



Kingston Township

November 2008

News

Chairman's Chat

By Dewey Akers

Hello everyone. The temperatures have been great and the trees are beginning to show some nice color. Enjoy it while you can, as I believe it will not last long this year.

North Galena road has finally opened and that has eased our travels a little. It took a lot longer than was expected.

The Wilson Road Bridge is nearing completion. The Wilson and Carters Corner roads intersection closed October 6 for complete reconstruction. The project is expected to take 45 days and includes raising and widening the road to line it up with the new bridge. Hopefully it stays on schedule.

April Domine, Big Walnut School Superintendent, gave a presentation concerning the present and future needs of the school system at the last trustee meeting. I was only notified the day of the meeting that she wanted to address the residents. Had I known earlier, I would have put it in the last month's newsletter so more people could have attended. Educating our children is the best safeguard for our future, locally and nationally.

With election day November 4 just a few days away, I challenge everyone to get out and vote. I believe, with all that has happened this past year, this election is one of the most important elections of our times.

Enjoy this good weather while it lasts and, as always, call me at 740/803-1529 or e-mail me at dvakers@verizon.net if you have any questions or concerns.

Herb Brenner

The township expresses its condolences to the family of Herb Brenner who passed away. Brenner served as a Kingston Township clerk for four years and as a trustee for 35 years. He was also a member of the Porter-Kingston Fire Department for 20 years. We appreciate his service!

Zoning Appointments

In October, the trustees appointed Bill Steinhoff to the Zoning Commission. Steinhoff, who has served as an alternate on the commission, will serve as a member through August 2013.

Steinhoff fills a position vacated by commission chairman Craig Cope. The

commission members and staff thank Cope for his many years of service to the township.

The trustees also appointed Tom Filbert, of Todd Street Rd., as an alternate on the commission. Filbert and his wife have lived in the township for nine years and lived in Brown Township for 20 years before that. He is retired from the Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources Parks and Recreation Division.

Fire Station Halloween

Happy Halloween everyone. The Porter Kingston Fire District will distribute candy and glow necklaces on Friday, October 31st, 6-8 p.m. Please stop by the station at 12844 Olive Green Rd. and see the trucks and firefighters.

Halloween Safety Tips For Kids

By Porter Kingston Fire Chief Michael Thompson

Kids love Halloween! They get to dress up and get free candy! What a perfect holiday! Give your kids some Halloween memories that'll last for life.

But remember, trick or treating isn't what it used to be. It's not as safe to let kids walk the streets alone. Send a responsible adult or older teenager with them.

Check your local grocery store or craft store for Halloween cookbooks full of tasty treats on a horror theme for both kids and adults.

Help your child pick out or make a costume that will be safe. Make it fire proof. The eye holes should be large enough for good peripheral vision.

If you set jack-o-lanterns on your porch with candles in them, make sure that they are far enough out of the way so that kids' costumes won't accidentally be set on fire.

Make sure that if your child is carrying a prop, such as a scythe, butcher knife or a pitchfork, that the tips are smooth and flexible enough to not cause injury if fallen on.

Kids always want to help with the pumpkin carving. Small children shouldn't be allowed to use a sharp knife to cut the top or the face. There are many kits available that come with tiny saws that work better than knives and are safer, although you can be cut by them as well. It's best to let the kids

clean out the pumpkin and draw a face on it, which you can carve for them.

Treating your kids to a spooky Halloween dinner will make them less likely to eat the candy they collect before you have a chance to check it for them.

Teaching your kids basic everyday safety such as not getting into cars or talking to strangers; watching both ways before crossing streets; and, crossing when the lights tell you to will help make them safer when they are out Trick or Treating.

Make Halloween a fun, safe and happy time for your kids and they'll carry on the tradition that you taught them to their own families some day!

– from http://www.halloween-safety.com/halloween_safety_kids.html

Kilbourne P.O. News

By Kathy D. Nolting, Kilbourne Postmaster

The United States Postal Service is being hit hard by high gas prices and the internet. The Kilbourne Post Office is no exception. Starting October 4th we are cutting our Saturday hours. The window service hours will be 9-11 a.m. We will still have the same hours Monday through Friday: 8:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m. and 1-4:45 p.m.

Please keep us in mind when you need to send a package or need some stamps. We sell boxes, tape, padded

Kingston Calendar

Meetings occur at the Township Hall, 9899 St. Rt. 521, (Rt. 521 & Carter's Corner Rd.) unless noted* otherwise.

Trustees Meet First Mondays, 7:30 p.m.

Zoning Commission Meets Third

Wednesdays, 7 p.m.

Trash Pick Up Days: Thursdays (except during holiday weeks*)

Galena Beggar's Night Oct. 31, 6–7:15 pm

Galena Costume Party Oct. 31, 7:30 pm, Ruffner Park

Porter Kingston Fire Station Trick or Treat Oct. 31, 6–8 pm

Sunbury Beggar's Night, Oct. 31, 6–8 pm

Trustees Meeting Nov. 3, 7:30 pm

Trash Day Nov. 6

Fire Board Mtg. Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m.

Recycling Bin Arrives Nov. 13 (until full)

Trash Day Nov. 13

Zoning Commission Nov. 19

Trash Day Nov. 20, 28*

bags, and envelopes. Also, Christmas is just around the corner. Mary and I will help you ship your packages. The Christmas stamps will be here by the end of this month. Keep supporting the Kilbourne Post Office. Thanks to all of you who do.

BW Bond Issue

Big Walnut Schools Superintendent April Domine addressed trustees and residents at the October trustees meeting. She explained the work of the Big Walnut School District Development Committee over the past year.

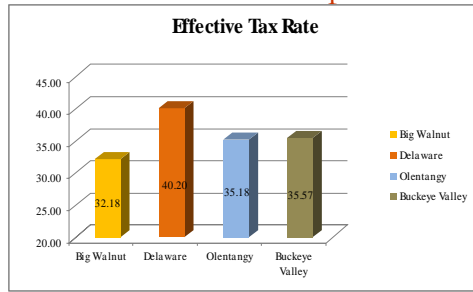
Domine explained that the elementary and middle schools are at capacity. She shared details on development, enrollment projections, options for accommodating students, and recent community surveys.

The preferred option is to build a new elementary school; move all 5th and 6th graders to the middle school; and, build a new middle school for 7th and 8th graders. This option would provide capacity through 2013. The bond issue's urgency also relates to the building timeline of 20 months meaning a bond issue passed this November would result in an elementary building being completed in 2010 and a middle school opening in 2011.

The cost of the bond issue is \$141 per \$100,000 of home value. The cost for senior citizens, with a \$25,000 credit, is \$106 per \$100,000 of home value. Domine pointed out that Big Walnut pays the lowest effective tax rate of all the schools in Delaware County, and still will if the bond issue passes.

Domine explained that the district uses property and income tax funds to operate the district but she anticipates needing an additional operating levy in the fall of 2011.

Effective Tax Rate Comparison



Get Your Flu Shots!

Flu immunizations are recommended for all children 6 months-18 years; as well as persons 50 and older; persons with chronic health problems; women who will be pregnant during flu season; and, health-care and child-care providers. Persons living in households with people in those at-risk categories also should get flu immunizations.

A flu immunization clinic is planned on Friday, Nov. 7, 4-7 p.m. at the Sunbury United Methodist Church, 100 W. Cherry St., Sunbury.

Additional flu immunization clinics will be offered at the Health District Clinic, 3 W. Winter St., as follows:

- Tuesday, Nov. 4, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 5, 1:30-4 p.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 12, 1:30-4 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 18, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 19, 1:30-4 p.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 26, 1:30-4 p.m.

Flu shots also will be available at Neighborhood Health Centers as follows:

- Genoa Township: Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2-4 p.m., Genoa Township Hall, 5111 S. Old 3C Highway, Westerville.

Ample flu vaccine supplies are anticipated this season.

Up-to-date clinic information is available at 740-203-2015 or 740-203-2040 or by logging on to www.delawarehealth.org.

Who To Call

(740 Area Code)

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