide have increased during each of the past five years, as has the need.

The kettle campaign collected \$118 million in the U.S. last year, just topping the \$117 million raised in 2006. Material donations to the organizations thrift stores have decreased this year, but financial giving trends vary from those donation patterns, Tomme said.

Columbus kettle collections fell \$48,000 short of the

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## Far from Alaska



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Dale Curry and his daughters, Alexandria and Doreena, take a walk along the dock at Hargus Lake Wednesday afternoon. Curry and his wife, Lynn, are from Alaska visiting Curry's mother Martha Curry of Circleville. When the Currys left Alaska five inches of snow had just fallen.

## Candidates make pitches to the public

### Sixth 'Meet the Candidates Night' aired live on TV

By DAVID AMEY  
EDITOR

Candidates were out in force Wednesday night — not shaking hands for votes with less than two weeks before the Nov. 4 general election.

Instead, they assembled to answer questions posed them at the 6th Meet the Candidates Night sponsored by the American Association of University Women and the Pickaway Chamber of Commerce.

The event, held in city council chambers in Circleville, was broadcast live on CGTV-5 with former Circleville Mayor Jean Droste serving as moderator.

She was assisted by Gail Janke, AAUW policy chair, as the official timekeeper, limiting opening remarks to three minutes and answers to questions to two minutes.

Candidates in contested races impacting Pickaway County were invited to participate.

### Pickaway County Commissioner's race

Here's a snippet of what each contestant said Wednesday at a public meeting:

#### Ula Jean Metzler, incumbent Republican:

"Economic growth in Pickaway County is extremely important. The county commissioners must continue to hold the line on government spending. I am committed to education and finding meaningful employment for residents. Education equals dollars."

#### John Schein, Democrat:

"If elected, I would deal with all people, not just a certain few. I would answer all questions within three days. Pickaway County was established as an agricultural community. Manufacturing probably will not come back as we knew it, but ethanol could be the magic bullet."

## McIlroy to lead competitiveness network

By TRISH BENNETT  
STAFF WRITER

### Grant makes him first program coordinator

The Pickaway Competitiveness Network has a new leader, thanks in part to a grant from the Kellogg Foundation.

Don McIlroy, a Circleville resident, was selected as PCN's first program coordinator by the group's steering committee and Oct. 20 assumed the role of CEO.

"He's the first coordinator we've had," said Dan Fouts, chair of the steering committee.

"Up until now, it's been strictly a volunteer organization. We are excited that Don will be serving as our coordinator, and with his experience, expertise, leadership skills and energy, we see very positive and beneficial outcomes for our initiatives."

McIlroy will coordinate PCN activities focusing on three priority areas, Fouts said, primarily county unity, marketing and communication and entrepreneurial

development.

For county unity, he said, the group is preparing to host its third event Nov. 19 to bring elected officials throughout the county together for discussion and interaction. The event, a seminar on planning and zoning issues, will be held at the



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Commercial Point Community Men's Club.

In marketing and communications, Fouts said, the focus will be to highlight positive things happening in Pickaway County, determine the county's strengths and weaknesses and learn to market the county better.

"We want to find ways to draw in new businesses as well as help present businesses be more successful," he said.

The network, founded earlier this year, is a group of interested citizens and organizations that have come together to make things better in Pickaway County for our families, businesses and communities, according to its mission statement. PCN examines trends and issues affecting the people and places of Pickaway County and develops action plans to maintain the qualities of Pickaway County while striving to make the county an even better

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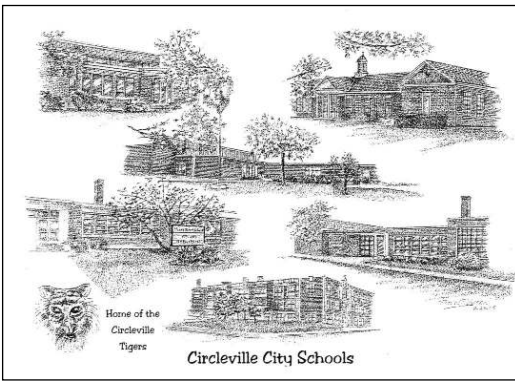


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Americans skimming on their health care

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CHICAGO — The ailing economy is leading many Americans to skip doctor visits, skimp on their medicine, and put off mammograms, Pap smears and other tests.

ago, he could not afford the gas money to drive them to the doctor. He gave them soup and soda instead, and they got better.
"I never felt the crunch like this before," Hendricks said.



The Circleville High School band is selling this limited edition print at Friday night's home football game to raise money. The cost is \$30.

Prints will be sold at CHS game

By TRIST BENNETT STAFF WRITER
Circleville High School is offering a piece of district history as part of a fundraising effort for the band program.

artist Ted W. Fickisen and will be sold for \$30 each on Friday at the school's final home football game of the season.
Fickisen, of Chillicothe, will be on hand at the game to personally sign each print sold beginning at 5:30 p.m.

early Americana and historical landmarks, has presented his art work at more than 35 exhibitions, and his drawings are represented in collections throughout the world.
Charles and Debbie Pockras of Circleville donated the funding to commission the limited edition print.



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\$550,000 goal last holiday season.
Frank Kirk, who oversees the charity's work in the Columbus area, said this year's goal will be higher, and he's not sure donations will meet the expected demand.

updates through the microblogging site Twitter, hoping to reach out beyond the people who donate in response to traditional mailings and phone calls.
"We're just trying to find people who are online who are willing to do the same," said Kathy Lovin, the Salvation Army's Denver-based public affairs director, who sent her first Twitter about the kettle campaign Tuesday.

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The charity is also experimenting this year with pages and interactive tools on the Facebook networking Web site.

Key races at a glance

Here's a snippet of what contestants said Wednesday at a public meeting.

Pickaway County Treasurer

Elery Elick, incumbent Republican
If reelected, I really don't have plans to change a lot of things. Everything is in place already including the checks and balances required to run the office efficiently and effectively.

Marsha Few, Democrat

As treasurer, I would make sure disbursements are done in a timely manner and are accurate. I would make sure there is a proper procedure for checks and balances.

Clerk of Courts

James Dean, incumbent Republican

This position carries a lot of responsibility. In addition to collecting over \$4 million, we preserve all records back to 1810. Our workload is increasing with 263 foreclosures already this year compared to 188 last year.

Jesse Curry, Democrat

I am seeking this position because I think the Clerk's Office is in trouble. It went through a computer crash, and slow processing of paperwork. I want to concentrate on solutions, and plan to spend the first six months looking at every process in the office.

More coverage: The Circleville Herald will have detailed coverage, including question-and-answer stories, of all the local races starting Oct. 27.

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Seven county-wide institutions comprise the network coordination, including Berger Hill System, OSU

Extension, Pickaway County Farm Bureau, Ohio Christian University, Pickaway County Chamber of Commerce, Pickaway Progress Partnership and the Pickaway County Community Foundation.

Franklin Street or by phone at 474-3256.
"I look forward to working with the PCN steering committee and meeting with many county residents in the near future," he said. "I'm eager to make a positive contribution to Pickaway County."

Cirleville Downtown Business Association Presents Halloween Fun Night October 28th, 2008. Sponsored By: The Citizens Bank. Schedule of Events 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Trick or Treat local business 6:15 p.m. Costume Judging Citizens Bank Parking Lot