



KINGSTON NEWS

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Chairman's Chat

By Dewey Akers, Trustees Chairman

It seems as if this summer has flown by so quickly. Both Big Walnut and Buckeye Valley Schools have reopened for the new school year which means that buses will be traveling our township roadways picking up and dropping off students. Please be sure to stop for the buses when their lights are flashing to ensure the safety of our kids!

As of right now, the Delaware County Fair is set to run from Saturday, September 18th to Saturday, September 25th. The annual kickoff to the fair is the All Horse Parade through downtown Delaware scheduled for Sunday, September 12th, and the world renowned harness race, The Little Brown Jug, will take place on Thursday, September 23rd. Many of our residents participate in the fair showing livestock and entering baked goods and produce. With the COVID-19 variant expanding, watch local news to see if any restrictions will be placed on the activities.

Our monthly Trustee Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm at the Township Hall located on Carter's Corner Road and State Route 521. Currently, township representatives are meeting in-person. This will continue unless health orders require us to resume virtual meetings. These meetings are open to the public, and you are more than

welcome to discuss township matters with the Trustees at that time.

Regarding the New Township Hall, we are currently experiencing construction delays by our contractor Morton Buildings. With our partners at Nationwide Realty Investors, the new entrance roadway has been installed and paved, utilities are in progress, a gravel parking lot has been constructed, site pads have been prepared for the Township Hall and the Park Picnic Pavilion and some of the building materials are on site waiting for Morton. We hope to have the building started soon.

As a matter of information, the Township Hall will have an evergreen colored roof with cupolas, beige side and end walls, evergreen wainscot around the base of the building, and beige windows and doors.

In September, we will be filing an Ohio Public Works Commission Grant in cooperation with the Delaware County Engineer's Office for significant roadway improvements to Wilson Road in 2022. Failed spots in the roadway and road edges will receive full depth repair followed by 2 inches of asphalt installed over the entire length from State Route 61 to the intersection of Carter's Corner Road.

If I can help you with a concern or question, please feel free to contact me at 740-803-1529 or dakers@kingstontwp.org.

...from the desk of Trustee Steve Volpe

Friends and Neighbors,
You may notice that my name is not on the ballot in November’s election. I would like to thank you for your overwhelming support during my 12 years as your Trustee. It has been a great honor to serve you. However, due to a health issue, I have been advised by my physician, to retire at the end of this term. I am proud of ALL we have accomplished in my tenure.

I will miss working with all of the truly great people serving you in our township. Top to bottom, we have a great team here in Kingston Township. Your dedicated elected officials have not always agreed with each other, but we always knew that each of us was trying to do what we felt best for Kingston Township. Personal interest or egos never interfered in any of our debates. I spent many years as President of the Delaware County Township Association, and I can tell you this seems to be rare in a township government.

We are truly blessed to live in such a wonderful community. Once again, Thank you from the bottom of my heart! Steve Volpe, Trustee

ZONING REPORT

Permits

For the months of May through July 2021 the following zoning permits were approved:

- 4 New Build Homes
- 4 Accessory Structures
- 1 Addition

Please remember to contact the Zoning Office before starting construction of any

new structures or improvement/expansion of an existing structure.

Board Vacancies

The Kingston Township Board of Trustees will be filling an **Alternate** vacancy on the **Board of Zoning Appeals** and **Zoning Commission** which both run through December 2025. Both vacancies are posted in the Township Website under the Special Notices tab. Contact the Zoning Office with any questions or interest.

ROADS & CEMETERIES

State Route 61/656 Roundabout

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) completed construction and reopened the peanut shaped roundabout at the intersection of State Route 61 and State Route 656/Wilson Road on August 9, 2021. The total estimated cost of the project was \$2.1 million dollars with \$310,000 coming from an OPWC grant, \$17,250 from the Delaware County Engineers Office, and \$17,250 from Kingston Township.

Since The Last Newsletter

For the months of May through July 2021, 3 driveway permits were issued. There were no burials made in the Blue Church Cemetery.

The township continues to work with the County Engineers Office and impacted residents for the installation of a new drainage culvert under Todd Street Road and drainage improvements on the south side of the roadway.

Summer roadwork has been completed including resurfacing Blue Church Road between Wilson Road and Rosecrans Road with chip and seal/fog coating and a chip

and seal application to Stockwell Road from the Township Line west to State Route 61.

As you are driving the roadways within Kingston Township and see damage to the pavement or guardrails, please report the damage to Road Superintendent Doug Crowl by calling 740-815-8427. We need your help to ensure that our roadways remain safe.

DID YOU KNOW????

Kingston Township was established on June 8, 1813. Prior to that, a number of families immigrated to the area. In 1809, John Rosecrans and his four sons, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and John, Daniel Rosecrans and his four sons Nathaniel, Jacob, Purlemas and Crandall, and Joseph Patrick and his wife Sarah came from the Wyoming Valley in Pennsylvania, and began farming east of what is now State Route 61 and north and south of what is now Rosecrans Road near the intersection with what is now Blayne Road. At some point after their immigration, John Rosecrans son Abraham married Joseph Patricks' daughter Susan who then began to raise a family. These family homesteads can be seen on the 1849 Map of Delaware County.

In 1888, a small book entitled 'When Our Mother Was A Little Girl' was published; written by Mrs. A. Baldwin from Kingston Township. Mrs. Baldwin was the daughter of Mahalia Rosecrans, and granddaughter to Abraham Rosecrans and Susan Patrick Rosecrans. In the book, Mrs. Baldwin recounts a number of stories told to her son Jack by her mother Mahalia about early life in Kingston Township.

One of the stories told by Mahalia involved a deer hunt by her father Abraham at a natural salt lick east of their log cabin (home). A small spring fed stream now known as Taylor Run flowed from the east side of State Route 61 westward toward Little Walnut Creek. On that small feeder stream, a natural salt lick developed where a spring brought minerals to the surface which then attracted deer and other animals who came to the area to lick the ground for needed nutrients. The approximate location of the salt lick was just west of State Route 61 and north of Rosecrans Road.

Jack asked, "Grandma, I killed a bear today (imaginary). Did you ever see a man before that killed a bear?" as Jack elevated his small figure and put on a look of great fierceness. Grandma laughed as she looked at her little boy and said, "Why, yes, I have seen a man that killed a bear; but he brought his bear home with him, and we had bear steak for supper. I wonder if your bear's meat will be as tough as ours was! Sit down in your little chair and I will tell you about it"

"It was a winter evening, though not so cold as it is tonight; we were through supper and the girls were washing the dishes, and mother was mixing the 'corn pone' for breakfast. She always made this at night and put it into a baking kettle with an iron cover. This she set in a bed of coals, with coals on the lid, then covered it all with ashes, and in the morning the pone was baked brown. With wild honey or maple molasses, it made a dish fit for a king. Father (Abraham Rosecrans) was sitting before the fire, and perhaps he heard us talking about breakfast, for all at once, he got up and said, 'I think I'd better go and kill a deer, we are about out of venison,' and

taking his gun down from the wall, he hung his shot-bag and powder horn on his shoulder, put his knife in his belt, and started for the Deer Lick. This was a salt spring, where the deer came to drink and was about a quarter of a mile from the house.

Near the spring was a tree, and father climbed up among the branches, feeling sure that a deer would come before bed-time. He was obliged to keep perfectly quiet, and it was cold work waiting, hour after hour, so he was glad enough when he heard a rustling among the bushes. He cautiously raised his gun, to be ready. But what was his surprise to see, instead of a deer, a great black bear! It came slowly and clumsily along, growling in an ugly, sullen way. Many a man would have been frightened; but father only thought, 'Now I must do my best; for if I miss him, or slightly wound him, he will be on me before I can reload.' So he took careful aim and fired.

We heard the report of the gun, and, the next minute, father's call for the dogs. For some reason, the dogs refused to go. Again we heard the call. The case was urgent, something must be done! So two boys who were spending the night with us, seized the dogs, and, lifting them on their backs, ran with them to the lick. There they found father with his knife in his hand, the snow red with blood, and the bear dead. He had killed it the first shot; but uncertain of it, had called the dogs to help, in case of a struggle. The boys came home, hitched the oxen to the bob-sled, and went back for the bear. We children flocked out to see it, and I remember it looked like a great black cow in the moonlight.

In the morning all the neighbors came, and word went far and near that Abram

Rosecrans had killed a bear—the first and last ever killed in our township. We took great delight in hearing father tell the story over and over again, and tried our best to think bear's meat better than venison, but it was so strong and tough we could not really like it.”

“Did he kill a deer the next night?” “I don't remember about that. But he never had any trouble killing deer; he would often kill three or four in a day, and come home with the skins and best part of the meat slung over his saddle. Mother would cook all she wanted, and father would usually jerk the rest. Jerking was cutting it into narrow strips, smoking it a little, and then drying it. Father always took jerked venison and parched corn when he went hunting, and we had it for dinner at school.”

Many of the Rosecrans and Patrick family members are buried in the Stark Cemetery. Perhaps, we will explore more of Mahalia's stories told to grandson Jack in future additions of the Kingston News. A copy of Mrs. Baldwin's book is available at the Community Library. Until then, **NOW YOU KNOW!**

Written by Dave Stites in consultation with Doug Crowl; information written by Joseph Landon 1964; [History of Delaware County 1880](#); [When Our Mother Was A Little Girl](#), Copyright 1888 by Mrs. A Baldwin. Thanks to Dan Daugherty for bringing the book to our attention.

PORTER KINGSTON FIRE DISTRICT

Grants

A State Homeland Security Grant has been made available for \$395,000 dollars. Assistant Chief Scott Benjamin prepared a request for Porter Kingston totaling about \$32,000 for collapse and trench management equipment for firefighter safety and fast response to emergencies. Taking advantage

of grant programs helps advance the District's response capability and reduces budgetary impacts on the tax dollars.

Fan Donation Program

The Delaware County EMA is still collecting fans to benefit People in Need of Delaware County. The purpose of the program is to help provide heat relief during the summer months for those county residents who do not have air conditioning. Every donation does make a difference!

New box fans can be donated at all Delaware County EMS and Fire Stations between the hours of 8:00am and 7:00pm, seven days per week. If you are able to help, simply drop off a fan at our Porter Kingston Fire District located in Olive Green. It is not too late to help someone.

A Family Affair

On August 9th, the Porter Kingston Fire Board welcomed back former Assistant Chief and Kingston Township resident Tony Coletta as a firefighter, and at the same time hired son Ryan Coletta as the newest firefighter for the District. Pictured below are Ryan, mom Dawna and father Tony. Congratulations to the Colletta's.



CALENDAR

Meetings are at the Township Hall, unless noted otherwise. **Trash pickup days are Wednesday except during holiday weeks* where Wednesday service will be performed on Thursday. *Note Change**

Trustees Meetings September 7, 2021, 7PM
October 5, 2021, 7PM
November 2, 2021, 7PM
December 7, 2021, 7PM

Zoning Commission November 4, 2021, 7PM

Trash Days 2021 August 4, 11, 18, 25
September *9, 15, 22, 29
October 6, 13, 20, 27
November 3, 10, 17, 24
December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

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DELAWARE COUNTY EMS

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NEWS & INFORMATION

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Office Hours: Thursday, 8a.m. to noon

Please contact the Zoning Office by e-mail at zoning@kingstontwp.org or by phone at 740-524-0290 to be added or removed from the Newsletter Distribution List.

PORTER KINGSTON FIRE DISTRICT

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