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Palin leaves future unclear

Alaskan resigns as state governor

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP) — Sarah Palin stepped down Sunday as Alaska governor to write a book and build a right-of-center coalition, but she left her long-term political plans unclear and refused to address speculation she would seek a 2012 presidential bid.

Her first order of business as a private citizen is to speak Aug. 8 at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in California. She also wants to campaign for political candidates from coast to coast, and continue to speak her mind on the social networking site Twitter.



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Free speech was a theme of her farewell speech at a crowded picnic in Fairbanks, as the outgoing governor scolded "some seemingly hell bent on tearing down our nation" and warned Americans to "be wary of accepting government largess. It doesn't come free."

She also took aim at the media, saying her replacement, Lt. Gov. Sean Parnell, "has a very nice family too, so leave his kids alone!"

3-on-3



BRAD MORRIS/The Herald
Hundreds of basketball players and spectators weathered several rounds of thunderstorms and downpours to gather in downtown Circleville on Saturday for the American Red Cross 3-on-3 basketball tournament. The weather made holding on to slick basketballs and keeping balance on the slippery streets a challenge for participants.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Workers use specialized equipment to make certain sections of the pipe are aligned.

DAVID AMEY/Circleville Herald

Pipeline benefits county

Total impact estimated at \$10 million

By DAVID AMEY
EDITOR

Ten million dollars is a tremendous amount of money — more than most of us can expect in our lifetime.

But that is the economic benefit to Pickaway County of the natural gas pipeline project, according to Allen Fore, project manager.



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"It's a very conservative estimate because we're still in the middle of the project, but I believe Pickaway County on the whole will benefit by \$10 million from the pipeline," he said during a construction tour.

"As one of the largest nat-



Pickaway County Highway Superintendent Jim Bingman, right, talks with Dan Robertson of Kinder-Morgan during the construction tour.

DAVID AMEY/Circleville Herald

ural gas pipelines built in the past 25 years, it is a significant investment in the U.S. energy infrastructure, and will help meet the nation's growing need for energy by providing natural gas for approximately 4.1 million homes and businesses," he said.

While the work force, known as pipeliners, are

temporarily in the area in motels, campgrounds, RV parks, and rental homes.

It is estimated the work crews will spend about \$2 million locally during their short stay, Fore said.

In addition Pickaway County is expected to receive approximately \$2.9 million in annual tax revenue, and Ohio is expected to receive about \$40 million in revenue from sales and use taxes paid during the construction project.

Pickaway County's general fund benefits by about \$3,000 per week for use of cruisers from the sheriff's department by off-duty officers, who also are compensated by the company.

"We have billed Michels \$102,962.50 since the project began 11 weeks ago," said Lt. Robert Radcliff of the Pickaway County Sheriff's Department. Charge for use of the cruisers is \$15 per hour, and charge for the off-duty deputies is based on

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On the pipeline | County leaders share their experiences and opinions



"Their presence certainly has increased commerce in the area. We have seen a lot of increased sales at our locations in Circleville — Tuscan Table, J.R. Hooks Cafe, and Tootle's Pumpkin Inn."

John Rankin, business owner



"We have had a handful of pipeliners attend our worship services at Community United Methodist Church, and I know others have been attending services in other worship centers."

Rev. Barry Burns, pastor



"The pipeline project has been a very good thing for Pickaway County. By conservative estimates, the workers have left about 80 percent of their earnings with area merchants."

Chuck Taylor, City Clerk Mayor



"It's been a shot in the arm for our economy, and we needed it badly. As a bank, we don't have much direct dealing with them other than cashing checks, but when our customers benefit, we do, too."

Stephen Gary, President, CEO The Savings Bank



"The pipeline project came at absolutely the best time for us. Because of the need for safety, the county benefits from the use of our patrol cars, and our off-duty staff benefits from extra pay."

Lt. Robert Radcliff, Sheriff's Dept.

Jazz king thinks of mom

Ted Lewis sent messages over the airwaves

By DARLENE WEAVER
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

It is the mid 1920s and Theodore Friedman (Ted Lewis) is a popular Broadway star. He has a radio concert three times each week and his fans number in the tens of thousands throughout the country. His biggest fan resided right here in Circleville - his mother.

Ted presented his mom with a powerful receiving set so that she could listen in on his program. He knew that she "tuned in" for all of his broadcasts which went on the air at midnight.

Federal regulations prohibited direct messages or conversations over the airways, but Ted Lewis was a very talented star and managed to inter-



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perse conversation into his synopacted half hour of music. Ted began this habit during his years in the Boys Band of Circleville. It was deemed a sacrilege and he was fired from the band.

A 1925 news clipping indicated that his mother was remembered and given nightly messages by Ted as he played and sang.

"Well, I wonder how my mother out in Circleville, Ohio, is enjoying the concert tonight. She's particularly fond of my new number, 'Show Me the Way' which I wrote, so I guess I'll play it for her."

"Mothers always will worry about their sons, especially when they are away off in New York, so I'd like my mother to know I'm feeling fine and my cold is gone now."

And to close his broadcast, "Well, good-night, folks and here's a goodnight kiss for my mother." Circleville had no radio station at that time, but a reply kiss was always sent back to Ted Lewis before going to bed.

Information for the above article taken from a 1925 Circleville Union Herald clipping; photo from, "A Pictorial History of Pickaway County," published by the Circleville Herald.

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Sandi M. Cline, 62
Vernon Moore, 66
Deborah E. Royce, 42
Tracey Smith, 45
Frances E. Sowers, 86
Eleanor K. Stevens, 76
John "Jack" Walters, 68

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Good Day, Dennis Franks

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Circleville Herald Community

Team Weldon to ride for cancer research

By CRAIG ALLISON
STAFF WRITER

It's for the love of Bill. For 20 years Bill Weldon owned and operated Bill's Bike Shop in downtown Circleville.

If you needed a bicycle repaired, or you needed some bicycle advice, or just a good laugh then Bill's Bike Shop was where you needed to be.

On March 26, 2009, complications from cancer treatments claimed Bill's life.

But the last word does not belong to cancer.

The last word in this instance belongs to Team Weldon, to many other teams of bicycle riders, and to Pelotonia. They will have a say with their opportunity to raise funds for cancer research at Ohio State University's The James Cancer Hospital and OSU MICU.

Team Weldon consists of Weldon's wife Jill, his niece Anne McHardy, and close friends Hap and Diane Eaton. "Bill finished his chemotherapy treatments and tests showed that he had beaten the cancer," said Jill. "Five days later he developed complications and was life flighted to OSU. He won the battle but ultimately lost the war."

"When he was a patient in the hospital, they had small flyers up there advertising the Pelotonia ride. After he got a good report, we decided to ride the Pelotonia on our tandem (bicycle). Then I ended up losing the captain of that tandem. So I decided to ride in on my bike," she said.

Editor's note

The beginning of this story was published on Page A1 of Saturday's paper; however, the continuation did not appear. The Herald regrets the error. Here is the story in its entirety.

With a wink and a quick grin, Diane Eaton said that "Hap and I are making Jill ride 100 miles (the leg of the race from Columbus to Athens), because we knew Bill would be sitting up in Heaven and just laughing that we got her cornered into it," she said.

But as quick as she flashed the grin she got serious. "We really wanted to do this to honor the excellent care and concern showed by the staff at the James Cancer Bill," said Diane, herself a registered nurse at Berger Hospital.

"Although Bill is in a better place now, we can't be satisfied," said Hap Eaton. "We can't be satisfied that Bill finished his chemotherapy treatments and then passed away from complications. Neither can the other riders in Pelotonia be satisfied. We need to give researchers tools in the form of more funding so they can push the envelope more and more until they open it with a cure for cancer. That's why we're riding in Pelotonia."

Every cent raised from riders in Pelotonia goes 100 percent to funding research at OSU's The James and MICU. That is possible because a private company agreed to underwrite

the cost of conducting the ride, thus releasing all raised funds to go directly into research.

The route will wind through a small part of northeastern Pickaway County as the cyclists traverse between Groveport and Stoutsville. Four routes have been established: a 25- and a 50-mile route which are one day rides, a 100-mile route ending at Athens, and a 180-mile ride which will stay overnight at Athens then travel back to conclude at Slate Run Metro Park.

Leading the way on the ride will be world class cyclist and cancer survivor Lance Armstrong.

Team Weldon is opting for the 100-mile ride from Columbus to Athens.

The team members are still accepting donations for the ride.

"I would ask the community to consider supporting us," said Jill. "There are a number of ways to do so."

Persons who wish to support Team Weldon can go to www.pelotonia.org, click the donate tab, type in "team weldon", open the team's page, and make a donation. Credit card or a check can be used on the website, you can make a cash donation at Bill's Bike Shop at 124 South Court Street, or call Jill Weldon at 474-4245 and she will pick it up.

Anyone who knew Bill Weldon knew he was a caring, giving man. He was the type of guy you can say that Circleville was better off for having him as a citizen.

Now it's time to say thanks. It's for the love of Bill.

Pipeline

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union contract. Thus far, 32 deputies have volunteered for the project.

Because work on the pipeline project is completed in six day cycles, two off-duty deputies are stationed on U.S. Route 23 near the project's headquarters beginning at 5:30 a.m. for a three-hour shift. Two more are added for 11-hour shifts beginning at 7 a.m., and two begin three-hour shifts beginning at 4:30 p.m., again on Route 23.

"Our goal is to insure safety of citizens as well as the pipeliners," he said.

Of immediate impact, Columbia Gas of Ohio says its natural gas prices will drop to a seven-year low in August.

The state's largest gas utility says the typical homeowner will see an August bill of just over \$24, down by more than \$6 from last August.

Prices next month will be 52 cents per 100 cubic feet of gas, down from 68 cents in July.

REX-East is a 638-mile long pipeline that stretches from Audrain County, Mo., to Monroe County, Ohio, as part of the \$6.6 billion Rockies Express (REX) Pipeline project. When complete, the natural gas pipeline will carry approximately 1.8 billion cubic feet of natural gas per day and create tax revenue and jobs for the local economies

Benefits of natural gas

Economy: Natural gas commonly is used as a fuel for electric power generating plants, other industrial uses, and residential uses.

Cleanliness: Natural gas is a colorless, odorless, tasteless, non-toxic fossil fuel. It is lighter than air, which means it vents easier than heavier petroleum products such as oil.

Natural gas is the cleanest burning fossil fuel which makes it better for the environment.

Safety: Natural gas delivery systems are routinely monitored and inspected.

Most of the natural gas delivery system is underground and identified with ground markers pursuant to Department of Transportation regulations.

One-call telephone numbers have been established for public use to prevent accidental damage to the transportation system when excavating.

through which it passes.

It is part of the Rockies Express system, a 1,679 mile underground pipeline which originates in Rio Blanco County, Colorado, and is estimated to provide natural gas for more than 4 million homes and businesses.

The product will be deliv-

ered in 42-inch diameter high strength steel pipes buried underground. In the REX-East route, there are five compressor stations and 20 delivery points.

While work began at the western end of the REX-East route in 2008, construction actually began in Pickaway County late last month. Completion date is expected to be Nov. 1.

The project in Ohio is approximately 242 miles in length with compressor stations in Butler and Muskingum counties and meter sites in Warren, Fairfield, Guersy, Noble and Monroe counties.

In Pickaway County, the pipeline stretches 24.1 miles with 19.3 miles through agricultural land and 3.5 miles through forested land.

With easements obtained and a right-of-way cleared, workers bring the pipe to the line and use state-of-the-art equipment to weld it together — averaging about 70 welds per day. The line is bent mechanically to conform to the topography of the land.

Other workers, approximately two miles behind the welders, complete the burying process.

Once completed, additional crews will be on site to restore the land, as closely as possible to preconstruction conditions, Fore said.

At the conclusions, markers will be spaced along the route to identify the buried pipeline.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

- ★ Berger Health System Board of Governors special meeting, 6:30 p.m., Hospital boardroom.
- ★ Village of Ashville Committee-of-the-whole, Safety Committee, Facilities, Services Committee and Planning, Visioning and Economic Committee, 7 p.m., at 200 E. Station Street.

Tuesday

- ★ Circleville Service Committee, 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.
- ★ Circleville Cable Commission, 7:30 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.
- ★ Pickaway County Board of Health, 7 p.m., at 469 E. Ohio St. Room 100.
- ★ South Bloomfield Board of Public Affairs, 7 p.m., Municipal Building.
- ★ South Bloomfield

lage council utility committee, 6 p.m., at the Municipal Building.

ORGANIZATIONS

- ★ American Legion Ladies Auxiliary, Unit 134, 7 p.m., at Post.
- ★ Pickaway Shrine Club, 7 p.m. refreshments, 7 p.m. meeting at the Shrine building on Granite Ave.

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