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H1N1 Clinic Hours

The Morrow County Health Department asks you to do your part to prevent colds and flu. Be sure to wash your hands often, cover your coughs and sneezes and stay away from others when you are sick. In addition, you can get an H1N1 vaccination. The Morrow County Health Department continues to offer H1N1 immunizations to help you stay healthy. Immunizations are offered during regular clinic hours on Thursdays. The clinic hours are 9 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 5 p.m. The Health Department is located in the Community Services Building at 619 W. Marion Road. Please enter at Entrance C for the clinic.

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Stewart Fundraiser

Gary and Nancy Stewart lost their home located on CR 22, Mount Gilead, to a fire Jan. 31. Everything in the home was destroyed, including the attached workshop containing all of Gary's tools and equipment used in his building and remodeling business. He has been a self-employed carpenter since graduating from Lexington High School and Pioneer Vocational School 30 years ago. All business records, tools and his work truck were a total loss. The Gary Stewart Family Benefit Fund has been set up to help the family. Donations can be made at any Mechanics Savings Bank. Donations can also be mailed to Mechanics Savings Bank, 256 E. Main St., Lexington, OH 44904.

Benefit for Ratcliffs

A benefit dinner, silent auction and live entertainment will take place Feb. 20 from 5 to 9 p.m. at
See BRIEFS on 7-A



Economic development in Marengo discussed at zoning hearing

By MARK PHILLIPS

Prior to their regular meeting on Feb. 11, the Marengo Village Council hosted a public hearing at 7 p.m. The purpose was to explain the new zoning proposal for the village. Four local residents were present for the session. In addition to five out of six Council members, Mayor Robert Gale, fiscal officer Ginny West and Robert Weston, village solicitor.

Weston led the meeting and provided information on how the proposed zoning regulations could benefit Marengo. He stated "The purpose of this hearing is to explain what the Council is thinking about regarding zoning for Marengo. We have drafted a basic document that sets up zoning and subdivision regulations. We want to answer your questions. The Village Council has not voted the zoning in, but one of the requirements is this public hearing. This is a certain procedure we have to follow. We have a motivation because there are two large areas of the village that are undeveloped."

Weston then continued, "One area is the school property. Probably within two years the elementary school building will be vacated. The school district is constructing

a new school by the high school. The removal of the old school building in Marengo will create a large tract of land. We have that designated as a public use area. We're hoping that would be a park area. The other vacant area is near the post office. There are 10 acres undeveloped, and zoned for public use." Weston noted that a section in northwestern Marengo, zoned residential, could also be developed.

Weston explained that when the current economic situation turns around, "There's going to be another growth spurt. Everyone on Council realizes there is a need to protect what we have. Marengo is rather a unique village for its size. It has a water system and a sewer system. There are areas in the village that could be developed, but zoning will not change anything, for anyone, for what they currently have." Weston also noted that current zoning designations in the proposal could be changed.

As Weston spoke he referred to a large map of Marengo on an easel. The map showed the two proposed public use areas, two business areas — one on Main Street and the other at the former Snyder busi-

See MARENGO on 7-A



Sentinel Photo/Mark Phillips

Robert Weston, right, Village of Marengo solicitor, provided information on proposed zoning regulations for the village during a public hearing on Feb. 11. He said that a manufacturing district within the northeastern village limits could bring jobs to Marengo.

Church glass receives repairs



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Vanderhoff Studio workers carry a section of a duct-taped window to a trailer. Stained-glass windows from Trinity United Methodist Church were taken to their studio in Wisconsin for cleaning and repair. For more on the project, see page 9-A.

I-71 expansion split into three projects, awaiting TRAC approval

By RACHEL MENDELL

State Representative Margaret Ann Ruhl and the Morrow County Commissioners held an information discovery meeting with Ohio Department of Transportation District 6 concerning funding and time line for the I-71 third lane expansion.

The meeting was held at the Cardinal Center where members of the community, the economic development office, regional plan-

ning, local businessmen, the zoning commission, the village of Mount Gilead, the Mid Ohio Township Association and others from Richland, Delaware and Knox counties shared in an open discussion regarding the Ohio 61 bridge replacement and the expansion of I-71 to three lanes. ODOT confirmed that the Ohio 61 bridge replacement is still scheduled for July 2011 as long as funding remains as projected.

"According to the District 6

ODOT people there, the bridge project has been scheduled to begin June 2011 and is still subject to funding being available," said Morrow County Commissioner Olen Jackson.

"The third lane has been divided into three separate projects to be done in 2012, 2014, 2016, but none of these have been approved by the TRAC (Transportation Review Advisory Council)," said Jackson. "ODOT

See TRAC on 3-A

Deficit spending, graduation requirements discussed at Cardington-Lincoln BOE meeting

By EVELYN LONG

Personnel and finances dominated the agenda when the Cardington-Lincoln Board of Education met in regular session Monday, Feb. 8.

The board approved payment of bills totaling \$811,444.42 for January by checks 77225-77366. Board treasurer Aaron Butts was approved as the designee for public records training.

Butts also updated the board on the FY 10 forecast and noted the district is looking at an unreserved fund balance of negative \$971,672 for FY 12. He said he is concerned that the district is in deficit spending and noted the efforts taken to avoid it when "we cut the staff by 10 percent and rolled back the millage by two mills." He referred to the state fiscal stabilization fund, which helps with 6 percent of the annual budget, but those funds are not assured at this time.

The treasurer also noted the gas budget for the district is \$10,000 under budget. The board approved the certified millage rates and amounts per the Morrow County auditor's calculation.

Acting on the recommendations of Superintendent Pat Drouhard, board members granted one year supplemental contracts for the 2009-2010 school year to Eric Snyder, assistant baseball coach, and Kelly Holly, junior varsity baseball coach.

Employed as substitute employees were Sherri Smith, aide, and James Parker, custodian. Nancy Burdsall was employed as the Title I "Right to Know" liaison at an hourly rate of \$10 retroactive to Oct. 1, 2009.

The board approved the appointment of Tom Daniel to the Cardington-Lincoln Public Library Board of Directors. Board member Chuck Jones agreed to attend that meeting on Feb. 11.

Marilyn Davis was appointed to the Cardington-Lincoln Digital Academy Conversion School Board to fill the unexpired term of Lori Cardiff.

See C-L BOE on 6-A



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FOCUS

Trinity's stained glass teaches lessons in art – and patience

By ALBERTA STOJKOVIC

After seven months in Wisconsin, the first of the two massive stained glass windows at Trinity United Methodist Church in Mount Gilead was returned to the sanctuary where it has been enjoyed for the past 110 years.

For months, church members have had their patience tested while plain, white Styrofoam insulation replaced the glass, as the windows underwent cleaning and repair by the Vanderhoff Studios of Melrose, Wisconsin.

"You wouldn't have believed the condition of the windows before they were cleaned," said Trinity Church member Robin Brucker. "They were dark and drab and dirty. The grime was crusted on."

Brucker, the former Mount Gilead High School art teacher, said that stained glass is a unique kind of colored glass and the intricacy of the patterns in the large windows is remarkable. She pointed out that a special feature of each of the large windows is the "rose window" pattern with a dove in the center.

Don Vanderhoff, owner of Vanderhoff Studios, said that no chemicals or detergent agents were used in cleaning the windows. He

explained the cleaning process, beginning with the point when the windows are laid out in the studio and traced to make a blueprint rubbing of their patterns.

After the pattern is made the lead is cut away from each individual piece before it is soaked in water for a day or two. Vanderhoff said just tap water was used except for the painted glass dove. Distilled water was used to soak and clean each of the doves and a few other pieces that were painted.

After soaking, each individual piece is rubbed and scrubbed with water and a wood pencil-like tool to remove any dirt and grime. The individual pieces are then laid back on the blueprint pattern, and a thin, lead edge is formed around each piece of glass in the pattern. Almost every piece of the original glass was preserved. Very few required replacement.

Vanderhoff said that tin, alimony and other alloys are now mixed with the lead edging for strength. The original windows had only lead. This will mean that the cleaned and repaired windows will last even longer. He added that the storm windows on the outside would also help preserve the condition of the repaired windows.

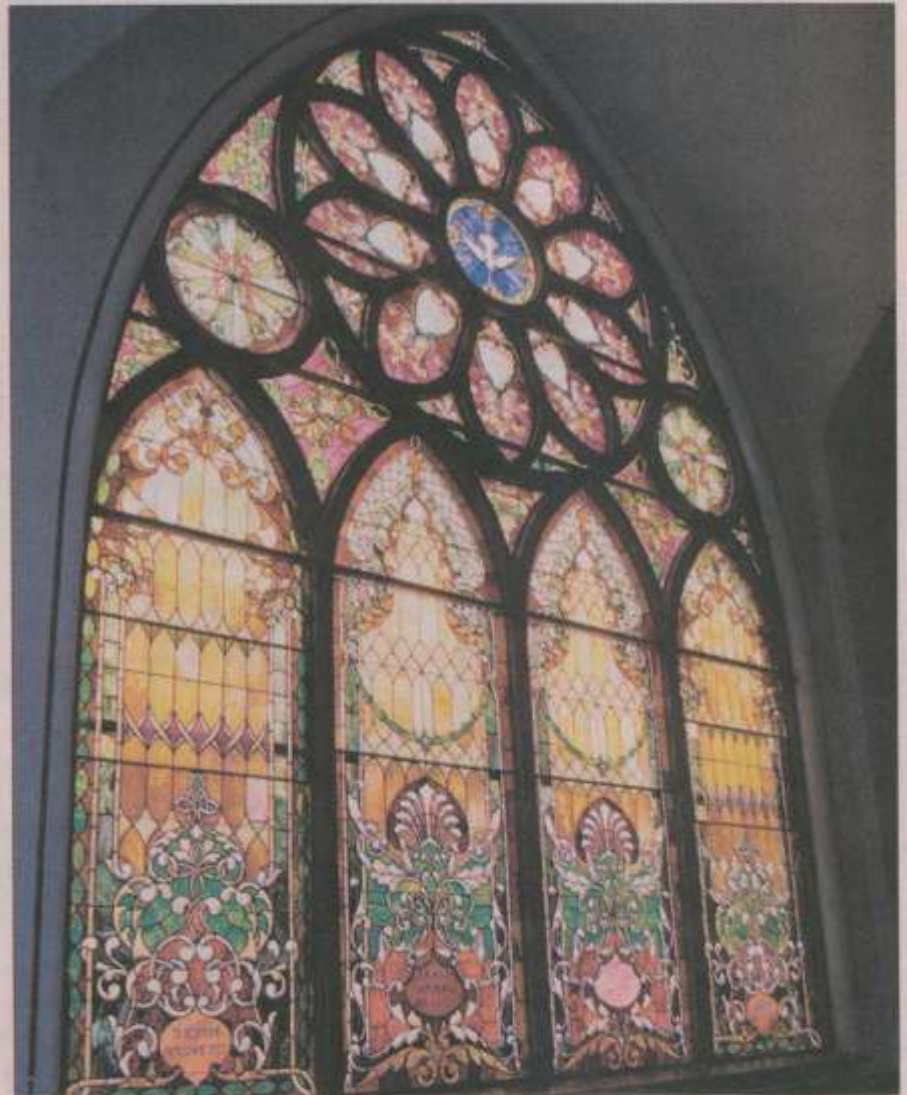
Vanderhoff estimated that the second window would be returned to Trinity by late summer or early fall. Smaller windows in the entryways were completed last summer.

The history of the windows is not clear except for a few clues in old church records. The article from the building dedication on Sunday, Mar. 4, 1900, has a drawing showing the windows. The church's official board receipt book has a record of \$900 being paid to the Von Gerichten Art Glass Company of Columbus in 1900. The amount of \$16,000 was listed for the total cost of the new building.

Church historian Ruth Logan said there was also a plate found on one window with the name of "Schambacher of Springfield, Illinois, Don Daggett." She said no record was found as to whether he was the installer or the artist who designed the windows.

Logan also noted that Mary Jean Hickson's estate had provided the funds to make the windows' repair and cleaning possible.

"I'm so glad Mary Jean made plans for this project," Logan said. "She always sat in the choir and enjoyed looking at them. She would surely enjoy seeing them completed."



Sentinel Photo/Alberta Stojkovic

The completed west window showed bright colors even on a cloudy day. Vanderhoff said the large north window should be completed by August or Sept. He said that Trinity's windows have some of the most intricate and complex patterns he's worked on in his 20 years in the business.



Sentinel Photo/Alberta Stojkovic

Workers lifted the cleaned and repaired west window section by section. Additional work was required to fit the glass into the frames. Don Vanderhoff said the people who originally installed the windows hadn't take the time to cut some of the pieces down to fit the lead edging. As a result, some of the windows had bowed out in several places. He said quite a bit of time was spent grinding and cutting the windows so they would fit properly into the frames.



Submitted Photo

Vanderhoff removes one of the "petal" sections of the upper rose pattern last June. The duct tape used to keep the pieces in place are visible as well as the cracks and darkness caused by weather and grime.



Submitted Photo

Here a close up look at the window shows the crusting of dirt that had accumulated on the outside of the windows before the storm windows were put up.

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