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AREA FOOD PANTRIES BENEFIT FROM DONATIONS

Pantry passes out meals

FOP food drive helps restock pantry shelves

By **TRISH BENNETT**
STAFF WRITER

ASHVILLE — The distribution of Christmas meals Monday at the Ashville food pantry may have left the shelves a little bare, but the supply is slowly being restocked thanks in part to the efforts of local law enforcement officers.

The Fraternal Order of Police, Pickaway County Lodge #203 hosted a food drive Sunday in South Bloomfield to benefit the Ashville food pantry. The lodge, just seven months old, welcomes any law enforcement officer in Pickaway County into its ranks and intends to do more charitable work as its membership grows, according to Deputy Tracy Andrews, Pickaway County Sheriff's department.

"It was a pretty good turnout," said Sgt. Robert Dauberman, South Bloomfield Police. "We were able to collect about 35 boxes of non-perishable and canned food, which totaled between 700 and 800 items."

Dauberman said the group also raised \$54 in cash to be used to buy additional food or as a gift card to the pantry to

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Pastor trades hair for donations



Photos by **TRISH BENNETT/Circleville Herald**

A local pastor offered an unusual prize to his congregation recently in exchange for food pantry donations and made good on his promise Monday when donations met their goal. • Mike Messick, pastor of Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, traded five years worth of locks Monday in exchange for more than 3,000 non-perishable food items to benefit the Emergency Clearinghouse food pantry located at PICCA. • "I challenged them for 3,000 items, and they delivered 3,010," Messick said. "So here I am." • Holly Carpenter, a stylist at the Fiesta Salon in the Wal-Mart shopping plaza, clipped the pastor's 13-inch locks. • The hair will be donated to Locks of Love, Messick said, an organization that provides real-hair wigs to children with hair loss related to medical conditions.

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Building inspections transfer to county Jan. 1

Sheldon to head new department

By **TRISH BENNETT**
STAFF WRITER

With the creation of a new county building department effective Jan. 1, unincorporated areas of Pickaway County will face new residential building codes, according to Terry Frazier, director of the Pickaway County Office of Development and Planning.

"Before now, there were nine townships that had not been subject to residential planning and review inspections," Frazier said. "But after Jan. 1, all unincorporated areas of the county will be."

The county commissioners will host a public meeting at 7 p.m. today in the Circleville High School cafeteria to explain the new procedures to township trustees and zoning officials, as well as answer questions and alleviate concerns, he said.

"The commissioners thought it was important to hold this meeting on how the residential building code will impact their townships," Frazier said. "We'll be going over what kind of construc-

Informational meeting today

An informational meeting for township trustees and zoning officials will be held at 7 p.m. today in the Circleville High School cafeteria.

The meeting is designed to answer questions about new residential building requirements in townships and unincorporated areas of the county effective Jan. 1.

tion will require inspection, what kind will not, and going over the fee schedule, which is exactly the same as the current one for the city of Circleville."

Frazier said the commissioners will also introduce Al Sheldon, Circleville's current building inspector, as the head of the new county department at tonight's meeting, along with Debby Koehler as the permit technician.

Frazier said commercial inspections in the county have been under county jurisdiction since 1993, so nothing will change on those projects when the new building department opens for business. The major change applies to residential inspections for major remodeling, room additions and other large residential renovations.

While incorporated municipalities will not fall

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"The only reason P3 exists is because of philanthropy," offers Nate Green, Economic Development Director for Pickaway Progress Partnership.

"We started with an estate gift, then truly became established with the commitment of people to grow the local economy and keep the jobs we have."

A group of local business leaders pledged to give \$1.25 million in seed money over a five-year period to establish this avenue of economic development for Pickaway County.

The return for the community has included the creation of 350 new jobs as well as retaining over 500 jobs which were in danger of being moved out of Pickaway County.

About this series

This is the sixth and final in a series of articles on giving with the goal of creating a deeper awareness of its many concepts among the members of our community.

In addition, the leaders of P3 have secured more than \$2.6 million in grants to enhance the economic development efforts for Pickaway County.

Just as Pickaway Progress Partnership has extended philanthropy through unique commitments, so too has the U.S. Congress through extending an exceptional charitable opportunity to those at least 70 years of age.

As part of the Tax Extenders and Alternative Minimum Tax Relief Act of 2008, Congress addressed challenges of giving by allowing tax-free charitable gifts from traditional and Roth Individual Retirement Accounts.

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Wrap for Giving Tree

Key Club members from Logan Elm High School, from left, Sarah Milam, Alicia Salyers and Alyssa Grolle, wrap gifts collected from the Giving Tree program at the Pickaway County Library on Monday afternoon. Giving Trees were set up at Kingston National Bank and the Pickaway County Library where people could pick gift tags off the trees that contained a request for a Christmas present for someone in need this holiday season, said Rose Gilmer, a Red Cross volunteer who was coordinating the wrapping.

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Circleville Herald

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Katy Dumm (left) and Nancy Rich work to organize food bags for the Christmas distribution at the Ashville food pantry.

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furnish additional needs.

Chuck Boomhower, pastor of the First English Lutheran Church, said approximately 90 Christmas baskets were distributed by the food pantry this year, nearly one-third more than last year.

"It put a pretty big dent in our supplies, but with food drives like the police held this weekend and others, we think we'll be able to stock back up fairly well."

The Christmas baskets included hams donated by the Ashville Kiwanis club, Boomhower said, along with fresh potatoes from Fischer Produce and apples donated by

an Ashville area family. All other items were provided through private donations from area residents and organized food drives.

Wal-Mart, Wendy's and Benchmark Construction donated various supplies and equipment to support the FOP food drive event, according to Dauberman.

"We hope people remember there are many out there less fortunate than others," Dauberman said. "Regardless of the season, we should always be looking for ways to help others."

Anyone interested in donating to the Ashville food pantry, located beside the First English Lutheran Church at 94 Long Street, may contact 983-2641.

Building

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under the county's jurisdiction, Frazier said several have already contracted with the county to provide their building inspections, including New Holland, Commercial Point and the city of Circleville, which will close the city's building department when the county assumes that role on Jan. 1.

Some villages, such as Ashville and South Bloomfield, will continue to outsource their building inspections to a licensed inspector, Frazier said, at least for the time being.

"There may be questions from homeowners about what

triggers the requirement for a permit," Frazier said. "This meeting is basically geared toward local government officials, but we plan to do additional public education meetings throughout 2009 for residents and contractors."

He said the building department also is happy to answer questions by phone at 474-8897 and is working on a web page through www.pickaway.org to provide more detailed information on new residential requirements.

"The web page should be in a basic form at the beginning of the year," he said. "We're working on it right now, but it will probably be a week or two before there is significant content on there."

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receive the full benefit of the opportunity described in this article, this year's transfer must be complete prior to December 31, 2008.

For more information, please contact the Berger Health Foundation at 740-420-8209.

Briefly

Council to act on 2009 budget

Circleville City Council is expected to pass a nearly \$20 million budget during a council meeting tonight.

Back in November, council unveiled a \$19,836,523.02 budget proposal that included the elimination of eight funded, but unfilled positions.

Those included a communication officer/jailer within the Police Department, a Police Department typist, two police officers, two Circleville Fire Department firefighters, one EMT and a secretary for the mayor's office.

Mayor Chuck Taylor said Monday he expects the budget to pass despite there being a few details that still need to be worked out with city Service Director Terry Elliott.

Elliott was unavailable for comment Monday because of illness.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. on the second floor of City Hall.

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