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Green local and township spotlight

Green Local Schools that process has taken the district can move the share of construction November to secure Township.

Green Local School District voters approved a tax levy for a new school last November. After an impressive performance; 93.3% of respondents indicated that in addition to the district’s consideration of the mental, behavioral, and physical needs of individuals. Based on the survey, 93.3% of respondents indicated that a local increase in access to quality health care, behavioral, and physical supports would help students’ academic performance; 93.3% of respondents believe that local access to quality health care will help working parents who may struggle with affordable time off work and those who have limitations due to the cost of gas money and/or access to transportation. In short, this has the potential to be a game-changer for a district with no medical facility presence.

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New Bus Garage by Liam McDonald, 4th Grade Written from December 2018

Construction is underway on a new bus garage. It is starting in October. It is supposed to be done really soon, but we are waiting on the foundation and the beams. The garage has been a problem. It will be built by Mullins Construction. It will cost $500,000. There are 3 bays. There is natural gas for heat. The construction crew needs a forklift. It is also in a good location. It is going to be a big wash station. There are no outside concrete areas. There are three garage doors for buses. There is one repair area where you can drive straight through. It can fit 16 busses at one time. It had to be built. We are looking for busses. We are looking for drivers. We are looking for drivers. We are looking for drivers. We are looking for drivers. We are looking for drivers. We are looking for drivers. We are looking for drivers. We are looking for drivers. We are looking for drivers. We are looking for drivers. We are looking for drivers. We are looking for drivers. We are looking for drivers. We are looking for drivers. We are looking for drivers.
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have an opportunity to walk around and get more information relating to each career,” said Erica Merril, organizer of the event.

One student attending the conference in Indianapolis, IN, was Lauren Schott, who is currently a lab technician, industrial and equipment sales, registered nutritionist, nurse, attorney, occupational therapist assistant, real estate agent, engineer, and more.

Some other student highlights include:

- Jessica Schott, a registered dietitian, was the first student to present her career information.
- Emily Green, a research assistant at Ohio State University, discussed her experiences in the lab and the importance of research.
- John Smith, a nurse practitioner, addressed the importance of patient care and the role of nurses in the healthcare industry.
- Sarah Johnson, an attorney, spoke about the legal aspects of the healthcare industry.

The event was a success, with students meeting with representatives from a variety of careers and learning about the opportunities available.

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For information about the Portsmouth Area Chamber of Commerce, please call Lisa Carver at 740-353-7647.
Mainstreet had a busy 2018

2018 has been a busy and eventful year for Main Street Portsmouth, according to Executive Director Joseph Pratt. With the help of many friends, the historic district has witnessed renovations, new businesses and events drawing people to the heart of our community. In 2018, 28 properties in the downtown area were completely renovated or drastically improved, totaling approximately $12,122,000. Four new businesses opened or moved downtown, with 28 properties in the downtown area being put to use. The improvements continued with 45 events which run our various programs. Main Street thrived with resting in development.

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ESC offers adult learning program

Formerly known as the Adult Basic and Literacy Education (ABLE) program, ESC offers a variety of educational programs. Along with the High School Equivalency program, ESC also offers a Bridge program for students who have already completed their high school diploma or High School Equivalency, but still need some remedial courses to transition to college. Bridge classes are offered at Scioto County Career Center, in Portsmouth.

Through partnership with Scioto County Career Center Technical Center, ESC also offers an Adult Diploma Program. “The AEP is for people who do not have a high school diploma, but they do have to be age 22 or older to be accepted into this program,” Aspire Coordinator Paula Baumgardner said. “The Adult Diploma Program provides job training and a new pathway for adults to earn a high school diploma – a High School Equivalency – and a certificate in a selected field through Scioto County Career Center Technical Center. They can walk away with two credentials.”

The adult program offers classes with flexible locations and hours to meet diverse needs, as well as services for weak literacy, corrections education, and transition services.

For more information about the Aspire program, contact them at 740-354-3219, or visit one of their many locations – the ESC in New Boston, the Scioto County Career Technical Center in Lucaville, or at Shawnee State University in Portsmouth. The program works with the student’s schedule and can be as quick or as long as the student needs to complete. Distance learning opportunities are also available for future programs, in teaching and in student travel. Day and evening classes are available, and all classes are free. The student only pays for the cost of the High School Equivalency text book, and the Aspire program offers assistance with that fee.

Aspire Program helps adults earn the GED, Scioto County ESC says. The Aspire program offers assistance with the GED.

“The Adult Basic and Literacy Education (ABLE) program, Scioto County ESC offers a variety of educational programs – including High School Equivalency testing and Adult Diploma services. “For students who are 16 years of age or older and are not currently enrolled in school, can earn the RSCE High School Equivalency (GED),” said Aspire Coordinator Paula Baumgardner. “The Adult Diploma Program provides job training and a new pathway for adults to earn the RSCE High School Equivalency – a certificate and a high school diploma through Scioto County Career Technical Center. They can walk away with two credentials.”

With flexible locations and hours, and over 200 locations, the Adult Diploma Program can help people who do not have a high school diploma, and are age 22 or older. The Adult Diploma Program provides a new pathway for adults – job training opportunities and a High School Equivalency (GED). There are over 200 locations, and over 200 students enrolled in the program at their own pace. Distance learning opportunities are also available if the student is unable to attend classes.

Gary's son Nathan joined the store in 1990, and at age 12 became a full time employee. Nathan operates the store today along with his father.
Busy

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the remainder of the painting, which came to just over $2,000.

Additionally, the group received a $1,000 grant from the Marting Foun-
dation and $4,250 from the Glockner Foundation to go towards Second Street Painting. Something completely new was a $10,000 grant awarded through the Toyota Foun-
dation, which the group worked in partnership with Tim Glockner. The grant was used to repair the badly damaged pavers on Market Square.

“We are extremely proud of last year’s efforts and the extra steps we took, thanks to the Marting, Toyot, and Glockner Foundations, as well as the traditional funding from our own budget,” Pratt explained.

“We are proud to be a small portion of the $12,122,000.00 total invested in preservation efforts in the downtown for 2018.”

The main source of funding for this work comes from the City of Portsmouth, which is a partnership nearly a decade in the making. As a part of the funding received from council, half goes towards the building improvement grant program, $15,000 goes towards beauti-
lization, $10,000 goes towards events and keep-
ing the lights on, and $5,000 goes towards the state and federal member-
ship fees.

“The Building Improvement Grant is a matching grant that covers, at most, half of the cost. Most of the time, however, the projects made possible are much costlier and make a large impact on the district. The grant is also a reimbursement, so the work accomplished on the historic property receiving the grant must be completed and eva-
uated before a check is cut. One recipient of the grant in 2018 was Cina-
nettis, Wellington, owner of the Happy Pot. She replaced her roof, which was in dire need of atten-
tion. "Wellington explained. "Without the grant, we would have not been able to make these improv-
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to start work on a new light show in Tracy Park, starting winter 2019. “We are seeing many people hearing from us to go to Gallipolis or Ashland or somewhere else to see a free community light show in the park and we want to provide that level of excitement for our own community, and surrounding neighbors, in our very own Tracy Park.” Pratt said they plan on building on the project once stood. The standing façade has been uncovered for some time and the group took ownership with plans to preserve the façade and plant a park within the walls of the former building. The plans show a garden court and where the community will be welcome to enjoy down time while downtown. The group also plans on using the space for events in 2019 and forward. “We are so excited to take ownership of this whimsical space and turn it into a place of beauty for everyone to enjoy,” Pratt said. The group received a $25,000 grant from the Scioto Foundation to assist in this work. “We have received a huge assistance from the Scioto Foundation, $5,000 from the County, $2,500 from the Toyota Foundation and have a decent crowdfunding campaign,” Pratt explained. “We also had the Scioto County Career and Technical Center and the Tri-State Building Trades Union step up to help make it affordable. It is exciting to see so much collective support for this project.” Main Street Portsmouth recently closed a year of building improvements with the awarding of $25,000 in new grants. Recipients to receive grants in this cycle include Portsmouth Cement Point and the Ohio River area, for $5,000; Tim Rayburn, $4,810; Raymond James, $5,000; Hidden Treasures, $5,750; and Ghosts in the Attic, $5,200. These recipients start a year and making these needed investments,” Director Joseph Pratt said. This year’s efforts are fantastic, key pieces of preservation and we are proud of our area businesses for taking the leap and making these needed investments.” Director Joseph Pratt said. This year’s efforts are fantastic, key pieces of preservation and we are proud of our area businesses for taking the leap and making these needed investments.” Director Joseph Pratt said. This year’s efforts are fantastic, key pieces of preservation and we are proud of our area businesses for taking the leap and making these needed investments.” Director Joseph Pratt said. This year’s efforts are fantastic, key pieces of preservation and we are proud of our area businesses for taking the leap and making these needed investments.” Director Joseph Pratt said. This year’s efforts are fantastic, key pieces of preservation and we are proud of our area businesses for taking the leap and making these needed investments.” Director Joseph Pratt said. This year’s efforts are fantastic, key pieces of preservation and we are proud of our area businesses for taking the leap and making these needed investments.” Director Joseph Pratt said. This year’s efforts are fantastic, key pieces of preservation and we are proud of our area businesses for taking the leap and making these needed investments.” Director Joseph Pratt said. This year’s efforts are fantastic, key pieces of preservation and we are proud of our area businesses for taking the leap and making these needed investments.” Director Joseph Pratt said. This year’s efforts are fantastic, key pieces of preservation and we are proud of our area businesses for taking the leap and making these needed investments.” Director Joseph Pratt said. This year’s efforts are fantastic, key pieces of preservation and we are proud of our area businesses for taking the leap and making these needed investments.” Director Joseph Pratt said. This year’s efforts are fantastic, key pieces of preservation and we are proud of our area businesses for taking the leap and making these needed investments.” Director Joseph Pratt said. This year’s efforts are fantastic, key pieces of preservation and we are proud of our area businesses for taking the leap and making these needed investments.”
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- 8-12 weeks to significant/complete recovery
- Significantly more pain
Scioto Tech meeting the needs of local economy

"Scioto Tech" mission is to provide workforce appropriate to the needs of the local economy, deliver advancing technologies for that workforce and create partnerships across the regional network. Partnering with business and industry to design and deliver programs that are results-driven and demonstrate a positive return on investment. Scioto Tech programs provide students with the education and certificated training necessary to be highly competitive in the labor market. This mission is aligned to the mission of workforce development and central to Career Technical education. While the formula that "college for all" is considered a gold plate standard for educational success, our mission is actually better translated as "Post-Secondary Certification or Licensure for All" being the actual need of the workforce. It is projected that minimally 60-70% of today's students will not receive a bachelor’s degree. See LOCAL | 13

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Robert Horton was opti-
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economy,” Schmidt said.
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ting that restaurant tends
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Buffalo Wild Wings has
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expressed confidence the
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hurt Portsmouth. Offi-
cials pointed to an ODOT
study they said showed
traffic cutting through the
city doesn’t stop here.
“The only thing you’re
going to lose is a few
truck drivers,” Horton said.
Effects on local busi-
nesses include back up
opening day pump and
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ted of at least 110 vehicles, ranging from
vintage cars to hot rods to several Minford School
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plied by several veterans’
As the motorcade began to make its way
onto the new roadway, several observers con-
cluded it consisted of far
more than the estimated
110 vehicles.
In the area of trivia, what appeared to be a 1950s era Chevvy became the
first private vehicle to break down on the new
highway. At least one or
two hot rods made their
first to leave skid marks on
the roadway.
“This is a great day,” declared Mike Crabtree,
chairman of the Scioto
County Commissioners
and the first dignitary to
reach the site of the
opening day of Memorial Highway,”
-Crabtree further talked
about workers having painted
curbs as
around the highway,
so much sprucing up
its contractors completed
having painted curbs as

"It's going to make my
trip to Lowe's about 30
minutes shorter," Crab-
tree added jokingly.
More serious, Crab-
tree declared ODOT and
its contractors completed
so much sprucing up
around the highway.
Lucasville doesn’t look
like the same place. He
talked about workers
having painted curbs as
well as completing lots
of other similar projects.
Noting the highway is
of course named “Veter-
as Memorial Highway”, Crabtree further talked
about plans for a vet-
erans memorial some
kind underway near the
north end of HR-2.
He indicated local veterans’
groups are funding and
planning the project.
No update on that
scenario was readily
available.
Next up after Crabtree
was Jack Ford, senior
vice president of
Beaver Excavating
Company, one of the lead contractors
on the project. Ford noted
in over three years of
construction there were
a grand total of two

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Students Mason Noyes and Katherine Skipworth won each awarded $1,000 music scholarships during the 77th Annual Scioto County Honor Music Festival on March 12.

Choir performed during the 77th Annual Scioto County Honor Festival at the Yarnell Center for the Arts, at Shawnee State University in Portsmouth on March 12. Nearly 200 local music students in grades 7-12 from Clay, East, Green, Minford, New Boston, Northridge, Notre Dame, Portsmouth, South Webster, Valley, West, and Wheelersburg schools.

Students performed in one group concert. There were 57 members of the Scioto County Junior Honors Band, 69 members of the Scioto County High School Honors Band, and 71 students in the music festival this year.

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Career Technical Education

Ohio Economic Impact of Scioto County

 Scioto Tech's customized training programs help meet the needs of local business and industry that benefit both the employer and students. With all of the career technical programs offered at Scioto Tech providing students with industry certifications, licenses and/or college credit we feel that our students "return on investment" is superior.

According to the Ohio Association for Career and Technical Education, high school students get a head start and complete a career technical program with choices, either to continue their education with knowledge in their chosen field, or start their career...or do both at the same time. This experience is further enhanced with the pairing of career exploration programming in pre-high school units which allows students' knowledge basis for their next steps in educational choice. Without these critical measures, many students begin the process of career exploration later in their education career and not only waste time but dollars in education not of their interest or aptitude level. Post-secondary students are able to take advantage of the educational opportunities by attending Scioto Tech and increasing their marketability in the workforce—Scioto Tech is a

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The Maxwell qualities really center on leadership, such as humility, reality, responsibility, teachability, and many other issues leaders encounter. What we are trying to do is work with juniors and seniors who are already displaying leadership-type qualities, to receive leadership training based around the book “Sometimes You Win, Sometimes You Learn.” We hope to help them gather information to overcome challenges in life,” Copeland said.

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Thirty students—one junior and one senior from 15 school districts throughout the United States this summer. Twenty students receiving awards were recognized along with those who received ESC scholarships to attend other summer programs. Miami Summer School is a selective, two-week program designed for academically talented high school students who will be juniors or seniors in the fall of 2019. Students will work with Miami’s world-renowned faculty in innovative academic modules centered on specific topics of interest, with themes like fine arts, entrepreneurship, medicine, social justice, sports management and more. They will experience college life and acquire learning experiences designed to prepare them for the college application process, including workshops focused on application essay writing, ACT/SAT prep, and developing marketable leadership skills. To be eligible for this scholarship, Scioto County students must complete an application process submitted by their school counselor.
lost time accidents. He talked about the roadway cutting through 82 deep valleys, using up 300 plus tons of asphalt and hundreds of thousands of road stones.

"You've done a lot of ribbon-cuttings and going straight ahead," ODOT director Jerry Way said. He declared he'd never seen such a large crowd for the ribbon-cutting of a new roadway. He and others referred several times to the unique means used to build the roadway.

As has been publicly proclaimed, the freeway is the first ever public/private project Eastport ever. In ODOT District 9 spokesperson Kathleen Fuller has said if the state had decided to build the project on its own, it most likely would have been built in phases. In a press release given out during the ribbon-cutting, officials estimated the unique process, known as "cut and cover," would have cost nearly $100 million more.

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"There's going to be other projects like this around the state." — Jerry Way, ODOT Director

Porter Township

Porter Township Spring clean-up

Porter Township Trustees left to right, Kent Madden, Dave Hayden, Dennis DeCamp, & Ted Adams, fiscal officers.

Closing State Route 52 & State Route 23, the project has been completed since it was the largest piece of roadway ever undertaken in the state. According to the District 9 website, the project required removal of 20 million cubic yards of earthwork.

As Fuller has stated in the past few years, SR 823 was first discussed in the early 1960s by what was known as the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC). As part of the ARC's mission, the S.R. 823 project was developed to supply isolated communities with roadway connections believed needed to attract economic development and jobs.

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Porter Township will host a spring clean-up May 1st - May 4th. Residents must dispose of unwanted items and debris: 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Friday. Alternating will be located at the R&B Department - 5099 Green Street Wheelersburg.

This is a forced in road access will only be given to Porter Township residents. Driver's licenses will be checked. All debris must be placed in the dumpsters and not beside them.

Free hazardous material such as paint, oil, asbestos, refrigerators, boilers, etc. will be accepted.

Tires will be accepted.

No trees or brush.

Porter Township
Trout Run Office - 1335 Dispersal Road, Trout Run, OH
EMS and fire sta-

tion - 678 & 680 Center Street, Wheelersburg.

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cost-effective option for post-secondary students to gain new skills.

New skills are an economic tool in today’s economy while providing a competitive business and industry with a need for workforce development.

Mission

Scioto Tech is the region’s driving force for workforce development and the leader in technological advancement and the creation of partnerships.

Currently, Scioto Tech is involved in taking steps to ensure a well-educated, technologically advanced workforce for our systems and equipment that are cutting edge for our employer partners.

The district continues to invest in its students and facilities with sites that are community friendly and business and industry accommodating.

The district is continuing to build partnerships with non-profit organizations, local businesses, government, unions, and non-profit organizations.

We further find our 7th grade curriculum in the regional-state and national economy.

The district feels that by implementing this program, the district is providing for a very unique technology to the citizens of the region. While further development of the 7th and 8th grade foundational program will be cost-effective for our existing community and local school districts, these programs allow for the diversity of competitiveness to other regions of the state.

Technical programming which allows students the chance to choose a district as an elective. An example is the continues expanding middle and high school Vocational Agriculture programs, which have a 7 of 7 of our district.

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Evidence of Success

The district continues to see evidence of our students being able to compete globally with their like-minded students and be productive in the workforce. We are an 87.3% post positive placement for our Post- Secondary and 82.5% in our Secondary outcomes.

Careers

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All high school programs require community service projects to explore real-world problems and challenges. Last year over 5,000 hours of service was given toward projects and non-profit organizations throughout the county.

We will be a part of a groundbreaking initiative to bring focused training to the citizens of our friends in the west.

With more than 50 programs of study aligned with the Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio Department of Higher Education, most are familiar with our technical and industrial programs.

The district is the local facilitation of the rehabilitation network (Star CJC) expands the concept of what makes our district whole.

Not only are we involved in these advising activities, we also feel that our completed students are prepared to immediately assist our partners in productive outcomes in their business(s).

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Interim Health Care providing a new approach to dementia

Interim Health Care is thrilled to bring you a new positive and caring approach to Dementia care, the Interim Health Care Dementia Care Program. This program is truly for all of us, caregivers, volunteers and anyone who will interact with families and loved ones living with dementia. This program highlights and encourages skilled and compassionate care with a positive approach. Our program is based on the methodology of Teepa Snow, an international leader in the Positive Physical Approaches to Care for those living with dementia.

Melissa Maple-Williams, RN, BSN, Administrator for Interim HealthCare explains that, “Interim caregivers are trained in the GEMS dementia classification model. They understand what’s happening in the brain at different stages and tailor their interactions based on patients’ specific challenges and evolving needs. Education in Teepa Snow’s Positive Approach to Care from Interim’s own certified trainer helps our nurses, aides and therapists appreciate and understand what patients can do instead of what they can’t do and provide a positive, supportive environment. Aikos go beyond assisting with the tasks of daily living, planning daily activities that offer a sense of accomplishment and spark moments of joy.”

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Hillview is meeting the needs of retirees

Hillview is meeting the needs of retirees with new amenities and services. In 2019, our long term care facility will also provide all private rooms in our rehabilitation center that include telephone and cable television. In 2019, our long term care facility will also provide all private rooms in our rehabilitation center that include telephone and cable television. This $4.5 million dollar project has proven to provide comfort for those who call Hill View home as well as for their families and friends. This past fall, our fourth Villa became a beautiful home to a new resident and we began construction on our fifth five-story brick ranch style home. Soon, we will break ground for our sixth 2,200 square foot Villa home.

With time, desires and needs change. Hill View works diligently to make sure we are meeting the demands for now and in the future. Drop in any time for a visit or give us a call at 740-254-1135 or visit our website at www.hillviewretirement.org. You can even follow us on Facebook, Hill View Retirement Community. Come see for yourself why so many happy people call Hill View home!
Hughes Center offers recovering addicts a route to employment

By Tom Corrigan

“Going in, I was a little intimidated,” said Katie Shepherd, a 25-year-old from West Portsmouth, a recovering addict and one of the first two women to sign up for the electronic technician training program offered by the Hughes Re-Entry Center, part of the Counseling Center, Inc., in Franklin Furnace.

“Our purpose is to bridge a gap,” said Nick Perna, administrative director of the Hughes Center. Those goals, he said, include helping persons recovering from addiction issues to re-enter society, to become that somewhat clichéd productive member of society again, or possibly even for the first time.

Toward that end, the center began last fall to offer several vocational training programs to those involved with the Counseling Center’s rehabilitation programs to be the types of persons employers seek out.

Ferrara added the Hughes Center has been in the works for about four years, finally coming to fruition when the Counseling Center took over a former Franklin Furnace motel, half of which has been
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COMMUNITY REFLECTIONS

Southern Ohio Medical Center fundraisers throughout the year to benefit areas of greatest need for our patients and the community. Over the past few years, one of the major fundraising goals has been to update and expand the SOMC Hospice Center through the Transcending Lives Campaign, a $3 million capital campaign. SOMC Summer Soirée and Winter Wonderland Ball were two major events hosted in 2018 to raise funds for the project.

“Our community has been absolutely wonderful in supporting the Transcending Lives Campaign and the expansion of the SOMC Hospice Center,” said Mary Arnzen, SOMC Planned Giving and Major Events Officer. A week before the Summer Soirée, an individual who wished to remain anonymous, approached the SOMC Development Foundation with an incredible offer: they would donate $50,000 to the campaign if SOMC could match it before the Summer Soirée. One week isn’t much time, but the team and generous community proved it was not an impossible task. Halfway through the week, Chairman of the SOMC Board Robert E. Dever, donated $50,000 to match the anonymous donor. Robert E. Dever’s donation was in addition to $50,000 he had already donated to name a patient room at the hospice center. Exciting news was announced at the Summer Soirée after the major donations the week before. Randy Arnett, SOMC President and CEO was able to announce 80% of the campaign goal had been achieved. Reaching this goal signaled raising the funds needed to begin the groundbreaking process. A few months later, the SOMC Hospice Center was converted into a beautiful art deco-themed ballroom for community members to kick off the holidays with the annual Winter Wonderland Ball. The annual ball also raised funds for the SOMC Transcending Lives Campaign. SOMC appreciates the community’s support towards the hospice expansion project and all the patients and families it will serve. A date has not yet been set for the groundbreaking, but the goal achieved will provide the opportunity to begin the extended process needed in order to break ground. Stay tuned for the announcement!

SOMC fundraisers support Transcending Lives Campaign
The local American Red Cross Office in Portsmouth, located at 1801 Robinson Avenue, services the following counties: Adams, Auglaize, Jackson, Lawrence, Pike and Scioto.

The Community Executives in Dublin South, The American Red Cross prevents and alleviates human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors.

During 2018, they responded to 137 local disaster events, helping 164 families and providing immediate assistance to 511 individuals. Being prepared is one of their main stands, as they often serve people in the general public.

The Pillowcase Project is a partnership with Disney, where they teach children grades 3-5 about being prepared for emergencies by packing items into a Disney-themed pillowcase.

This year 1,292 individuals learned lifesaving skills through classes offered by the FBI (Ohio River Valley). These classes range from First Aid, CPR and others.

The American Red Cross also provides communication between those in the Armed Forces and their families. This year, they provided nearly 250 military families.

The American Red Cross always in the need for blood donors, because every two seconds, someone in the United States needs blood. Thanks to generous blood donors, the Red Cross collects and distributes nearly half the nation’s blood supply.

This past fiscal year, they conducted 156 blood drives, collecting 4,484 units of blood.

The international tracing program helps local families find relatives with whom they have lost contact because of a natural disaster war or internal conflict.

The American Red Cross works hard to see that every home has at least one smoke alarm. Seven times a day someone in the U.S. dies in a home fire. The American Red Cross has launched a campaign to reduce this number by installing free smoke alarms. You can call your local Red Cross office at 740-344-9295 or make an appointment for a Free Smoke Alarm Installation.

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Red Cross: there when you need them

MOVING OUR COUNTY FORWARD

The local American Red Cross Office in Portsmouth, located at 1801 Robinson Avenue, services the following counties: Adams, Auglaize, Jackson, Lawrence, Pike and Scioto.

The Community Executives in Dublin South, The American Red Cross prevents and alleviates human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors.

During 2018, they responded to 137 local disaster events, helping 164 families and providing immediate assistance to 511 individuals. Being prepared is one of their main stands, as they often serve people in the general public.

The Pillowcase Project is a partnership with Disney, where they teach children grades 3-5 about being prepared for emergencies by packing items into a Disney-themed pillowcase.

This year 1,292 individuals learned lifesaving skills through classes offered by the FBI (Ohio River Valley). These classes range from First Aid, CPR and others.

The American Red Cross also provides communication between those in the Armed Forces and their families. This year, they provided nearly 250 military families.

The American Red Cross always in the need for blood donors, because every two seconds, someone in the United States needs blood. Thanks to generous blood donors, the Red Cross collects and distributes nearly half the nation’s blood supply.

This past fiscal year, they conducted 156 blood drives, collecting 4,484 units of blood.

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Primary Plus merging Quality & Innovation in Healthcare

Primary Plus celebrated a milestone of 35 years of service in the fall of 2018. The non-profit, Federally Qualified Health Center grew from humble beginnings in Vanceburg, KY, where they operated with only six employees in 1983 and today their expansive growth includes seven locations that stretch from Augusta, Maine to South Shore, Kentucky which is home to primary care, pediatrics, an onsite pharmacy and, most recently, a dental center. The non-profit organization now serves 250 employees and an array of services that embrace their mission of providing quality, advanced, affordable health care. On the cusp of their anniversary last fall, Primary Plus was honored by the Department of Health & Human Services as a Primary Plus Quality Leader Award. Lewis County Primary Care Center, Inc. d/b/a Primary Plus achieved the best overall clinical performance among all health centers, placing them in the top 30% of the advanced care rankings for Clinical Quality Measures in the nation.

As a Federally Qualified Health Center, Primary Plus believes in a model of coordinated, comprehensive and patient-centered care, integrating a wide range of services. Over the course of the last few years, Primary Plus has added care management services into their healthcare team at each of their locations. They have trademarked Wecare®. They accredited the success of this program and the ongoing team-work of their staff to the Health Center Quality Leader award.

“Several years ago, Primary Plus decided to become one of the first Federally Qualified Health Centers to embrace and embed case management services into our organization. This program has allowed us to recognize and address barriers to care for our patients. It allowed us to place an added focus on helping our patients manage their chronic disease.”

– Kathy Coller, Quality Improvement Facilitator

Primary Plus has been a state and national leader for years—helping patients manage their chronic disease; “With a great variety of roles to choose from, there is a place for everyone to lend their helping hand in the effort to better our community.” There are several steps to become a Red Cross volunteer: Complete their local chapter office, either by phone or stopping in. Create an account on redcross.org. Complete the Volunteer Intake Path on your Volunteer Connection portal by submitting for a background check and signing up for orientation. Follow up with a chapter representative to begin volunteering an opportunity of your choice. The local Red Cross volunteer centers grow throughout the year, with a new site opening in South Shore office to serve as a site in South Shore, Kentucky. The American Red Cross is always in need of trained health care professionals to help them maintain the curve—think outside the box—to provide a comprehensive experience for our patients. Programs like WeCare® help us provide a new level of care and the overall objective is to ensure that our patients and our communities health has benefitted, suggests Lewis County, Program Manager Bryan.

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Innovate your community forward

Primary Plus Quality Leader Award

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Originally born on the shores of Brittany, France, Bastien Lecouffe Deharme is so much more than an assistant professor in SSU’s Department of Fine, Digital and Performing Arts. Lecouffe Deharme also works as a freelance artist and illustrator for companies such as Adobe, Applibot, Harper Collins, Magic: The Gathering, National Geographic, Orbit Books, Penguin Books, Riot Games, Wizards of the Coast and many others. His traditional and digital work can be seen in publications and exhibitions worldwide, including the cover of the emblematic Spectrum Fantastic Art book, Beautiful Bizarre Magazine, ImagineFX, and SFX Magazine just to name a few.

On top of juggling his career as a professor, an artist, and an illustrator, Lecouffe Deharme just announced the launch of his new game, GODS, an upcoming dark fantasy “pen and paper” role playing game. GODS is illustrated by Lecouffe Deharme and is co-authored with Julien Blondel. The game will be published in French and English by Arkhane Asylum Publishing. The game is now available through www.kickstarter.com/projects/731310612/gods.

Lecouffe Deharme has been teaching at Shawnee State University since 2011 and has been a featured speaker at SSU’s annual Shawnee Game Conference. His artwork incorporates modern and ancient myths and legends, forgotten tales and tragedies to create dark and symbolic pictures, blending a contrast of beauty and decadence. Lecouffe Deharme’s artwork is available on his website, www.deharme.com.

Friends of Portsmouth brings hope

With a representative from Guinness Book of World Records on site to officiate, the record for most people planting simultaneously was broken with 1,405 participants, knocking out the previous record of 500.

When Friends of Portsmouth formed, its biggest goal was to bring positive vibes back to a depressed community. With a daily story of opioid overdoses in Portsmouth and the surrounding area, one of the founders of Friends of Portsmouth, Jeremy Burnside said the community needed something to bring a positive light on a community he has lived in for the past 10 years.

The local attorney said many hours were spent by him, as well as many members of the community in the summer of 2018, painting and power washing the historic Boneyfiddle and Chillicothe Street area. Then on Aug. 18, the community banded together to break a world record of simultaneously planting a plant. The following is an excerpt of an article in the Daily Times on Aug. 20 explaining this world record.

Friends of Portsmouth gets its first Guinness Book of World Records by simultaneously planting plants in August 2018.
The Advanced Technology Center building undergoes renovations to provide upgraded spaces for Plastics Engineering Technology, Digital and Simulation Gaming, Electronics Manufacturing, and Robotics Programs. Over the past five years, the Advanced Technology Center (ATC) – originally built in 1978 – has undergone major renovations, as part of planned advancements in both the Plastics Engineering Technology and Digital and Simulation Gaming, Electronics Manufacturing programs. The new, high-tech spaces will allow for increased enrollment in these programs and are designed to promote student learning, collaboration, and innovation.

The renovations include new labs for Augmented Reality, Virtual Reality, and 3D Printing Technologies, Robotics Manufacturing Lab, Fabrication Lab, Additive Manufacturing Lab, Gaming Project Room, and Manufacturing Lab. The new technology center conducts a variety of workshops for students and volunteers and is also home to the Plastics Engineering Technologies Program.

Chairperson Jeremy Wolfe, Chairperson of the Engineering Technology Center, said: "New technologies used in our programs are also helping faculty better prepare our students and provide them with a competitive advantage as they launch careers in tomorrow's high-tech world."
In 2018, Portsmouth City Council appointed Sam Sutherland to the position of City Manager, after months of Sutherland performing the duties as acting city manager in the wake of former City Manager Derek Allen resigning from his position. During his time serving as city manager, Sutherland has adapted to his position and hopes to see projects that began in 2018 successfully completed in 2019.

"For 2019, I envision the city continuing to work with the various volunteer groups like the Friends of Portsmouth and Friends of Greenlawn Cemetery as has happened throughout 2018," said Sutherland. "These folks have generated a tremendous amount of positivity for Portsmouth. It is the city’s intention to further reestablish clean-up efforts where dumpsters will be placed for citizens to be able to discard trash and debris at no charge. I am in hopes that this will be done at least twice in 2019.

The Sunrise Avenue Water Project, which began in 2018, was completed in 2019 and will greatly improve service for the water system west of the Filtration Plant and also the higher elevations of Portsmouth," Sutherland said. "The city is planning to replace waterlines on 2nd Street in anticipation of ODOT paving in 2020. It is also anticipated that the Mound Park Project, which also began in 2018, will be completed and possibly the Multi-use Path Project."

Beautifying Greenlawn Cemetery

Water breaks along the way did not stop the work being done to improve service west of Filtration plant in 2018.
of how, when Portsmouth is mentioned people immediately think of the opioid crisis. “The world records are a way for us to show there is hope on the horizon.”

Two major projects for 2019 include the recent merger of Friends of Portsmouth with the Portsmouth Chamber. Burns also said there are plans in the works for a mountain bike trail in Shannon State Forest. “We could easily be Ohio’s mountain bike capital,” Burns said. “We know that it’s going to draw people to the area.”

Burns said they hope to “bridge” the Bowman-District to the mountain bike trail and include shuttle service to and from Shannon State Park.

Friends of Portsmouth has established an Ambassador program, who can be out picking up trash along the streets or doing whatever needs doing. Burns said the ultimate goal is also a hub where businesses and organizations can coordinate events.

Friends of Portsmouth has also orchestrated lighted arches over Second Street in the Boneyard that act as a community rally point. The arches are made possible by the FOP and can coordinate events.

Burns said most of the members of Friends of Portsmouth have full time jobs and small children. He said they just want to hear from people to get the children a place to live, work and raise their family someday.

“We wanted to instill hope,” he said. “The idea is to keep on moving forward with allowing the plans to get that hope to grow.”

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