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Three apply for municipal judge

By **TRISH BENNETT**
STAFF WRITER

Three candidates met Monday's deadline to apply for appointment as the next municipal court judge, a position left vacant when John R. Adkins lost his battle with lung cancer Feb. 3.

Elisa F. Branham, Gary R. Dumm and Shelly R. Harsha now vie for the municipal

court bench, expected to be filled by mid-April. All three candidates have served as acting judge in the Circleville Municipal Court.

Branham has served the past 10 years as a court magistrate for the Pickaway County Common Pleas Court, Pickaway County Juvenile Court and Circleville Municipal Court. She also is the magistrate of South

On the web

• Applications from all three candidates at www.circlevilleherald.com

Bloomfield's mayor's court. "I would describe my judicial philosophy as moderate with tendencies toward more liberal interpretations, holding the belief that the U.S.

Constitution is a document subject to new and changing evaluation." Branham wrote on her application. "Generally, I am mindful of precedent but also of facts that differentiate cases and I tend to write fact-bound, detailed opinions. My general judicial philosophy is that decisions should be fair, impartial and sensible."

Dumm is a private attorney in the law firm of Tootle and

Dumm. He is also the chair of the Pickaway County Democratic Committee.

"Defendants and litigants deserve fair and timely attention to their cases and should leave the court with their dignity intact, even when they are punished or they lose their arguments," Dumm wrote on his application.

Harsha is a magistrate for the Pickaway County

Common Pleas Court, Pickaway County Juvenile Court and Circleville Municipal Court. She is also the magistrate of Laurelville's mayor's court and is a former Pickaway County assistant prosecutor.

"At the municipal court level, there is the well-founded belief that a convicted defendant can be rehabilitated and

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Team of snowmen



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Monday was another "Snow Day" for Circleville, Logan Elm and Teays Valley schools. In their front yard in Circleville, Mackenzie Stack, 10, from left, Cody Stack, 12 and Garrett Marquis, 6, add the finishing touches to their third snowman.

Weather

Today: High of 38, partly sunny.
Wednesday: High of 44. Snow in morning.
Thursday: High of 53. Showers possible.
Friday: High of 45. Morning clouds, afternoon sun.

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Monday's melt down was causing drainage problems around town. At the corner of Mound and Mingo Streets, Stephanie Karr shovels a passage way for the melting snow to drain away.



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Cleanup continues

Thanks to a healthy dose of sunshine and above-freezing temperatures, Pickaway County continued to dig itself out of last weekend's wicked storm.

In Circleville, road crews began early to tackle the slippery streets, which have plagued residents since Friday when the storm began. The addition of road salt appeared to be helping the thaw as pavement was visible throughout the city by afternoon.

A trouble spot were sidewalks that had not been cleared during the 13.5 inch weekend snowfall. The sun and warm temperatures created a top coat of slush over frozen — and slippery — surfaces.

In the county, highway and utility crews cleared major highways Monday in time for morning commuters to return to work.

While workers returned to their job sites, Circleville, Teays Valley and Logan Elm schools were closed and Westfall was on a two-hour delayed start.

Inside

A photo page of Pickaway County residents enjoying the warm weather and beautiful snow. **Page B3**

Intermodal opens with big dreams

Gov. Strickland calls the project important to Ohio

By **WAYLON STRICKLAND**
STAFF WRITER

Pickaway County and central Ohio are expected to become key players in the global logistics market with the opening of Norfolk Southern's Rickenbacker Intermodal terminal.

That was the message Monday as a large contingent of politicians and business leaders flocked to Harrison Township to celebrate the terminal's opening.

Officials are counting on the nearly \$70 million facility to spur growth in the warehousing and logistics sector adjacent to the intermodal terminal.

"Logistics and intermodal transport are important to Ohio," said Ohio Gov. Ted

"I remember standing here watching my corn grow tall and producing a bountiful yield. And although there is no longer corn growing here, the infrastructure that has grown will also produce bountiful yields."

— Jay Wippel
Pickaway County Commissioner

Strickland. "I'm really proud of Ohio today."

Champions of the intermodal say eventually a \$15.1 billion economic impact and more than 20,000 will benefit central Ohio.

The day was slightly ironic
See **Intermodal A2**

OCU to launch logistics program

Sequence will begin in April, offered online

By **TRISH BENNETT**
STAFF WRITER

Ohio Christian University is preparing to meet the needs of students and businesses alike with the development of its new logistics management program slated to begin this fall.

Dr. David Garrison has been hired by the university to head up the program, which will be offered through its AIM adult evening program



GARRISON

beginning in April and through online and traditional campus programs in September. According to OCU, Garrison recently retired from United Services Automobile Association as executive vice president of corporate services and has held key management positions at Aetna, Haliburton, Brown & Root and Celotex during his professional career.

"He has 37 years of experience, so that's just a good

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Golden Ager



E. Viola Rhymer Hartranft

Viola Hartranft

E. Viola Rhymer Hartranft of Tartton will celebrate her 99th birthday today.

She is the mother of six children, Doris Hartley (deceased), Dorothy Drum, Della (Bob) Worley, Joan Dove, David (Wanda) and Ethel North; 14 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren.

A family dinner is planned in her honor Sunday.

OCU

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mine," said Hank Kelly, executive vice president of OCU. "When he goes into the classroom, he brings that experience with him because he knows it in theory and practice."

Kelly said logistics management will be offered as a specialty option to the business program already in place. Students pursuing a degree in business will be able to select the business management or logistics management track to complete their degrees.

"Logistics and supply is a growing field across the nation because there's such a need for it," Garrison said. "Twenty years ago, there were maybe two universities in all of the United States who even offered it, and now almost every major university in America is trying to up their programs."

Garrison said the Rickenbacker Intermodal facility, expected to create 20,000 jobs and \$15.1 billion in economic impact over the

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next 30 years, was a driving force behind the creation of the new program, which will focus on the management of business operations in acquisition, storage, transportation and delivery of goods along the supply chain.

"That was the main emphasis for the program, but also because Columbus is quite a city for logistics and great companies and that sort of thing," Garrison said. "There seems to be a lack of logistics education available in central Ohio, and I know from the business world how important it is to have people with this education."

Garrison will begin work in April, he said, to orient himself with the area and the uni-

versity, develop a curriculum for the program and visit with central Ohio employers to make sure the program is designed to meet the needs of the business community.

"Major companies are looking for graduates specifically with these degrees," he said. "I intend to meet with some of the major employers in Columbus to inform them of the program and see how we can help them. We'll try to tai-

lor the program to what the employers need, not just what we think it should have."

Garrison said his goal upon retirement was a faculty position at a Christian college in the Midwest, and he found OCU a perfect fit.

"They were so excited about this program," Garrison said. "They have a really big vision, not only for this but for the whole university. I wanted to get into a university that was really trying to grow and serve the community, and OCU is."

"We've been known historically as a pastor or preacher's school," Kelly said. "While we certainly will continue to provide pastors, we've also expanded a little more and offer various things."

Kelly said OCU offers degrees in teacher education, music, business, psychology and substance abuse counseling. The university is also in the process of starting a disaster relief program.

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Briefly

Alzheimer's seminar planned

The Alzheimer's Association will hold its monthly education event, "Community Resources," at 2 p.m., March 17, at the Pickaway County District Library. RSVP by calling Andrea See at 800-272-3900 or email to ase@alz.org.

Weather spotter's training course

Jim Deal, Director of the Pickaway County Emergency Management Agency, is sponsoring the annual weather spotters training course from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., March 17, at the Pickaway County Engineer's Garage, 1660 Island Road.

Training is provided by the the National Weather Service of Wilmington; each participant will receive a certificate indicating they are a trained weather

spotter, recognized by the weather service when he or she calls in a suspected tornado sighting.

This training is free and refreshments will be served. Call the Pickaway County EMA at 477-1165 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday - Friday by March 15 to enroll.

Neff finalist for homecoming queen

Allison E. Neff of Circleville, has been selected a finalist for Ohio's 28th Annual Homecoming Queen selection to be held April 12-13 at the Crowne Plaza Dayton Hotel.

Allison is the Homecoming Queen for Circleville High School and is the daughter of Brian and Valerie Neff.

Bowl for Kids Sake next month

The South Central Ohio Big Brothers Big Sisters, "Bowl For Kids Sake," bowl-a-thon will be held at 1 p.m., April 6 at Pickaway Lanes.

Anyone who would like to bowl should call 800-888-6335. Teams consist of five people who have \$40 in sponsors each to bowl. Individual bowlers can be placed on a team. All participants get to bowl two free games, and free food and drinks will be provided.

Big Brothers Big Sisters are always in need of volunteers to match with children. All funds raised will be spent on the program and services for Pickaway County children and families.

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Dr. Jeffrey Lobel has joined The Center for Advanced Orthopaedics. Dr. Lobel is a graduate of Colgate University, New York. He is a fellowship trained neurosurgeon, and is board-eligible in neurosurgery by the American Board of Neurological Surgery. Dr. Lobel received his medical degree from The Chicago Medical School, and was fellowship trained in Neurosurgery Oncology and Gamma Knife at Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo, New York. He completed his neurosurgery residency at Rush Medical Center in Chicago, IL. His primary interest is in minimally invasive spine surgery and motion preservation. Dr. Lobel will be performing spine and minimally invasive spine procedures.

