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Library victory by the book

WILMINGTON

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Restoring hours at the Wilmington Public Library is expected to begin in the spring since voters in the county library district approved the 1-mill operating levy in Tuesday's election.

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director, said Tuesday night after the votes were counted. "I am just thrilled we're going to be able to provide more library services and better services because they (public) deserve it. It confirms to me the people of Wilmington and Clinton County really value their library."

The levy was approved by 1,185 votes,

with 4,783 voters favoring the levy for 57.07 percent, while 3,598, or 42.93 percent, voted against the levy. These are the unofficial votes, which also includes absentee voting.

The county library district includes all

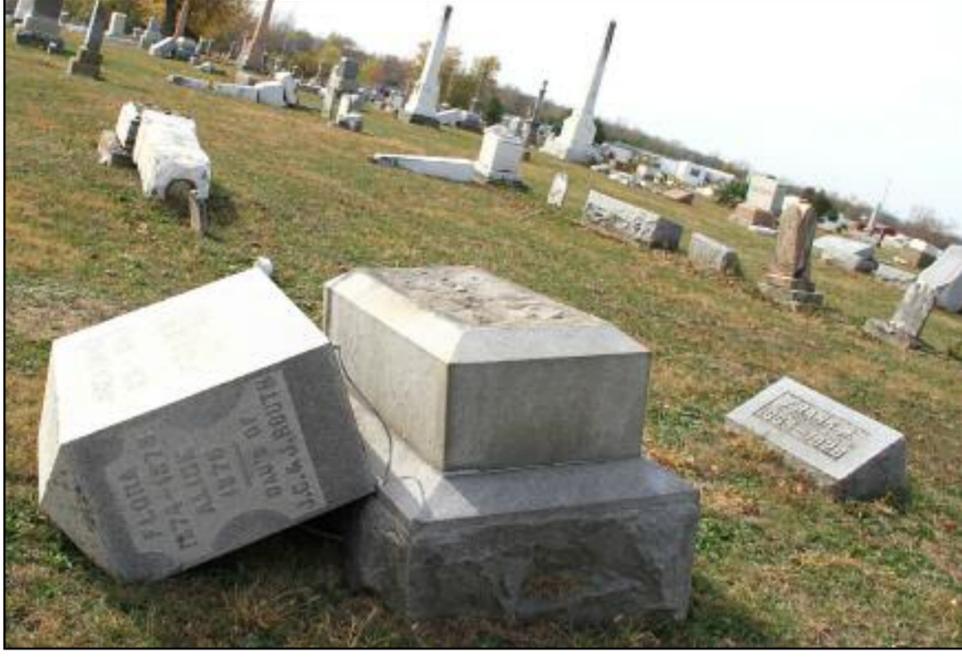
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Memorials trashed

Monuments toppled, broken at IOOF Cemetery



News Journal photos/John Cropper

Above and right, markers toppled and pushed over at the New Vienna IOOF Cemetery.

Vandals damage 250 headstones

NEW VIENNA

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An estimated 250 tombstones were recently vandalized at the New Vienna IOOF Cemetery and the Clinton County Sheriff's Office is looking for anyone who has information about anyone who may be responsible for the vandalism.

"Some of the tombstones were broke off from the base and other ones, the whole tombstone was pushed out of the ground and laid down on its side," said Deputy Victor Wright of the sheriff's office.

Still other tombstones had sections of the stones knocked off, and the bottom section remained in the ground.

"Some tombstones dating back to the middle 1800s have never been touched and are still standing and have never been

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Mostly sunny

Temperatures in the 50s are expected.

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TAKE NOTE

Proceeds to benefit Holidazzle

Tickets are on sale for the Saturday, Nov. 13 Holidazzle Blue Jeans and Bow Tie Ball.

Dinner will be served at the General Denver Hotel, followed by dessert and dancing to the Laika Band at The Loft. Guests can choose seating for 5:30 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. Attire is a formal top and blue jeans bottom. The \$75 ticket price includes a four-course meal, desserts and dancing, with \$25 of the cost donated to the Hometown Holidazzle Illuminated Parade and Festival. For information call 383-9090.

Pancakes on the menu Sunday

The Knights of Columbus Council 3369 will hold a pancake breakfast on Sunday, Nov. 7 from 9 to 11 a.m. in the St. Columbkille church basement. The breakfast menu will include regular and cinnamon pancakes, goetta, eggs, sausage, coffee, milk and juice. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children and \$20 for families of six or more.

Veterans again to be treated to meal

In an annual tribute, No. 1 China Buffet will provide a free meal on Veterans Day, Thursday, Nov. 11, to all veterans of U.S. military service. To qualify, veterans can show any proof of military identification. The restaurant is located at 1587 Rombach Ave. in Wilmington.

Open burning illegal within city

The Wilmington Fire Department is reminding residents that it is against city ordinance to conduct open burning within the city of Wilmington. For more information on open burning, call 382-2244 Monday through Friday, or call 655-9275.

Change batteries and clocks

With daylight savings time soon coming to an end, the Wilmington Fire Department is reminding area residents that it is time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

Daylight-Saving Time ends at 2 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 7. Set clocks back one hour.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

"He who seeks rest finds boredom. He who seeks work finds rest." — Dylan Thomas, Welsh author and poet (born this date in 1914, died 1953.)

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Rosenberger headed to Columbus

CLINTON COUNTY

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Cliff Rosenberger of Clarksville was elected Tuesday to the Ohio Legislature as the representative for the 86th House District, becoming the first Clinton Countian since the 1960s to go to the Statehouse.

With 100 percent of precincts counted in the district, unofficial results show

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Cliff Rosenberger (left) and his father Mike Rosenberger celebrate Cliff's election win Tuesday evening at Generations Pizzeria in Wilmington.

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Most issues pass

CLINTON COUNTY

News Journal Staff Report

All but one of the renewal tax levies on the ballot were approved by voters in Tuesday's general election.

The only tax levy to fail was the 2-mill tax levy for current operating expenses for the Village of Martinsville. Casting their ballots for the levy were 40 voters for 46.51 percent, while 46 voted against the levy for 53.49 percent.

The local liquor option in the Wilmington 2-A precinct, a request by Walmart for a permit for Sunday sales from 11 a.m. to midnight for off-premises consumption of beer, wine and mixed beverages, was voted down with 105 voting yes and 135 voting no.

For results of the voting for the other tax levies, a chart is on Page 7A.

Two taken to hospital after Pratt Road crash

VERNON TOWNSHIP

News Journal staff report

A head-on collision Tuesday morning on Pratt Road, near Reeder Road in Vernon Township, sent two persons to Clinton Memorial Hospital with unknown injuries, according to the Wilmington Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

James Holcomb, 35, of Wilmington, was traveling west on Pratt Road when his vehicle was struck head-on by an eastbound vehicle driven by Ernest Booher Jr., 45, of Blanchester, which traveled left of center, the patrol said.

Holcomb and Booher had non-life threatening injuries, but were transported to Clinton Memorial Hospital, according to the patrol.

Booher was initially charged with failure to control. The crash remains under investigation, but alcohol is suspected as the cause of the crash which occurred at 8:30 a.m., the patrol spokesman said.



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Election 2010



Board of Elections reports overall smooth election day and fairly good turnout

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The Clinton County Board of Elections (CCBE) experienced a smooth election day on Tuesday with only one minor hiccup countywide, officials said.

About 45 percent of the county showed up to vote throughout the past month, said Betsy Hart, director of the CCBE, which she called a "pretty good turnout."

"We had good turnouts at all of our polling places," Hart said. "Most of the stations reported steady streams of voters all day."

There were no reported equipment problems, even in Blanchester, where a broken water pipe at the Blanchester Public Library threatened to move the polling station elsewhere.

"The library officials were great," Hart said. "They got everything cleaned up and back to normal. The water didn't stop a lick."

Hart also thanked the crop of volunteers and poll workers who "show up every year to help."

"We have a lot of good people who are trained to know what to do," she said. "They make it run."

Turner headed for fifth term

By GARY HUFFENBERGER
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U.S. Rep. Mike Turner (R-Centerville) handily won re-election Tuesday to a fifth term in Congress, garnering 69 percent of the votes districtwide with a handful of Montgomery County precincts left uncounted early today.

"I will be proud to continue my service alongside our new Speaker of the House, southwest Ohio's own John Boehner," Turner said.

"I will continue my work to strengthen Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, create new jobs in our local economy and protect our national security," said Turner.

Democratic challenger Joe Roberts of Kettering said, "I believe in the district and I encourage citizens and lawmakers to continue working together in an effort to once again make our home a place of innovation."

Turner did even better in Clinton County than he did districtwide: 7,472 votes (79.4 percent) for Turner to 1,936 (20.6 percent) for Roberts.



Mike Turner

Local Issues	Purpose	Pass/Fail
Wilmington Library, additional	1 mill operating expenses	PASSED — 4,783 for, 3,598 against
Village of Clarksville, renewal	1.9 mills for current operating expenses	PASSED — 62 for, 55 against
Village of Clarksville, renewal	2 mills for current operating expenses	PASSED — 61 for, 55 against
Liberty Township (Port Wm.), renewal	2.5 mills for fire protection	PASSED — 307 for, 81 against
Martinsville, renewal	2 mills for current operating expenses	FAILED — 40 for, 46 against
New Vienna, renewal	3.5 mills for current operating expenses	PASSED — 125 for, 107 against
SRWW Joint Fire District 2, renewal	2.5 mills for fire protection	PASSED — 944 for, 249 against
Union Township, renewal	6 mills for fire protection	PASSED — 941 for, 271 against
Vernon Township Cemetery, renewal	.5 mill for maintenance, operations	PASSED — 509 for, 416 against
Washington Township, renewal	1.5 mills for roads	PASSED — 425 for, 302 against
Washington Township, renewal	1.6 mills for fire protection	PASSED — 509 for, 217 against

Local Liquor Option	Purpose	Pass/Fail
Wilmington 2-A	Walmart, Sunday sales	FAILED — 105 for, 135 against

State Races — How Clinton County Voted

Parties: R-Republican, D-Democratic, L-Libertarian, G-Green, S-Socialist, C-Constitution	Attorney General	U.S. Rep., 3rd District
	Richard Cordray — D 3,168	Joe Roberts — D 2,566
	Mike DeWine — R 7,892	Mike Turner — R 9,346
	Marc Allan Feldman — L 406	
	Robert Owens — C 530	
		State Senate, 17th District
		David Daniels — R 9,087
		Justin Fallon — D 2,709
		State Rep., 86th District
		Jacob Dawson — L 575
		Bill Horne — D 2,959
		Cliff Rosenberger — R 8,369
		Nonpartisan
		Ohio Supreme Court
		Chief Justice
		Eric Brown 3,032
		Maureen O'Connor 7,674
		Ohio Supreme Court Justice
		Judith Ann Lanzinger 5,847
		Mary Jane Trapp 3,924

Governor	
Kasich/Taylor — R	7,478
Strickland/Brown — D	3,763
Matesy/Leech — L	436
Spisak/Rios — G	209

Auditor	
L. Michael Howard — L	670
David Pepper — D	3,195
Dave Yost — R	7,979

Secretary of State	
Charles R. Earl — L	684
Jon Husted — R	8,467
Maryellen O'Shaughnessy — D	2,668

U.S. Senate	
Eric Deaton — C	248
Lee Fisher — D	2,467
Daniel LaBotz — S	58
Rob Portman — R	9,068
Michael Pryce	114

Treasurer of State	
Kevin L. Boyce — D	2,713
Matthew P. Cantrell — L	614
Josh Mandel — R	8,477

LIBRARY

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of the Wilmington City School District and the Clinton-Massie Local School District, as well as Clinton County residents living in the Lynchburg-Clay Local School District and the Greeneview Local School District.

Ehas said the library board will begin making plans right away and will start putting those plans into effect as soon as they find out how much and when the revenue will begin coming in.

After the library lost 25 percent of its state funding, operating hours for the library were reduced by 15 hours a week and the library has been closed on Fridays and Sundays. "We probably won't

be able to restore the Sunday hours right away. We'll have to look at staffing levels which would be required to do that."

Full-time positions were reduced from 40 to 32 hours per week; the youth librarian position was vacant for a year and two full-time positions were not staffed.

Ehas said another priority of the board is to reopen the Clinton-Massie branch library which was closed in September 2009.

Other long-term plans include adding books, audiobooks and DVDs to the library; upgrading computer services; increasing services and programming for patrons

ROSENBERGER

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Republican Rosenberger collecting 19,015 votes, Democrat Bill Horne receiving 11,564 ballots and Libertarian Jacob Dawson tallying 1,412 votes.

At a victory celebration held at Generations Pizzeria in Wilmington, Rosenberger said, "I'm really humbled and

blessed by the voters giving me this opportunity, and I look forward to serving them and going to work."

Horne wished Rosenberger "all the luck in the world" and said he was happy the campaign was "a nice clean race, and he's won fair and square."

First-time candidate

of all ages; maintain the historic Carnegie building and re-establish financial stability. The library presently has 16 computers and more are needed.

Another goal is to increase special programs for adults and teens by having speakers come in, Ehas said.

This is the first time in the 106 years since the library was founded that voters have been asked to support their library by approving a tax levy.

"We owe the passage to all of our dedicated volunteers, the library board, staff, the campaign committee and all of the citizens. It was a team effort. I am just ecstatic," Ehas said.

The 1-mill tax levy is expected to cost owners of a \$100,000 home \$31.50 per year.

Dawson said he is not done with politics.

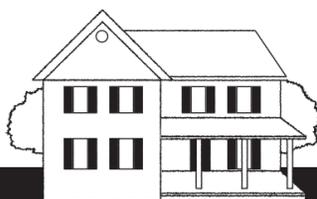
Dawson, of Wilmington, is secretary of Ohio's Libertarian Party and a member of that party's state central committee.

The 29-year-old Rosenberger regards six factors as pillars of economic growth: low taxes, less regulation, good infrastructure, available capital, limited government and an educated workforce.

OLD-FASHIONED SAVINGS

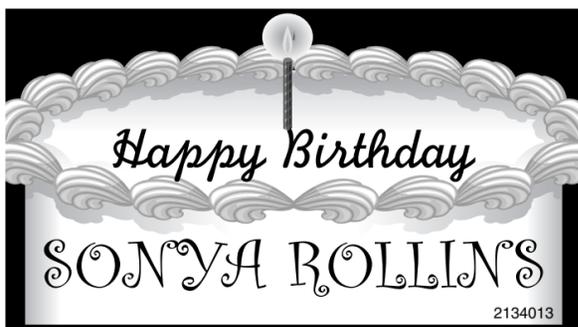
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