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✓ Todd Henson, Glenn Cook, Jim Mathers, Tracie Sorvillo

Logan Elm construction levy

✓ Pickaway-Madison Counties joint EMS levy

✓ All township fire and EMS levies

Logan Elm construction levy fails

BY STEVEN COLLINS
STAFF REPORTER

CIRCLEVILLE—A strong negative turnout in Hocking County sealed the fate of the Logan Elm Local School District's construction levy, which was defeated by just 250 votes between its Hocking and Pickaway county voters.

The levy failed by an overall percentage of 46.7 percent for and 53.3 percent against. In Pickaway County alone, the levy was on the positive side, with 1,477 votes for and 1,528 votes against. That lead was

surpassed by negative votes on the Hocking County side, where just 265 voters approved the levy and 604 rejected it.

"Obviously we're extremely disappointed for the students in our district," said Tim Williams, superintendent. "We wanted to provide the same opportunities that students had around the area in central Ohio and around the state."

Williams said the district will continue to work on being fiscally responsible, improving the safety of its students and being educationally sound.

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In the lobby located outside the Pickaway County Board of Elections, Nick Roberts, left, treasurer at Logan Elm School District, and Tim Williams, right, superintendent, watch the numbers as voting precincts in Pickaway County and Hocking County report in Tuesday night.

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Voters exercise their right to vote at the Commercial Pt. Municipal Building.

Village council to seat 3 new members, 1 incumbent

BY TRISH BENNETT
EDITOR

COMMERCIAL POINT — Three new members will join the Commercial Point village council in January following an eight-person race for four available seats on Tuesday's ballot.

Nicole D. Evans is the only one of the four who will keep her seat, to which she was ap-

pointed in November of 2012.

Evans, along with Mark Geiger, Bradley Laxton and David Sadler, will join current members Clarence Wissingner and Randy Shelton Sr. to round out the six-person council.

Evans said she is happy with the election results and excited to look toward the future with the newly-elected council.

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ASHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

Ashville votes in new councilman

BY STEVEN COLLINS
STAFF REPORTER

ASHVILLE — Ashville village council will have a new member on its board, as Todd Henson will replace Keith Moore following Tuesday's general election.

Incumbents Glenn Cook and Jim Mathers retained their seats, and Tracie Sorvillo, who was appointed in April, was elected for her first full term.

Cook received 382 votes or 24.5 percent of the vote; Henson received 354 votes or 22.7 percent of the vote; Sorvillo received 293 votes or 18.8 percent

of the vote; Mathers received 267 votes or 17.2 percent of the vote; and Moore received 261 votes, 16.8 percent of the vote. Henson said he was excited

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Todd Henson

TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE RACES



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Dayton Craft, 4, a student at Fishers Point Preschool in Commercial Point, digs in on some chicken and noodles. Craft was having lunch with his five-year-old sister, McKenna, and their babysitter, Doris Dunham, at the Fishers Point Preschool Election Day Dinner. Proceeds from the dinner go towards the Bev Braskett Scholarship, a scholarship fund set up for children who can't afford to attend the preschool.

Township trustee seats settled

BY STEVEN COLLINS
STAFF REPORTER

PICKAWAY COUNTY — Several contested trustee races have been resolved following Tuesday's election, and several incumbents have been unseated.

In Deercreek Township, incumbent C. Randall Metzger managed to keep his seat, but Wayne Wright lost his bid for re-election to newcomer John Cook.

Metzger received 138 votes; Cook 126; Wright 112; and Barry Sowers received

93 votes.

Metzger thanked the voters Tuesday for their support and said he looks forward to continuing to serve as trustee.

"I'm looking forward to taking care of the issues at hand," he said.

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COUNTY LEVIES

County voters approve fire, EMS levies

BY TRISH BENNETT
EDITOR

PICKAWAY COUNTY — County voters smiled upon their safety forces on Tuesday, passing all fire and EMS levies on the ballot across the board.

Eric Edgington, chief of the Harrison Township Fire Department, said he was thrilled with

voter approval of a 2.5 mill additional levy for the department located in the heart of Ashville.

"I knew it might be tough just for the mere fact of the economy and everything," Edgington said. "But it did pass, and I feel lucky we have those supporters out there."

Edgington said the levy was needed to stabilize the depart-

ments finances and ensure it could continue to provide its current standard of service to its ever-expanding area.

"In talking to people, we've really been stressing the need for that stability long-term," he said. "We're currently celebrating 130 years of service, and we look forward to serving for

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