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Mayor will rescind veto to ordinance

By **CRAIG ALLISON**
STAFF WRITER

In a two sentence letter to city council, Circleville Mayor Chuck Taylor has announced he will rescind his veto of ordinance number 3-11-2009, which "authorized and directed" the mayor and city law director Gary

Kenworthy to enter into an agreement with Pickaway County for the county's use of office equipment and computer programs used in the former city building department.

When the city closed its building department at the close of 2008 Pickaway County's building department at that time

assumed the duties of the city's building department. Since the city had no further use for the equipment and programs, Taylor donated the equipment to the county for its use.

Kenworthy informed Taylor that such a move was technically in violation of state law since no municipality has the authority to

make such a donation without authorization from the municipality's legislative arm.

Council passed the ordinance which would have given Taylor and the city the proper authorization to transfer the items, but Taylor vetoed the ordinance and informed council President David Crawford of his action in a

March 26 letter, stating then that he objected to the use of the word "directed" as it was used in the ordinance.

Taylor rescinded the veto Monday, telling the Herald "I just wanted to get this matter resolved and move on, because I certainly have far more important See **Mayor A2**



Chuck Taylor drops objection to "directed"

Green: Parks improve cities

Development director urges green community

By **CRAIG ALLISON**
STAFF WRITER

Nate Green is making the case for the link between good city parks and continued successful economic development.

"City leaders need to look at parks almost like they look at infrastructure," said Green. "If cities don't have good infrastructure in place they aren't going to attract new development. People and businesses certainly consider what the park and recreation system in a city looks like as a part of their considerations to locate in a specific place."

Green cited the American Planning Association's recent study on how parks can be used for economic development.

According to the APA, parks provide intrinsic environmental, aesthetic, and recreational benefits to cities.

More specifically, a good park system becomes a source of positive economic benefits by enhancing property values, increasing municipal revenues, attracting homebuyers and workers, and also by attracting retirees.

"In studies conducted over 100 years ago and on up to the present, the positive correlation between good parks and surrounding property values has been demonstrated repeatedly," said Green. "One of the first such studies was done before the Civil War regarding Central Park in New York City, and the same positive results have been demonstrated again and again in communities of various sizes all over the coun-

See **Parks A3**



Local painter Laura Hedges was back on the job Monday morning after alert neighbors discovered the tools and tool bag that thieves had stolen from her pickup truck last Friday morning. One of her neighbors spotted part of the contents of the tool bag near a storm sewer drain and informed a second neighbor who called police.

With neighborly help, painter recovers tools

Thieves ditched bag in nearby storm sewer

By **CRAIG ALLISON**
STAFF WRITER

Some stories have a happy ending.

So it is with a story that began as a theft of personal items from a local painter last week.

A story ran in last Friday's edition of the Herald concerning the theft of a bag of small painting tools belonging to Laura Hedges of Moats Drive. The items were taken from her pickup truck in the predawn hours of Friday morning and

a police report was filed about the incident.

According to Hedges, a neighbor who read the story was in his front yard Monday morning and became inquisitive about an object he saw near a storm sewer across the street.

He checked it out and discovered that it was some of her painting tools. Caught further down in the storm sewer's catch basin was the tool bag.

That neighbor told a second neighbor who called police.

Circleville Police Officer Tom Royster was dispatched to the scene along with an employee of the city street department, who lifted the lid from the storm sewer catch basin and gingerly climbed inside to retrieve Hedges' tools.

"I figured once they got the bag open and saw what it was, that they'd toss it someplace. I figured it would go into a dumpster somewhere and I'd never see it again," she said. "As it turned out, they ditched it a half a block

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Reed enters guilty plea in Masons case

By **TRISH BENNETT**
STAFF WRITER

One of the first suspects arrested in the Masons Furniture case after fire destroyed the American Hotel building Sept. 22 pleaded guilty to the charges as well as an additional crime Monday in Pickaway County Common Pleas Court.

Nathan M. Reed, 18, of Circleville, admitted to charges of aggravated arson, disrupting public services, vandalism, breaking and entering and theft in connection with the Masons case.

He also pleaded guilty to attempted aggravated burglary and misdemeanor assault from

a separate incident Sept. 24.

Reed faces a maximum of 27 years on all seven counts. He will be sentenced following a pre-sentence investigation by the court in approximately six weeks.

Kasey A. Reed, 17, and Zachary A. Davis, 16, are slated for jury trials next month for their parts in the Masons case, as well as the Sept. 4 break-in at Little Bear Market and the Highland Avenue arson Sept. 15.

If found guilty on all charges, they face a maximum of 35 years in prison. Both are being held on \$250,000 bond in the Pickaway County jail.

Richard A. Foppiano, 16, of

See **Reed A3**



Nathan Reed (right) pleaded guilty Monday to charges in two separate crimes, including the Masons Furniture break-in and fire Sept. 22. Reed is pictured with attorney, Kelly Jines.

Hospital fees may rise

ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS — Ohio's House speaker has proposed a larger fee on hospitals than the one suggested by Gov. Ted Strickland, while hospitals warn of mass layoffs and push back against what they consider to be an unfair share of the state's economic sacrifices.

House Speaker Armond Budish of Beachwood proposed a higher hospital fee in

return for larger Medicaid payments to the hospitals, in a recent meeting with representatives of the Ohio Hospital Association. Budish told the association, which represents 174 Ohio hospitals and their roughly 330,000 employees, that increasing the fee from what the governor suggested would result in a gain of \$200 million for hospitals.

Strickland proposed assess-

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South Bloomfield news

JAN LAND PORK CHOP DINNER

An all you can eat Pork Chop Dinner is being sponsored by the Ashville Community Men's Club on April 24 from 5-8 p.m.

The cost will be \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under.

Come help kick off the Viking Fest with this event.

You may also stop at the shelter house kitchen to enjoy Breakfast from 8-10 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Lunch will begin immediately following breakfast with Turkey Legs, Hearty Soup bowls, chicken tenders, fries, corn dogs and brats.

We hope to see the entire Community out to support the Vikings and the Viking Fest.

CONGRATS!

Congratulations to Trey Thomas Halstead, son of Shazelle Gregg Halstead of Pensacola, Fla. and grandson of Jimmy and Jackie Gregg of Ashville.

Trey's Varsity Baseball Team is ranked in USA Today's Super 25 national high



Janice Wilson & Jackie Carl

school baseball poll.

They are now 16-1 for the season and have eight regular season games left before districts and playoffs.

They also have three juniors committed to Alabama and one senior to Air Force all on baseball scholarships. Go Pensacola Catholic Crusaders!

DEDICATED

Great to see the Village Park dedicated and renamed after Marvin Webster.

What a nice gesture to honor him and his family. He was always on the go and helpful. He is missed by many folks in the community.

PRAYERS

Prayers and blessings and healings to all that are ailing, grieving or lonely. May God

comfort and guide all of you through your trials.

Keep Steve Clifton in your prayers and all those we may not be aware of. Also pray for the wonderful care givers that assist so many.

I hope you had a blessed and safe Easter and will be renewed this spring season. Take care and until next time give someone a smile they're free and contagious.

You can reach me at jitheba1203@aol.com or 614-419-9835. Jackie can be reached at wcarl2@columbus.rr.com or 954-8159.

Thanks for reading our nose news.

Hugs,
Jan

BACK TO JACK RICK BROWN MEMORIAL VFW POST 7941

From the newsletter from the VFW, Wednesday's senior dinner is as follows:

April 15 - Creamed chicken/biscuits.

April 22 - Salisbury Steak.

April 29 - Tacos.

Don't forget, Bingo is now on Monday nights. There will

be NO breakfast on April 18.

The Veteran of the month is Dave Berger; he is a Korean War Veteran who served in the Navy. Dave is a great guy that always has a smile and a kind word.

COMMUNITY CLUB

Don't forget the community club will be having a fish fry at the park on April 25 from 2-7 p.m.

Carry-outs available. Come out and support your local, hard-working Community Club.

Hope you had a wonderful Easter with lots of family, friends and CHOCOLATE!

Take the time to be kind to one another.

God bless and we'll see you next column of our nose news.

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Parks

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try," he said.

Many of those same studies showed a strong correlation between enhanced property values and increases in a municipality's tax revenues because of the increase in value of properties. Additionally, cities have consistently shown increases in retail activities around persons visiting a municipal park system.

"People who come to enjoy the parks often spend money in local stores or restaurants before they leave the city," said Green.

As more baby boomers retire, many will seek retirement homes in areas near good existing parks, according to the APA.

"The majority of retirees

"People who come to enjoy the parks often spend money in local stores or restaurants before they leave the city."

— Nate Green, development director

today have better overall health and like outdoor activities such as parks to help them stay in shape," said Green. "For the most part they have a high degree of mobility and some disposable income that studies show they tend to disperse in the local communities where parks are."

The APA stated that surveys given to workers found that quality of life issues in a community increase the attractive-

ness of a specific community by 33 percent.

"Workers attracted to a given area are better positioned to put money back into the local economy in the form of property and payroll taxes," said Green. "Additionally, homebuyers are more attracted to purchase homes in an area where they have more recreational options, and more permanent homes in a city tends to give more stability to a municipality."

"A good park system might not be the main function of economic development, but it closely supports it in so many different ways," he said. "It is certainly important to consider as the city holds a special election in May to decide on a park levy."

For more information go to the APA website at: www.planning.org.

Painter

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from my house."

Officer Royster was quick to remind citizens of the need for continued awareness.

"This story has a good ending, but I think we all realize a lot of these stories don't have such a great ending, he said.

"Citizens need to continue to remove any valuables from their cars. Also, if they see anyone or anything they consider suspi-

cious, they need to call the police department right away," said Royster.

"I appreciate all the help my neighbors, the police, and the city gave me. I'm just glad to get my stuff back," said Hedges. "Now I can get back on schedule."

Reed

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Grove City, is expected to plead Friday to charges of breaking and entering and theft in connection with the Masons case. He faces two years in state prison and remains in the county jail on \$100,000 bond awaiting sentencing.

A sentencing hearing for Daniel W. Fansler, 22, of Circleville, originally slated for Wednesday has been postponed. A new hearing date has not yet been set.

Fansler was initially arrested on a misdemeanor charge of receiving stolen property after the Masons fire but was subsequently charged with felony counts in three addi-

tional crimes.

Fansler pleaded guilty Jan. 14 to breaking and entering, theft and disrupting public services from the Little Bear Market break-in Sept. 4; arson and burglary from the Highland Avenue fire Sept. 15; and felonious assault on a S. Court Street resident Sept. 17.

Fansler faces more than 20 years in state prison for all charges.

Rusty W. Scott, 29, of Circleville, another suspect in the Little Bear Market break-in, was sentenced to 22 months at Orient on April 1 after pleading guilty to breaking and entering, attempted theft and disrupting public services. He also was ordered to pay \$2,319 in restitution for the crime.

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