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Governor visits county to pitch education plan

Says smarter workforce will be needed

By TRISH BENNETT
STAFF WRITER

Technology and education reform came together in Circleville on Thursday when Gov. Ted Strickland visited the local DuPont facility in the city.

The connection, Strickland said, is the need to educate Ohio's current and future workforce for the benefit of the state.

"A lot of progress has been made in recent years, but we can't have a 20th century education for the 21st century," he said.

With an audience of DuPont employees along with Ula Jean Metzler, Pickaway County Commissioner and education advocate; Nate Green, director of Pickaway Progress Partnership (P3); and Dr. Mark Smith, president of Ohio Christian University, Strickland stressed the need for companies, agencies and educators to work together to improve educational and employment opportunities within the state.

Strickland's education reform plan includes initiatives. See **Governor A2**



METZLER



Ohio Gov. Ted Strickland stresses the need to educate the state's current and future workforce to local leaders including Tony Eichstadt, DuPont plant manager, center.

Photos by DAVID AMEY/Circleville Herald

Pelotonia bike riders in area this weekend

2,220 cyclists expected to take part in the event

By CRAIG ALLISON
STAFF WRITER

Motorists in the northeast area of Pickaway County are urged to use a high degree of awareness and caution this weekend as over 2200 bicycle riders converge on central Ohio Saturday and Sunday in the Pelotonia bicycle tour.

"We will have some extra troopers in the area, but most of the traffic details are actually being worked out by the Fairfield County post," said Lieutenant Pat Vessels, com- See **Pelotonia A2**



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Bicycle event

• **What:** Pelotonia is a grass roots bike tour that raises money for cancer research at The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center-James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute.

• **When:** Saturday and Sunday

• **Schedule:** On Saturday, riders, including Lance Armstrong, will embark on Pelotonia's four routes that go from Columbus to Athens. The routes include a one-day, 25-mile route; a one-day, 50-mile route; a one-day, 100-mile route; and a two-day, 180-mile route.

• **Local part:** The route crosses the northeast corner of Pickaway County.

• **More information:** www.pelotonia.org/ride/

Team Weldon raises more than \$6,000

By CRAIG ALLISON
STAFF WRITER

The Pelotonia bike tour has a team of local riders who are raising money "for the love of Bill."

Jill Weldon, wife of the late Bill Weldon, said Thursday that "team Weldon" has raised over \$6,000 on Bill's site on the Pelotonia web site entitled "for the love of Bill."

Weldon, for many years the owner of Bill's Bike Shop, lost his fight with cancer on March 26, 2009.

According to Jill, after Bill's initial cancer treatments proved to be very successful they had made plans to ride in Pelotonia on their tandem bicycle.

Bill passed away from later complications and Jill, along with Bill's niece and close friends Hap and Diane Eaton decided to ride in Pelotonia to honor Bill's memory.

"The response from the community has been overwhelming," said Jill. "We are so very appreciative to everyone."

Pelotonia is accepting donations to individual teams until October 31, 2009.

If you wish to donate in Bill's memory, go to pelotonia.org, click on donate, then type in "for the love of Bill" and follow the prompts. Or you may go to Bill's Bike Shop, 124 South Court Street with your donation.

Man in critical condition after accident

By DAVID AMEY
EDITOR

A Lockbourne man was seriously injured 10:37 p.m. Wednesday when he lost control of his motorcycle and slid it into the front of an on-coming car.

William N. Marcum-Sagraves, 31, Jackson Pike, remains in critical condition in the intensive care unit of Grant Medical Center, Columbus, as a result of his injuries.

He was operating a 1991 Kawasaki motorcycle north on Court Street. After traveling left of center at the crest of the hill near Jim's Pay-N-Save, he apparently lost control of the motorcycle.

"He laid the cycle down and slid 232 feet on his side," Pickaway County Sheriff's Deputy Erick Eberhard said.

Colin Ankrom, 25, Douglas Drive, was driving a 1995 Volkswagen south on North

Court Street when he saw Marcum-Sagraves and the motorcycle cross into the southbound lane in front of him.

He was able to stop his car, but it was impacted in the front by the sliding motorcycle and driver.

Impact ejected Marcum-Sagraves from the motorcycle, and flipped him over the guardrail into a field, where he was found by rescue units from the Pickaway Township

Fire Department.

He was transported by medical helicopter from the Knights of Columbus parking lot to the Columbus hospital. Ankrom was also treated at the scene for minor injuries, and both vehicles sustained severe damage.

Marcum-Sagraves has been charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

North Court Street near the crash scene was shut down for about two hours.



Investigation of the wreck scene is being completed by Deputy Erick Eberhard, right, and Sgt. Troy Rine.

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Gov. Strickland praised Ohio Christian University during his visit, citing its enrollment growth from 300 to nearly 1,200 in just the past three years.

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 tives from early childhood education through the college level, including a gradual lengthening of the school year to align with global standards; requiring a major senior project and community service learning as a requirement for graduation; making all day, every day kindergarten an option available in all districts statewide; and requiring all high school seniors to take the ACT college placement test, not only for use as a comparison tool but also to inspire more students to pursue higher education.
 Strickland said his reform plan also promotes a more affordable higher education sys-



Dr. Mark Smith points out the state's current push is to produce 200,000 more college graduates for Ohio.
 tem and a revised teacher education program that provides a four-year residency for new teachers entering the field.
 With school funding, Strickland said he believes the reform plan puts Ohio on the

thing like that is challenging. If you overly rely on property taxes, you're always going to have disparities and inequities."
 Over time, he said, the reform plan will shift the burden of school funding to the state, increasing the state's current 48 percent share up to 60 percent or more once the plan is phased in.
 Strickland also praised Ohio Christian University during his visit, citing its enrollment growth from 300 to nearly 1,200 in just the past three years.
 "That's terrific growth," Strickland said. "It's really inspiring to hear this."
 "Many of the things in this reform plan must happen," said Dr. Smith, OCU president following the Governor's visit. "I agree with many aspects of it."
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Got An Announcement To Make?

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Ohio student-safety law repealed
 ASSOCIATED PRESS
 COLUMBUS — An Ohio law prompted by the accidental death of a first grader is being repealed, just two years after it was enacted in an effort to increase the safety of school children.
 Jarod's Law will no longer be enforced as of Oct. 16, said Kristopher Weiss, spokesman for the Ohio Department of Health. A provision repealing the law was inserted by the Senate into the state budget bill that passed last month.
 The law was named after 6-year-old Jarod Bennett, who suffered a skull fracture in December 2003 when a fold-up, 290-pound cafeteria table fell on him as another boy wheeled it in an elementary school gymnasium in Lebanon.
 "Many districts had expressed concerns that the guidelines for schools under Jarod's Law had become overly restrictive and costly," said Allison Kolodziej, spokeswoman for Gov. Ted Strickland, who supported the repeal.
 "He is committed to working with schools and the state health board to develop responsible and common sense safety standards," she said.
 The Legislature overwhelmingly passed the bill in 2005, and it was signed into law by then-Gov. Bob Taft. It required county health commissioners to inspect schools for possible hazards.

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 Office echoed Vessels' thoughts.
 "Starting with our first shift road patrols we will have people in the area," he said. "Motorists need to give the cyclists the benefit of the doubt," said Radcliff.
 The Pelotonia tour starts in Columbus on the lawn of Chemical Abstracts, winds its way through Columbus and heads south toward the Canal Winchester area.
 South of Canal Winchester the official tour route uses parts of London-Lancaster Road, Winchester Road and Marcy Road.
 A rest stop is scheduled for the Marcy Road store and a lunch stop is slated for Amanda-Clearcreek High School.
 The tour is actually set up for four different lengths, but uses the same route for all four legs of the ride. For those making the entire 180 mile round trip the ultimate destination Saturday is Athens, Ohio. Those riders will return on Sunday to Slate Run metro park on State Route 674 for closing ceremonies.

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