



### COMMUNITY CALENDAR EVENTS

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#### **Mast Reappointed To Pomerene Hospital Board Of Trustees**

Holmes County resident Shasta Mast has been reappointed to Pomerene Hospital's Board of Trustees. Mast will serve a three-year term, which is set to expire on January 5, 2015. Holmes County Commissioners comprise one third of the appointing authority for the Pomerene Hospital Board. Holmes County Commissioner Joe Miller, Chairman Rob Ault, and Vice Chairman Raymond Eyler (in conjunction with Judge Robert Rinfret and Judge Thomas Lee) voted yes to re-appoint Shasta Mast to a seat on the Pomerene Board. Mast has been Executive Director of the Holmes County Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Bureau since 2003, and served as marketing coordinator from 2002-2003. She graduated from Otterbein College in Westerville, OH in 1994 with a bachelor's degree in English and Journalism. She currently resides in Benton, with her husband, Jim.

#### **Pomerene Hospital Offers Cardiovascular Screenings in February**

In observance of heart health month, Pomerene Hospital will be offering cardiovascular screenings through the month of February. Throughout the month of February, individuals can schedule a cardiovascular screening through the Pomerene Hospital Radiology department. NO PHYSICIAN ORDER IS NECESSARY. Those who are interested in scheduling a cardiovascular screening this month must be over the age of 50 with the following risk factors: Cardiovascular disease or family history, Diabetes, High cholesterol or take cholesterol medication, Are a smoker, Irregular heartbeat, High blood pressure or take BP medication, Leg swelling, varicose veins, or family history. The cardiovascular screening will include the carotid artery screenings, abdominal aortic screening, and peripheral arterial screening. The cost for the screening package is \$90.00, payable by cash, check or credit card. Please note: Most insurance and Medicare will not cover vascular screening exams and Pomerene Hospital will not bill insurance. To schedule a vascular screening, call Pomerene Hospital's Radiology department at 330-674-1015, ext. 4124.

#### **Roach Earns Philanthropy Award**

Millersburg attorney Garrett Roach was recently honored by the Holmes County Education Foundation. Story and photo on the presentation can be found here:

<http://thevoiceofholmescounty.com/docs/SpecialDocs/RoachAward.pdf>



### **West Holmes Kindergarten Registration Information**

The West Holmes Class of 2025 kindergarten registration (entering school, August, 2012) will be from February 13 – April 27, 2012. Parents having children who will be five years of age on or before August 1, 2012 are asked to call and register their child at the elementary school the child will attend, by April 27, 2012. When parents call, they will be asked some basic information about their child, and they will schedule a time for kindergarten screening. A registration packet will be mailed out to them in April to be completed and brought to kindergarten screening in May. Clark Elementary 330-674-7936; Killbuck Elementary 330-276-2891; Millersburg Elementary 330-674-5681; and Nashville Elementary 330-378-2111.

### **Pomerene Hospital Foundation Scholarship Applications Now Available**

Pomerene Hospital's Foundation has announced the availability of applications for its 2012 Healthcare Scholarship Program. Now in its 8th year, the program will award 4 senior high school students who are planning to enter the healthcare field with \$1,000 scholarships. Scholarship applications are available at the following high schools: West Holmes, Hiland, Garaway and Loudonville. Interested applicants may also call Sandy Weltmer at 330-674-1584 ext. 1222. Completed applications must be received by April 27, 2012. Pomerene Foundation scholarships are awarded to students based not only on academic achievement, but also financial need, ACT/SAT scores, extracurricular activities, community involvement, and additional information from the application.

### **Free Income Tax Preparations Available in Holmes County Feb. 4 & 13**

Through a partnership with United Way, Goodwill and The Commercial & Savings Bank, a free tax filing service is available to those in Holmes County who qualify through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program offered through the Internal Revenue Service. If your income is less than \$48,362, you may be eligible for this free service. To learn more and to schedule an appointment, dial "2-1-1" between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The free tax filing service will be available on Saturday, Feb. 4th and 11th from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (last appointment at 2:00), along with Monday evening, Feb. 13 from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (last appointment at 6:00). You must have an appointment arranged ahead of time. Appointments will be held at the Goodwill Retail Store in Millersburg.

### **Habitat for Humanity Home Dedication Set for Feb. 5**

Holmes County Habitat for Humanity will be holding a dedication service on its most recently completed home. The service will be held on Sunday, Feb. 5 at 2:00 p.m. at the home site located at 1794 Township Road 164, Sugarcreek, Ohio. The public is invited to attend. The home was built in partnership with the David & Lacie Sinnett family.

"We encourage all of those that helped on this home to join us and see the completion of their efforts," stated Deb Berner, Board Member of Holmes County Habitat for Humanity. "The dedication ceremony can be a joyous and emotional time, not only for the partner family, but also the Habitat board and the volunteers." Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit, Christian housing ministry. Habitat works in partnership with people to build and renovate decent, affordable housing. The houses then are sold to



Habitat's partner families, at no profit and with no interest charged. Partner families invest hundreds of hours of their own labor – sweat equity – into building their homes and the homes of others. Their mortgage payments go into a revolving Fund for Humanity that is used to build more houses. More information about Habitat for Humanity can be found at [www.habitatofholmescounty.org](http://www.habitatofholmescounty.org) or by leaving a message at 330-674-HOME. Monetary donations can be mailed to P.O. Box 418, Millersburg, Ohio, 44654.

### **Annie's Project Workshops Set To Begin Feb. 8**

Women in agriculture who are interested in taking a more active role in farm operations may sign up for Annie's Project, a multi-part risk-management course offered by Ohio State University Extension. The workshop is being sponsored by OSU Extension offices in Holmes, Tuscarawas, Stark, Wayne, Harrison, and Jefferson counties. The six-week workshop will be held at the Comfort Inn in Millersburg beginning Wednesday, Feb. 8, at 6:00 p.m. and running on Wednesdays through March 21. A sign up form and further info here: <http://thevoiceofholmescounty.com/docs/SpecialDocs/Annie2012.pdf>

### **Hiland High & Middle School Staff Levy Fundraiser is Feb. 9**

Let the Hiland High & Middle School staff serve your dinner and clean up after you! The Hiland staff will host a levy fundraiser at Der Dutchman in Walnut Creek on Thursday, February 9 from 4-8 pm. No reservations are required -simply enter through the banquet room entrance and you will be seated on a first come first served basis. The menu includes a hot buffet and limited menu items. Your tips and a percentage of the check will be donated to the East Holmes Levy Fund. Show your support for East Holmes schools and let the Hiland staff serve your dinner!

### **Postsecondary Enrollment Options Program Event Feb. 9**

Students can get a jump start on college by enrolling in the Postsecondary Enrollment Options Program (PSEOP) at The University of Akron Wayne College. PSEOP information nights will be held on Monday, Feb. 20 at 6:30 p.m. at Wayne College, 1901 Smucker Road, Orrville and on **Thursday, Feb. 9 at 6:30 at the Holmes County Higher Education Center, 88-B E. Jackson St., Millersburg.** PSEOP was created in 1989 by the State of Ohio to allow qualified high school students to enroll in a college or university and receive both high school and college credit. Tuition, textbooks, materials and fees related to the coursework are covered by the program.

Information about Wayne College, application procedures, the Honors College, and a tour of the campus will be available. Former and current PSEOP students will be on hand to answer questions and explain how PSEOP works for them. No RSVP is necessary. For more information, please contact Sarah Jane Morrow, admissions counselor at 330-684-8912 or e-mail [sjm34@uakron.edu](mailto:sjm34@uakron.edu).

### **Clark Elementary Chili Supper and Science Fair Feb. 9**

The annual Chili Supper and Science Fair at Clark Elementary will take place Feb. 9 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The menu will feature chili or chicken noodle soup, hot dogs, applesauce, dessert and beverage. Tickets at the door will be \$3.50 for students in grades K-5 with pre-schoolers admitted free and \$5 for adults and students in grades 6-12. Pre-sale tickets are available by calling the school at 440-674-7936.



### **Wayne College Plans Financial Aid Workshop in Holmes County Feb. 12**

Getting a college education is more important than ever in today's tough job market, but finding the money for college can be challenging. In an effort to help students start the sometimes overwhelming financial aid search, The University of Akron Wayne College is offering financial aid workshops at a variety of times and dates to help students complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA is the federal application that is required to receive federal financial aid including the Federal Pell Grant and student loans as well as the need-based state grants. Studies show that a student is 50% more likely to attend college when they complete the FAFSA. While walk-ins are welcome, families are encouraged to register in advance for the free workshop that best fits their schedule: Feb. 4, March 3 & April 14, 9 a.m.-noon- FAFSA Workshops- Computer Lab A225, Main building, 1901 Smucker Rd., Orrville. Register by calling the Wayne College student services office at 330-684-8942. **Feb. 12, 2 p.m.- College Goal Sunday- Holmes County Higher Education Center, 88-B E. Jackson St., Millersburg. Register at [www.ohiocollegegoalsunday.org](http://www.ohiocollegegoalsunday.org) or by calling 1-800-233-6734.** Please bring a photo ID and 2011 federal tax returns for student and parents, or W2's if taxes have not been completed, as well as your social security number, 2011 untaxed income records, other records of money earned, current bank statements and investment records. The deadline for the Wayne College Scholarship Application is March 1 and is available online at [www.wayne.uakron.edu/a\\_financial\\_aid.htm](http://www.wayne.uakron.edu/a_financial_aid.htm).

### **Small Business Start-Up Seminar Set For Feb. 12**

Holmes County residents desiring to start their own businesses may obtain valuable advice and information at a "Step up to a Successful Business" seminar here Saturday, Feb. 11. The seminar will feature presentations by an accountant, an attorney, a banker, a marketing consultant, and a small business counselor. It will be held in the meeting room of the Holmes County Public Library in Millersburg from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. A registration fee of \$15 per person includes a box lunch. Additional family members may attend for a fee of \$12 each. Attendance is limited to 25 persons. Seminar information and a registration form is included in "Step up to a Successful Business" brochures available at all Holmes County offices of the Commercial & Savings Bank, the Holmes County Central and East Branch Libraries, and the Holmes County Chamber of Commerce office. This seminar is sponsored by the above organizations, the Holmes County Economic Development Council, and the Canton Regional Chapter of SCORE, which serves Holmes County. SCORE is a nationwide network of 364 chapters and 13,000 volunteers. Members draw upon their business experience and expertise to counsel new and existing businesses without charge. SCORE is a resource partner with the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

### **Chamberlin Nominated For West Point Appointment**

Congressman Bob Gibbs (OH-18) has announced that a West Holmes student has received his nomination for appointment to a U.S. Service Academy. Rebecca Chamberlin of Millersburg who attends West Holmes has been nominated to the U.S. Naval Academy, the U.S. Military Academy (West Point), the U.S. Air Force Academy, and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. Chamberlin was selected



after a rigorous application process where factors such as academic achievements, extra-curricular activities, leadership skills, physical aptitude, character and motivation were taken into consideration. Congressman Gibbs' nomination does not guarantee admission to a service academy as the academies' respective admissions boards decide who is offered appointment, and ultimately admitted. Several individuals have been nominated to multiple academies; if they receive appointment offers from more than one academy, the student will decide which to attend.

### **Wayne College Welcomes New Interim Dean**

Professor Neil Sapienza has been named interim dean of The University of Akron Wayne College. Sapienza previously served as interim associate dean for fine arts and community engagement in the Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences and director of the School of Dance, Theatre, and Arts Administration at the main campus of The University of Akron. Sapienza joined The University of Akron in 1987 as a full-time faculty member in the Community and Technical College, where he developed the commercial photography program and served as director of the Center for Employee Development and Training. He joined the faculty of the Myers School of Art in 1995 where he developed and coordinated the digital imaging area. In 2002, Sapienza accepted leadership of the School of Dance, Theatre, and Arts Administration as its director, and recently contributed to the successful initiative to unite the Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences and College of Creative and Professional Arts. Sapienza earned a BFA in photography from Ohio University and an MS in photography from Brooks Institute in Santa Barbara

### **Classic In The Country Concession Numbers Released**

Those who attend the Classic In The Country sure love their food! Classic officials have announced that 52 roasters full of chicken and noodles were served during the event, along with 800 fry pies donated by The Amish Pie Company, 10 dozen Wagon Wheel donuts, donated by Ray Hershberger, 570 Troyers Trail Bologna sandwiches, 660 hot dogs, 900 jumbo cookies, 300 grilled hamburgers, 80 pounds of pulled pork and 700 four-ounce cups of ice cream. Those figures did not include all the popcorn, candy and drinks sold at the event as well.

### **Pomerene Hospital Welcomes First New Year Baby**

Pomerene Hospital's New Year's Baby 2012 was born at 2:15 pm on Jan.1, 2012. A daughter, Sadie, was born to Willis and Amanda Weaver of Millersburg. She weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and stretched 20 inches. The family received a variety of baby items from Pomerene Hospital and many area businesses to mark the occasion.

### **Beef, Sheep Series To Be Offered Through OSU Extension**

Two upcoming program series are being offered through OSU Extension – the 2012 Ohio Beef Cattle School and the 2012 Sheep and Goat Series. You'll find information on both events at these links:

Beef: <http://thevoiceofholmescounty.com/docs/SpecialDocs/BeefCattleSchool.pdf>

Sheep: <http://thevoiceofholmescounty.com/docs/SpecialDocs/Sheep&Goat.pdf>



### **Patterson Scholarship For Teachers Application Now Available**

The 2012-2013 Raymond J. & Louella F. Patterson Scholarship for Teachers is now available to classroom teachers currently employed by Holmes County schools that have at least two years of classroom teaching experience. The scholarship can be used for an advanced degree at an accredited college or graduate school, courses in specific subjects or technical training, and/or specific teacher training opportunities that enhance the teacher's ability to work with students in the classroom. Examples of this can be programs provided by arts organizations, research or medical organizations, or libraries or technical training organizations. Any program that directly affects the classroom activities will be considered. Scholarships will be awarded for tuition, fees and books for any graduate level program that leads to a degree and program fees and expenses for other programs. Fees for travel and living expenses will be considered for those programs of short duration for which travel is required. It is expected that the training programs financed will occur during summer vacation, but other programs during the school year may be considered. The maximum award for any one year will be \$1,500. A commitment for two complete years of classroom teaching in a Holmes County school system following the training will be required. Interested teachers can print off an application for the Raymond J. and Louella F. Patterson Scholarship from the Holmes County Education Foundation website at [www.hcef.net](http://www.hcef.net) under the section marked Scholarship and Grantseekers. The deadline for the applications is April 20, 2012. The Holmes County Education Foundation administers this scholarship program. Any questions about the program should be directed to Darla Stitzlein, Executive Director of the Holmes County Education Foundation at 330-674-7303.

### **"Thursday Night Lite" Dates For 2012 Announced**

The First Presbyterian Church, 90 S. Clay St., Millersburg invites you to join us for a dinner, "Thursday Night Lite", the 3rd Thursday of each month in 2012. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. in the dining room and is available to all at no charge. (Sorry no carry out or delivery.) For directions or questions please phone: 330-674-1566  
Dates for 2012 are as follows: Jan. 19, Feb. 16, Mar. 15, April 19, May 17, June 21, July 19, Aug. 16, Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15 and Dec. 20.

### **Benefit CD For Mary Nelson Being Offered**

West Holmes Chamber Choir and WH Concert Choir are recording a Holiday CD called Christmas Hope. Suggested donations are \$5.00 and all monies raised will go to the Nelson family for Mary's medical and rehabilitation costs. The CD will be available on Dec 13th at the Holiday Choir Concert and Rodhe's IGA, or by calling West Holmes High School. The Nelsons are a very musical family and Mary was in the concert choir for all 4 years of high school and her other 3 siblings have been members of the chamber choir.

### **Dog Tag Sale Information**

Holmes County Auditor Jackie McKee has announced information regarding the sale of dog tags in the county. Details here: <http://thevoiceofholmescounty.com/docs/SpecialDocs/DogTagSale.pdf>



### **Two Bulletins Now Available at OSU Extension**

OSU Extension has announced that two new informational bulletins are now available. The Urban Coyote Ecology and Management Bulletin and the Home Systems Guide: How To Operate Your Home. The Home Systems Guide features over 250 drawings and simple explanations that describe the operation of the structural, electrical and mechanical systems in your home. Phone 330-674-3015 for more information or stop by the OSU Extension Office at 75 East Clinton Street, Suite 109, Millersburg.

### **Free GED Classes at Hiland Being Offered**

Are you, or someone you know, interested in getting your GED? There are FREE classes on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00-8:30pm at Hiland High School, through Buckeye Career Center's ABLE program. The GED test is offered at Hiland in November, February, and May (plus every month at Buckeye Career Center). Orientation sessions for new students at the Hiland class are the first Tuesday and Thursday of each month. Come on September 6th & 8th to see if you are ready to take the GED test or continue with free classes to brush up and prepare. Call 330-308-5720 or 1-800-227-1665, ext 287 to sign up!

### **Free GED Classes at Millersburg Being Offered**

Free ABLE (Adult Basic Literacy Education) classes that will enable you to receive your GED are being offered in Millersburg Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 9 a.m. to noon and Monday and Wednesday from 6-9 p.m. The classes are held at Millersburg Elementary School, 430 Jackson Street, and conducted by the ABLE program of the Ashland-West Holmes Career Center. You can call collect for more information at 1-330-264-8740.

### **West Holmes Plans District Wide Recycling Effort**

West Holmes Local Schools have partnered with River Valley Paper Company in an effort to promote recycling district wide. Details on this new effort can be found here:

<http://thevoiceofholmescounty.com/docs/SpecialDocs/WHRecycle.pdf>

### **West Holmes Class of 1976 Presents Gift to Education Foundation**

The West Holmes Class of 1976 recently a \$550.00 donation to the Blair Slutz Memorial Education Scholarship, held at the Holmes County Education Foundation (HCEF). Details with photo here:

<http://thevoiceofholmescounty.com/docs/SpecialDocs/WH76gift.pdf>

### **Killbuck Valley Museum Open Weekends**

The Killbuck Valley Museum is open Saturday and Sunday from 1-4 p.m. each day. There is no charge for admission! Donations only. You can check out some local history each Saturday and Sunday at the Killbuck Valley Museum.

### **New Hours At Holmes County Dog Warden's Department**

The Holmes County Dog Warden's Department has announced new hours. The department will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 a.m.



to 6 p.m. It's hoped that by staying open later for two nights a week, that potential adopters will have more time to get to the facility after work. The Holmes County Dog Warden's Department is located at 5387 Co. Rd. 349, just past the Holmes County Fairgrounds.

#### **Holmes County Education Foundation On Facebook**

The Holmes County Education Foundation now has a presence on Facebook to keep recipients and donors alike, up-to-date on Foundation activities. Here is the link:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Holmes-County-Education-Foundation/193993093839>

#### **Holmes County District Library On Facebook**

The Holmes County District Library can now be found on Facebook. Visit them by going to [www.holmeslibrary.org](http://www.holmeslibrary.org) and click on the Facebook logo.

#### **Education Foundation Needs Volunteers**

The Holmes County Education Foundation is in need of volunteers to assist with receptionist duties, preparing mailings, and other assorted tasks. Please inquire at 114 North Clay Street, Millersburg or call 330-674-7303.

#### **Pomerene Providing Medication Lists**

Pomerene Hospital and community members are partnering to improve patient safety by providing medication lists to the community. <http://thevoiceofholmescounty.com/docs/SpecialDocs/MedLists>

#### **Register For Family Notification In Case Of Emergency**

If your community experiences a disaster, register on the American Red Cross Safe and Well Web site available through RedCross.org to let your family and friends know about your welfare. If you do not have Internet access, call 1-866-GET-INFO to register yourself and your family.

#### **Red Cross Seeking Addresses Of Military Personnel**

The Holmes County Chapter of the American Red Cross is seeking addresses and e-mail addresses for military personnel. If you have an address to contribute, sent it to P.O. Box 70, Millersburg, OH 44654 or email it to [langpa@valkyrie.net](mailto:langpa@valkyrie.net).

#### **Lighthouse Love Center Hours**

Lighthouse Love Center is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 1 to 4:30 p.m. north of Millersburg on State Route 241. Frozen meats, food items, fresh produce and fruits for donation can be dropped off during regular hours. Cash contributions can be mailed to Lighthouse Love Center Food Pantry, P.O. Box 31, Millersburg, OH 44654.

#### **Humane Society Aluminum Can Collection**

The Holmes County Humane Society holds an aluminum can collection the first Saturday of every month at Rodhe's IGA Marketplace parking lot in Millersburg. Hours are 8 to 11 a.m.