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# Westfall technology classes restored

By TRISH BENNETT  
STAFF WRITER

WILLIAMSPORT — The decision to reinstate two technology teachers in the Westfall Local School district approved by the board of education Tuesday was touted as a "good day for Westfall students" by Tom Lehman, high school

principal.

"It's huge, obviously," Lehman said. "It was a bit of a shock and disappointment that those classes were originally on the cut list, and we're thrilled to have them back."

The two teaching positions, one at the middle school and one at the high school, were initially part of the nearly 50

Westfall staff cuts proposed Mar. 9 for the 2009-10 school year to cover a \$1.5 million projected budget deficit.

A review of the cuts by Jake Grooms, interim superintendent,



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however, uncovered other cost-savings options that the board approved Mar. 20, allowing those two positions to be reinstated for the next school year.

"We are just thrilled that Superintendent Grooms and the board have seen their way to bringing that back," Lehman said. "It's too bad we have to

make cuts of any kind, but we sure are happy to at least have this back."

At a special session Tuesday, the board approved a continuing contract for Todd Seymour, high school technology teacher, and a one-year limited contract for Nicole Younkin, middle school technology teacher.

Though the technology classes, which include graphic design, programming, tech literacy and Web page design, are elective courses and not themselves a graduation requirement, Lehman said they make it easier for students to meet the required six electives to earn a high school diploma.

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## DuPont fights tough times

Local site cuts OT, inventories; keeps work week

By CRAIG ALLISON  
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In spite of a very tough world wide economic picture, managers and employees at the local DuPont site have taken a proactive approach to dealing with softened demand for their products.

"In this type of economic situation, it's all about being proactive," said plant manager Tony Eichstadt. "We have a great staff and great employees here, and we'll do what we are capable of doing as an individual site to help ourselves as much as we can."

Eichstadt made his comments at a gathering of invited community and political leaders at the local DuPont site Tuesday morning.

He started by highlighting the site's current status of no-injuries, no fires, and no incidents in 2009 to date.

He then spoke of the four products manufactured at the Circleville site and admitted that the soft economy has resulted in decreased demand for all of them.

"Our Kapton polyimide film operation is currently running at 40 percent of our assets (production capability)," he

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Members of Circleville Fire Department work to free Niels Johnsen trapped in his overturned pick-up truck. Johnsen, 69, was hit Tuesday morning near the intersection of Bell Station Road and state Route 188.

## Wreck sends local man to hospital

By TRISH BENNETT  
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A Circleville man remains in critical condition at OSU Medical Center in Columbus after an accident Tuesday morning on Bell Station Road.

Niels B. Johnsen, 69, was transported to Berger Hospital and then flown to OSU for treatment, according to Deputy Casey Thress, Pickaway County Sheriff's Office.

Thress said the accident occurred about 8:40 a.m. Tuesday, when a 1998 Isuzu Rodeo driven by Nathan S. Thomas, 20, ran the stop sign at the intersection of Bell



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Niels B. Johnsen of Circleville was trapped in his overturned vehicle until he was extricated.

His vehicle then struck Johnsen's 2004 Chevrolet Silverado, flipping it onto its roof.

Johnsen was trapped in the overturned vehicle until paramedics from Circleville and Clearcreek fire departments could extricate him from the wreckage.

Thomas also was transported to Berger Hospital, where he remained late

Tuesday afternoon.

Thress said Johnsen's dog that was traveling with him ran from the accident scene but was later found and turned in by a good samaritan.

"A woman flagged me down and told me she found this dog, so we took care of that for her," Thress said. "It was taken to Dr. (Hugh) Dresbach's office with some cuts and scrapes."

Dr. Anne Genders, a veterinarian at North Court Animal Clinic, said the dog was stable Tuesday afternoon and was being treated for its injuries.

Thress said the accident remains under investigation and charges may be pending.

## Swine flu cases increase to 68

U.S. official warns deaths are likely

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NEW YORK — At least five people were in U.S. hospitals with swine flu as the number of cases nationwide rose to 68 on Tuesday and a federal health official warned that deaths were likely.

Most of the nation's confirmed cases were in New York City, where the health commissioner said "many hundreds" of schoolchildren were ill with what was "most likely swine flu." The city announced 45 confirmed cases, all affiliated with a Catholic high school.

Richard Besser, acting director of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, noted that although ordinary human flu accounts for 36,000 deaths every year, he was concerned by this strain.

"I fully expect we will see deaths from this infection," Besser said at an Atlanta news conference.

New York City Health Commissioner Thomas Frieden said that hundreds of students at St. Francis Preparatory in Queens had developed symptoms consistent with swine flu, although many hadn't been tested to confirm it. Some stu-

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## Business steps up for recycling

By TRISH BENNETT  
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Shortly after losing one recycling location, Circleville now has another site in place thanks to a good samaritan business owner, according to Vicki Heiskell, Pickaway County recycling outreach specialist.

"After reading the story in the paper a couple of weeks ago, Pickaway Lanes called and said they were willing to take them back," Heiskell said. "Now we have bins there and at the fire department, and that's it."

Heiskell said she hopes the two bins added at the bowling alley will help with the over-

flow now being experienced at the fire station.

"When we bought this place in 2006, we had recycle bins here," said Doug Jarvis, owner of Pickaway Lanes. "Then Rumpke moved them to Wal-Mart. I read where they just removed them from the Grandview Outlet, and we don't mind taking them back."

The two dumpsters, installed by Rumpke April 23, also will allow the business to contribute to the recycling effort, Jarvis said.

"It actually helps us out," he said. "We go through a lot of cardboard here, so it's a win-win situation."

The new location should

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Organizers hope an added recycling location will ease the burden on these dumpsters at the Circleville fire station.

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