

The Due Diligence

The Coshocton County Auditor's Newsletter
Christine Sycks, County Auditor



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From the Desk of....

Chris Sycks, Coshocton County Auditor:
A New Term Begins

As I write this newsletter, I am starting my 32nd year in public service and am already three weeks into my new term, which runs from the second Monday of March, 2019, through the second Sunday of March, 2023. This will be my second full term after being appointed in 2012 and winning an election to fill Sandy Corder's unexpired term. When your life is divided up into little chunks of time – pay periods, months, quarters, tax billing and settlement cycles, years, and office terms, it seems to make the time fly.

Much of the work in this office is cyclical, whether it is financial, real estate related, sealing measuring devices, or selling various licenses. This is one reason I love this job – each day brings a new duty or challenge.

Tax year 2021 will be my second countywide reappraisal (see page 8). Just when we get the traffic calmed down from the 2018 triennial update, we turn around and start the work on the next value review. The State had ordered us to increase all residential and agricultural parcels by an average of 10% countywide. Sales that have come in during 2018 and so far in 2019 indicate that we will be increasing those values again for the reappraisal. While we do not have as many sales in the commercial/industrial classifications, we do have some significant sales transactions – parcels known to locals as Rock Tenn, part of the old GE Site, the Burger King property, the Mini Plaza, and others – that will figure into the sales ratio studies.

State Auditors are on site and have begun some of their work assuring that your county taxes are being used properly and reported fairly. Financial reports for all the agency funds (Health, Family and Children First Council, Regional Planning, Soil and Water, and County Park District) have been uploaded to the Auditor of State, and the County GAAP Financial Report and Federal Schedule of Expenditures are being wrapped up with an eye to the end of May deadline.

The CAUV application period has closed, and the staff is working diligently on getting proper notifications to those who failed to file so they know that recoupment charges may be coming. The Board of Revision deadline is about to close and that whole process will begin soon. Another Auditor's Sale has been scheduled (also see page 8) with an opportunity for a person to buy a home for \$1 – if he or she is the lucky winning bidder.

My two appraisers are still working through the unreported new construction with the ChangeFinder software (we are up to \$3.9 million dollars in true value that has been added to our tax duplicates), reviewing CAUV applications for qualification, and will soon start on picking up the reported new construction for tax year 2019.

Wow! I'd better stop typing and get back to work! Until next time ~Chris

January - March County Anniversaries with more than 20 consecutive years

Laura Hall	34 years
Christina Sturtz	32 years
Lois Stubbs	29 years
Robert Gwinn	27 years
Kathy Jones	27 years
Susan Turner	27 years
Frederick Wachtel	27 years
Dean Hettinger	25 years
William Jackson	25 years
Frances Tumblin	25 years
Edward Zinkon	24 years
Wendy K. Wilson	23 years
Tonya K. Webster	21 years
John G. Hatalla	21 years
Lynnette A. Hardesty	20 years

For purposes of the Ohio Ethics Law, a “family member” includes the following (regardless of where they live):

- Spouse;
- Children/Step-Children (whether dependent or not);
- Siblings;
- Parents/Step-Parents;
- Grandparents; and
- Grandchildren.

“Family member” also includes any other person related by blood or by marriage (e.g. cousins, aunts, uncles, in-laws, nieces, nephews) if that person resides in the same household as the public official or public employee.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to:

Scott Matchett who retired December 31, 2018, from County Engineer's Office after more than 31 years of service.

Timothy L. Greer who retired March 31, 2019, from County Maintenance after more than 28 years of service.

Payroll Page

PLEASE WELCOME COSHOCTON COUNTY'S NEW HIRES:

Hired by Probate/Juvenile Court:
on 10/24/2018 Melissa M. Mullett.

Hired by the County Recorder:
on 01/08/2019 Angela D. Lentz.

Hired by the Veteran's Commission:
on 01/11/2019 Herbert L. Tidrick.

Hired by Jobs & Family Services: WIA Division:
on 01/22/2019 Carolyn R. McElfresh.

Hired by Coordinated Transportation:
on 02/04/2019 Josef G. Akers & Timothy M. Kohler.
on 02/26/2019 Richard W. Miller.

Hired by EMS:
on 02/13/2019 Matthew Buca, III.
on 03/08/2019 Cody L. Cole.

Hired by Municipal Court:
on 02/28/2019 Charles W. Chamberlain.

Hired by Board of DD (Hopewell):
on 02/28/2019 Korissa D. Heinen.
on 03/04/2019 Sierra D. Dillon.

Hired by Jobs & Family Services:
on 03/04/2019 Rachel E. Wright.

Hired by the County Commissioners
on 03/19/2019 Cortnie K. Jamison.

Reminder About Summer Jobs and Restrictions on Nepotism

With the summer hiring season coming up, this is a reminder about the guidelines provided by The Ohio Ethics Commission on hiring family members. Many of these seasonal full- or part-time jobs are with public agencies that offer summer programs or have extra positions during the summer months.

Ohio Ethics Law prohibits *all* public officials and employees from hiring their family members, using their positions to get positions or contracts with the agency their family members. They are also not permitted to use their positions to get promotions, raises, or other job-related benefits for their family members.

A public official or employee CAN work for the same agency as a family member as long as they didn't hire, recommend, or was otherwise involved in any way with the hiring process. It is important to note that, should your family member legally receive the public job – without your involvement – recusal continues even after he/she is hired. For example direct supervision, annual evaluations, or participation in discussions of promotions or raises would also be prohibited.

Visit <https://www.ethics.ohio.gov/education/factsheets/NepotismFAQ.pdf> for a FAQ document regarding this topic. More information about this and other areas, as well as online ethics training, can be viewed on their website at www.ethics.ohio.gov

Upcoming Dates & Deadlines

- Apr 1 – District Health/Budget Commission**
– Board of Revision deadline
- Apr 5-May 6 – Johnson-Humrickhouse Museum (JHM) Teen Talent Exhibit
- Apr 5 – County pay date (entry due 4/1)**
– Christopher Graves ‘Stage & Screen’, Pomerene Rent Party (7:30 p.m.)
- Apr 6 – Lake Park Cleanup Day (9 a.m.-noon)
- Apr 10 – County bill run (due 4/4)**
- Apr 11 – Victim’s Rights Week Luncheon, (See page 4)
– An Evening with Julie Zickefoose, Nature Artist and Writer, (Coshocton Library 6:30 p.m.)
- Apr 12 – Chamber of Commerce Dinner
– Temporary Shade Pavilion Workshop, ArtPark (4:30 p.m.)
- Apr 13 – JHM What Women Want Fundraiser
– The Big Coshocton Cleanup, Court Square (See page 4)
- Apr 14 – UKC Beagle Nationals, Fairgrounds
- Apr 19 – County pay date (due 4/15)**
- Apr 20 – “Dots of Inspiration” Robert King Exhibit ends, Pomerene Center
- Apr 24 – **County bill run (due 4/18)**
– Coshocton Career Center Open House
- Apr 26 – Township Association Dinner
- Apr 27 – “Sawmill Ridge” 3-Rivers Bluegrass, Village Inn & Suites (7 p.m.)
– “The Art of Beallism” Exhibit opens, Pomerene Center
- Apr 28 – Coshocton Community Choir Spring Concert, CHS (3 p.m.)
- May 3 – **County pay date (due 4/29)**
- May 5-10-Dogwood Festival
- May 8 – County bill run (due 5/2)**
- May 10 – Auditor’s Sale (see article, page 8)**
- May 17 – County pay date (due 5/13)**
- May 18–“Open Highway Band” 3-Rivers Bluegrass, Village Inn & Suites (7 p.m.)
- May 22– County bill run (due 5/16)**
- May 26– Keene Memorial Day Parade
- May 27 – MEMORIAL DAY – **Offices Closed**
– Coshocton Memorial Day Parade
– Warsaw Memorial Day Parade

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Spotlight on. . .

Coshocton Maternal and Child Health Center

Submitted by Tammy Smith, RN, Director of Nursing

The goal of the Health District’s Maternal & Child Health Center is to eliminate health disparities, improve birth outcomes, and improve the health status of women, infants, and children served by the Center.

The Maternal and Child Health Center (MCHC), which has been in existence since 1972, provides immunizations and health screenings to children ages birth through 18 years and prenatal care to pregnant women.

As agency director, I am honored to have MCHC represented in *The Due Diligence*. I appreciate the opportunity to share a little about who we are and what services we offer to the community. The Center employs four part-time staff members who provide a variety of services to children and pregnant women. The agency contracts with Family and Children First Council to provide social services for the clinics. Dr. Paul Prior is contracted to provide obstetric care for the prenatal clinic.

The Maternal and Child Health Center is a United Way Partner Agency. Without their support, we would not be able to provide the level of service that we provide to our community. We would like to recognize the United Way for the continued support and to the community members who support the United Way. Your contribution is making a difference in the lives of people in our community.



Pictured, l to r; Tammy Smith, Alishia Virostko, and Tina Albertson

Child Health Clinic

The Child Health Clinic offers services to children through age 18 years old. Alishia Virostko, R.N. is the clinic nurse. Tina Albertson performs administrative duties and billing for both clinics.

Services include:

- Immunizations
- Lead Screenings/Education
- Hemoglobin (Iron) Screenings
- Vision and Hearing Screenings
- Head Lice Checks
- Weight Checks
- Health Education

*Child Health Clinic Hours: Tuesdays 8am-12pm, Wed. & Thurs. 8am-12pm, 1pm-4pm
Walk-ins are welcome, however appointments are encouraged. Call 740-622-2999.*

Prenatal Clinic

The Prenatal Clinic offers comprehensive prenatal care. Dr Paul Prior provides obstetric care to patients locally at the Maternal and Child Health Center on Tuesday afternoons. Patients will then deliver their baby at Knox Community Hospital. Cindy Abood, R.N. is the prenatal clinic nurse coordinator. Leane Rohr provides social service support for the clinic.

Services Include:

- Pregnancy Tests
- Comprehensive Prenatal Care
- Post-Partum Checkups
- Nutritional Counseling
- Education
- Social Services Support
- Depression Screening
- Addiction Services (referrals and case management)
- Safe Sleep Education
- Local Lab Testing and Ultrasounds

*Prenatal Clinic Hours: Tuesdays 8am-12pm, 1pm-4pm & Wednesday 9am-12pm
Call 740-622-2999 to schedule an appointment*



Pictured, l to r; Tina Albertson, Leane Rohr, Cindy Abood, and Dr. Paul Prior.

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Upcoming Dates & Deadlines (continued)

- May 30** – County GAAP report due to State
- May 31** – County pay date (due 5/24)
- Jun 6-8** –Hot Air Balloon Festival, Fairgrounds
- Jun 9** – Annual Corvette Show, Roscoe
- Jun 12** – County bill run (due 6/6)
- Jun 14** – County pay date (due 6/10)
 - Pomerene Jazz on the Lawn, HiFi Rendezvous (7:30 p.m.)
- Jun 14-16**-Dulcimer Days Festival, Roscoe
- Jun 18-21** – Auditor’s Summer Conference
- Jun 22** – Lake Park Indian Mud Run (8a-2p)
 - “3-Rivers Bluegrass”, Village Inn & Suites (7 p.m.)
- Jun 26** – County bill run (due 6/20)
- Jun 28** – County pay date (due 6/24)

Coshocton Maternal and Child Health Center (Continued from page 3)



Count the Kicks Campaign

Count the Kicks is a stillbirth prevention public health campaign that encourages expectant parents to track their baby’s movements daily during the third trimester of pregnancy and contact their healthcare provider right away if there is a change in what’s normal for their baby.

The *Count the Kicks* campaign helps educate expecting parents on how to monitor fetal movements during the third trimester of pregnancy. It is a

simple and free way to self-monitor to improve the chance of delivering a healthy baby, and by doing so, reduce the chance of stillbirth.

Childbirth Education Classes

These classes are open to all expectant mothers, regardless of where they are receiving prenatal care or plan to deliver. The attendees will learn the phases of labor, pain management, relaxation techniques, breathing techniques, cesarean surgery, and early newborn and postpartum care.

Classes consist of a four-week series, held weekly on Tuesday evenings from 6-8 p.m. at the County Services Building. New classes will be offered every other month (March, May, etc.) and are taught by Alishia Virostko, RN.

The cost of the class is \$55 and is billable to Medicaid. Those with private insurance or no insurance will pay using a sliding fee scale, based on household income and size. No one is turned away for inability to pay.

The Childbirth Education Classes are made possible through funding received from the Coshocton Foundation Grant. We would like to thank the Coshocton Foundation for assisting the Center in bringing this valuable education back to the community.

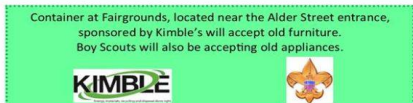
Contact the clinic to register for classes at 740-622-2999



SATURDAY, APRIL 13th

8:30 am (registration) - 11:30am
at the Court Square Gazebo

- * First 50 participants receive a free t-shirt!
- * Donuts, bottled water, and garbage bags provided
- * Receive assigned area at registration
- * Bring family, friends & co-workers!



For more information call the United Way at 740-622-4567



Clerk of Courts Title Department Offering Saturday Hours

Submitted by Camila Graham, Clerk of Courts

Coshocton County Clerk of Courts Camila Graham is pleased to announce new Saturday business hours of operation for the County Title Department effective April 6. The Title Office, located at 706 South 7th Street, will be open Saturdays between 8 a.m. and 12 p.m.

The additional hours will provide greater service to the public. Residents will no longer need to travel to another county to conduct title business on Saturday. This ensures that fees collected will benefit the local community.

Business hours for the Title Department will be Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m & Saturday 8 a.m. - noon. Call 740-622-1459 for additional information.

ANNUAL CRIME VICTIMS’ RIGHTS LUNCHEON

Submitted by Tarez Elliott, Victim/Witness Coordinator, Prosecutor’s Office

April 11, 2019

12:00 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Grace United Methodist Church

Guest Speaker: Major Jon Mosier

Retired Deputy Sheriff and Common Pleas Court Bailiff

John is a 1965 graduate of Coshocton HS and a 1968 graduate of Valparaiso Tech. Institute. He joined the Indiana State Police as a Communications Officer in 1968 and then transferred to the Indianapolis Police Dept. in 1969. John returned to Coshocton in 1972 and began working part-time for Sheriff Bill Hoop. Later, he began working full-time in 1981 for Sheriff Dave Corbett. In January 2001, he was promoted to Chief Deputy by Sheriff Tim Rogers, a position he continued in until his retirement in September 2006. After retirement, he became the Coshocton County Common Pleas Court Bailiff. John retired fully in February 2018, exactly 50 years from his first commission.

Special Recognition:

- Steve Champagne & Mary Mason – Community Housing, Inc.
- Ann Hartsock – Common Pleas Court Assignment Commissioner
- River View Local Schools
- Detective Seth Andrews – Sheriff’s Office

Emily McBurney – Prosecutor’s Office - “Lifetime Achievement Award”

Please R.S.V.P. by Monday, April 8, 2019: Tarez Elliott 622-3883

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CAAO Legislative Committee Update

As a new Ohio General Assembly begins its work, County Auditor Chris Sycks has been reappointed to serve on the Legislative Committee of the County Auditors' Association of Ohio (CAAO). They work to monitor bills that may negatively affect local taxpayers and county government, suggest legislative proposals, and encourage policies that positively affect them. The committee meets monthly. Below are current bills that are of interest to the CAAO.

- HB 17 – *Surviving Spouses-Homestead Exemption*. To allow an enhanced homestead exemption for surviving spouses of public safety personnel killed in the line of duty. **1st Hearing, House Ways & Means Committee.**
- HB 27 – *Public Motor Vehicle Liability*. To modify political subdivision liability for an employee's negligent operation of a motor vehicle. **3rd Hearing, House Civil Justice Committee.**
- HB 37 – *Vicious Dogs Law*. To revise the laws governing nuisance, dangerous, and vicious dogs, including transferring dangerous dog licensing sales from the auditors to the dog wardens. **Referred to Subcommittee.**
- HB 46 – *State Government Expenditure Database*. To require the Treasurer of State to establish the Ohio State Government Expenditure Database. **2nd Hearing, House State & Local Government Committee.**
- HB 47 – *Tax Complaints-Legal Assistance Foundation*. To increase the time within which property tax complaints must be decided and to change the name of the Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation. **2nd Hearing House Ways & Means Committee.**
- HB 48 – *Local Government Road Improvement Fund*. To provide for a new Local Government Road Improvement Fund for local governments to fund road improvements. **Referred to House Finance Committee.**
- HB 61 – *Health Provider Residential Info*. To include forensic mental health providers, mental health evaluation providers, and regional psychiatric hospital employees as individuals whose residential and familial information is exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Law. **Reported Out.**
- HB 62 – *Transportation Budget*. To set the budget for programs related to transportation and public safety for the 7/1/2019 – 6/30/2021 budget, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of those programs. **Bill amended & passed by Senate. Vote 24-6.**
- HB 75 – *Property Value Contests*. To require local governments that contest property values to formally pass an authorizing resolution for each contest and to notify property owners. **2nd Hearing, House Ways & Means Committee.**
- HB 76 – *Ballot Language Uniformity and Transparency Act*. To modify the form of election notices and ballot language for property tax levies. **2nd Hearing, House Ways & Means Committee.**
- HB 92 – *Vote on County Sales Tax*. To require voter approval of any increase in a county

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Ohio Means Jobs – Coshocton County Provides Workshops to AEP Employees



Submitted by Lynn Jacobs, Ohio Means Jobs Administrator

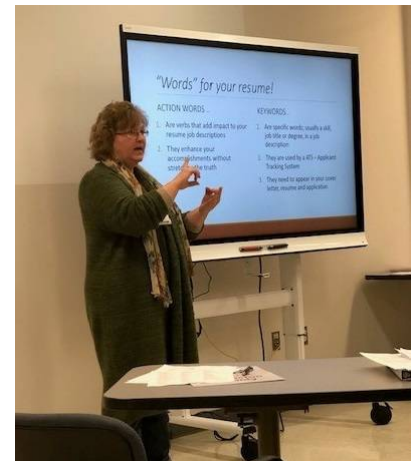
"Our job is to help make our friends and neighbors that will be displaced from AEP move quickly and easily into their next career opportunity to minimize disruptions to their families." Reports Lynn Jacobs. "We want to offer them every advantage that is available from the State and Federal Labor Laws."

Ohio Means Jobs – Coshocton County, a division of **Coshocton County Job and Family Services** is assisting the employees that will be displaced over the next year. Resume Development Workshops provided by OMJ Trainer Lisa Scott (pictured below) will be wrapping up this week and Interview Skills will be the next workshop provided. The resume workshop explained the importance of using the correct type of resume based on the target company that the displaced worker may wish to pursue.

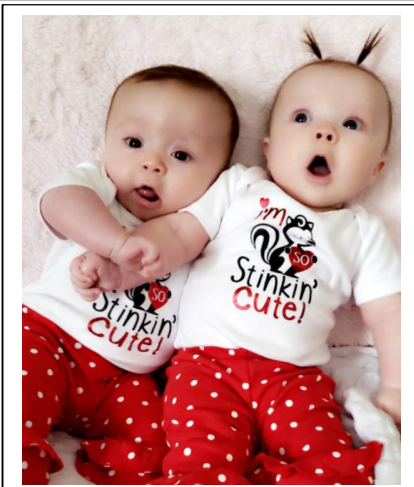
The Interview workshop will move from the resume to getting the interview with the next potential employer. AEP workers attending will have the opportunity to see themselves and their coworkers in mock interviews that will be captured and shown in the class. Lynn Jacobs, Workforce Administrator, will offer these workshops as needed over the next several weeks.

Ohio Means Jobs – Coshocton County is also gearing up for reemployment sessions that will give displaced workers an opportunity to hear what services are available to make the transitions to the next career as seamless as possible. Representatives from the State Rapid Response team will assist the county OMJ in answering questions relating to training, Unemployment benefits, trade and a host of other options for assistance in getting displaced workers geared up for their next career.

Questions? Contact: Lynn Jacobs – (740) 295-7516



Lisa Scott, OMJ Trainer reviews action words that work best in resumes.



Welcome Olivia & Samantha Bordenkircher

Submitted by Terry Shroyer, EMS Education Coordinator

EMS Employees, Todd and Terry Shroyer were blessed with twin granddaughters on September 18, 2018. They were three weeks early but doing very well now. Their parents are Christina (Terry's daughter) and Jared Bordenkircher. 'Papa Todd' loves to show off his pictures of the girls.

CAAO Legislative Committee Update

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sales tax rate. **1st Hearing, House State & Local Government Committee.**

- HB 93 – *Public Transit Investment.* To make appropriations related to public transportation. **Referred to House Finance Committee.**
- HB 99 – *Homestead Exemption Eligibility.* To raise the homestead exemption income eligibility to \$60,000 and increase the market value reduction to \$30,000. **Referred to House Ways & Means Committee.**
- HB 103 – *Land Installment Contracts.* To make changes to the law relating to land installment contracts. **1st Hearing, House Civil Justice Committee.**
- HB 109 – *Sap Extraction Tax Break.* To authorize a property tax exemption for land used for commercial maple sap extraction. **Referred to House Ways & Means Committee.**
- HB 110 – *Fuel Tax Transparency Act.* To require notices to be placed on retail service station pumps displaying state and federal fuel tax rates. **Referred to House Ways & Means Committee.**
- HB 149 – *Affordable Homebuilding and Housing Act.* To temporarily exempt from property tax the increased value of land subdivided for residential development. **Introduced.**
- SB 1 – *Reduce Regulatory Restrictions.* To require certain agencies to reduce the number of regulatory restrictions and to continue the provision of this act on and after August 18, 2019. **3rd Hearing, Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee.**
- SB 10 – *Theft in Office Penalties.* To expand the penalties for theft in office based on the amount stolen and to include as restitution audit costs of the entity that suffered the loss. **Referred to House Criminal Justice Committee.**
- SB 31 – *Public Records law Exemption-Emergency Service Telecommunicators.* To include emergency service telecommunicators as individuals whose residential and familial information is exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Law. **2nd Hearing, Senate Judiciary.**
- SB 35 – *Enhanced Homestead Exemption.* To allow an enhanced homestead exemption for surviving spouses of public safety personnel killed in the line of duty. **Referred to Senate Ways & Means Committee.**
- SB 36 – *Federally Subsidized Rental Property Valuation.* To prescribe how federally subsidized residential rental property must be valued for property tax purposes. **2nd Hearing, Senate Ways & Means Committee.**
- SB 52 – *Civilian Cyber Security Reserve Forces.* To create the civilian cyber security reserve forces, to make the Secretary of

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Special Customers Visit the Auditor's Office - Part II

As promised in the last issue, here are our furry customers that came in with their people to purchase their tags since January. (Clockwise from upper left): Lexi (Patricia Mercer), Ace (Karen O'Dell), Bailey (Max & Norma Ruble), Lucy (Jessica & Jessa Wharton), Roxie (Sue McInerney), Nash (Jody Greer), Cooper & Bella (Larry & Mary Jane Huff Stahl), Cocoa (Cheryl Rice), Jasmine (Dawn Pearson), Brutus (Rachel McGuire), Zoey & Ziva (JD & Ty Woodward), Jackie (Joanne Workman), Batman (John VanSickle for Lori Cunningham), Squirt (Doug Darr), Molly (Ian McKeever), and (center top to bottom), Shiloh (Susan Darr), Buddy (Ruth Durben), Nutmeg & Dexter (Stacy Kaser & Angie Speicher), Lily (Betty Saylor), Bruiser (Corbin Davis), & Maggie (Chester Barrick).



CAAO Legislative Committee Update
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State a member of the Homeland Security Advisory Council, to require the Secretary of State to appoint a chief information security officer, to require the boards of elections to audit election results, and to make an appropriation. **Bill Amended. 3rd Hearing, Senate Government Oversight & Reform.**



Kiwanis Track & Field Days



COSHOCTON COUNTY CAREER CENTER CALEB MADDUX RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP

Submitted by Tammy Hess, CCCC Treasurer

On Saturday March 2nd, senior Natural Resources student Caleb Maddux was presented with the Dr. James Earl Kennamer NWTF (National Wild Turkey Federation) scholarship presented by the Muskingum Valley Chapter of the NWTF at their annual banquet held at the Lake Park Pavilion.



The scholarship of \$250 was awarded based on community service, GPA, references, school club involvement and future plans after graduation. In addition to the scholarship, Caleb also won the NWTF State essay competition and will receive a guided all expenses paid Turkey hunt this spring.

Caleb plans to attend Ozark Christian College in Joplin, Missouri to further his education. He plans to pursue a degree in General Ministry and also one in horticulture from Hocking Technical College.

National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

Submitted by Brittany Coon, CCBDD Public Outreach Coordinator

March is recognized nationally as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. All throughout the month, the Coshocton County Board of Developmental Disabilities (CCBDD) held events to bring awareness to the community about disabilities. At the beginning of the month, CCBDD held their annual DD Awareness Month Luncheon to bring awareness and have conversations about how technology can assist people with various disabilities. Throughout the luncheon, various speakers and staff read essay contest winners from different elementary schools throughout the county. Pictured are the award recipients, left to right, Katie Christner, Hopewell Industries (Dedication Award), Steve Tynner, Fanatics (Employer Award), Chaz Matthews, Capital Prosthetics and Orthotics (Dedication Award), Frank Luce, RHDD (Local Hero Award), Todd Walker (Individual Spotlight), Jalen Berry (Individual Spotlight), and Wilma Griffith, Family Physicians (Community Partner Award). The 25th annual Kiwanis Track & Field Days at Kid's America were on March 12th & 14th (see photos to the left). This two-day event highlights children and adults competing in various sports such as basketball, football, soccer and track to win ribbons. This event is run by volunteers as well as Key Club students in the county. Fun was had by all!



Several other events occurred in March. World Down Syndrome Awareness Day was March 21st. This date was selected because people who have Down Syndrome have a third copy of the 21st chromosome (3.21). The Hopewell Indians Red Team (school age) took on the Franklin Columbus Schools Comets Green team in the final Championship game on March 23rd. They fought hard and won 2nd place in the State Championship. On March 26th, the annual Staff vs. Players game was held at Coshocton High School.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

We will have our annual Talent Show on April 25th, at 6 p.m. at Hopewell School- this is a fun and free event!

May 10th will be the Prom for upper classmen and adults - the theme will be "An Egyptian Starry Night".

May 23rd will be Hopewell School's graduation ceremony.

BOARD OF REVISION UPDATES

Ohio Revised Code Section 5715.02 establishes the Board of Revision (BOR) for the taxpayer to have process to challenge the value set on his or her property for tax purposes. Tax year 2018 complaint period is open, and forms are being accepted. So far, there have been 74 complaints filed, with the deadline of April 1st, including postmarks. A complete list of the newly filed BORs will be included in the next issue.

The Board consists of the county treasurer, the auditor, and one commissioner. Taxpayers are able to appeal the BOR's decision at the Common Pleas Court (CPC) or Ohio Board of Tax Appeals (BTA). Following are the open appeals from the prior tax year:

CRAMER, J & A Parcel 0180000014800

Auditor's Value \$ 61,310

Requested Value \$ 36,310

BOR Value \$ 85,000

BTA upheld BOR determination of \$85,000 and ordered the value for tax year 2017, payable 2018.

ARG/RV (Bob Evans) Parcel 0440000008303

Auditor's Value \$ 500,000

Requested Value \$2,048,270

BOR Value \$ 764,720

(River View LSD filed initial complaint seeking increase; owner counter-complained)

Rescheduled for 4/8/2019 hearing date at BTA.

2021 Reappraisal in Beginning Stages

Ohio Revised Code Section 5713.01(B) states "The auditor shall view and appraise or cause to be viewed and appraised at its true value in money, each lot or parcel of real estate, including land devoted exclusively to agricultural use, and the improvements located thereon at least once in each six-year period and the taxable values required to be derived therefrom shall be placed on the auditor's tax list and the county treasurer's duplicate for the tax year ordered by the commissioner pursuant to section 5715.34 of the Revised Code."

Coshocton County received its "Order to Commence" from the Ohio Tax Commissioner for the 2021 tax year reappraisal, which will be paid in 2022. Requests for Proposals (RFP) have been sent to five appraisal companies that have filed with the Ohio Department of Taxation. The deadline for the bids to be returned is April 18th. Once the company has been selected, the work will begin later this spring. All work must be complete by March 31, 2021, followed by informal hearings and a tentative abstract filed with the state. One of the first steps will be a mailer sent to all residential/agricultural property owners asking for any updated information.

During the project, the timeline and current tasks will be shared online on our website, Facebook, and also in future newsletters.

MAY 10TH AUDITOR SALE SCHEDULED

"Every tract of land foreclosed upon for delinquent taxes or a tax lien that has been properly offered for sale on two separate occasions, not less than two weeks apart & not sold shall be forfeited to the state & the County Auditor will offer it for sale to the highest bidder." Ohio Revised Code 5723.

The next Auditor's Sale will be held at 10:30 a.m., immediately following the scheduled Sheriff's Sale on May 10th at the Courthouse. At the time of this article, there are ten manufactured homes (pictured below) scheduled to be sold for the best bid:

- 008-00026 (Grove) 32780 SR 93, Crawford Twp. 041-00069 (Rine) 14588 CR 14, Washington Twp.**
008-00047 (Grove) 32780 SR 93, Crawford Twp. 021-00079 (Ardner) 16615 SR 93 S, Linton Twp.
005-00029 (Seitz) 29626 CR 49, Clark Twp. 004-00215 (Knicely) 43424 US 36, Bethlehem Twp.
013-00008 (Menefee) 20336 TR 306, Jackson Twp. 018-00163 (Jarvis) 22046 TR 1064, Lafayette Twp.
041-00482 (Smith) 14588 CR 14, Washington Twp. 021-00042 (Shingleton) 16789 SR 93, Linton Twp.

Land does not go with the manufactured home. If more real or manufactured home parcels are forfeited prior to the required publication date, they will also be offered. Parcels go for the best bid, but may not be sold to any person delinquent on real property taxes in the State of Ohio nor for less than the total amount of charges and costs if the highest bidder is the last owner of record or his or her immediate family member.

Any taxes, charges or costs not covered by the sale will be remitted and all liens are eliminated except for the real estate taxes recovered by the sale. If there is a Federal lien, the Federal Government has "Right of Redemption" and may re-take the property for one year after the original foreclosure was filed. The buyer will receive only the amount he paid at the Auditor's sale and no more regardless of improvements done after the purchase.



As a courtesy, adjacent landowners are notified of the sale via USPS. Anyone planning on bidding must register prior to the sale, either online beginning in May at the link below, or in person the day of the sale. If

registering in person, please arrive a few minutes early.

A non-refundable down payment (10% of the total due or \$50, whichever is greater) is collected at the end of the auction. If not paid in full on the date of the sale, the bidder must, within 10 days from the sale, produce and return to the auditor the Certificate of Sale along with any bid balance and fees to transfer (\$20 Title Fee, \$5 Relocation fee and \$.50 Transfer Fee) that are still due.

The winning bidders will have a title in hand for the property within a few days of full payment.

For more information, call the Auditor's Office at 740-622-1243 or visit the Auditor's page at <https://www.coshoctoncounty.net/auditor/auditor-sale/>