



Weather drawing by Gage Smith, Wilmington

Gorgeous again

Sunny today. Highs in the lower 80s.

Clear tonight. Lows in the lower 50s.

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Johnston wins 100th match

Wilmington senior Tyler Johnston rallied for his 100th career tennis victory in a match against Centerville.



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TAKE NOTE

Congrats grads!

Local graduates will be featured Friday in a special section in the *News Journal*. Keep an eye out for the seniors in your life.

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Start your engines!

Get an inside look at this week in NASCAR.

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LOTTERY

From Tuesday's day drawing:

Pick 3: **6, 0, 6**

Pick 4: **2, 2, 0, 4**

Ten-Oh: **1, 3, 8, 14, 17, 18, 21, 22, 27, 31, 33, 42, 46, 47, 49, 59, 60, 71, 72, 75**

From Tuesday's night drawing:

Pick 3: **2, 0, 5**

Pick 4: **4, 0, 1, 2**

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Teen dies in ATV mishap

CHESTER TOWNSHIP

*14 year old
was Clinton-Massie
seventh grader*

News Journal staff report

A Clinton-Massie seventh-grade boy lost his life Tuesday afternoon in

an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) accident in a ravine with steep sides at Caesar Creek State Park.

Fourteen-year-old Austin Johannes died when the ATV flipped over on him, said Ohio State Highway Patrol Trooper Jacob Daymon. On Tuesday evening, Daymon said officials were not sure what exactly happened, and it wasn't clear whether Johannes was attempting to go up the side of a ravine

or down into a ravine.

The site is off State Route 380 and in thick woods, according to Daymon.

Daymon said he believes it was relatives who found the accident scene. A 9-1-1 call was received at 5:25 p.m. Tuesday. The Clinton County coroner pronounced Johannes dead at the scene.

Not only was Johannes a Clinton-Massie student, but his mother Brenda

is a first-grade teacher for the school district. Father Matt is environmental health director with the Clinton County Health Department.

"The whole school is impacted," Clinton-Massie Local Schools Superintendent Ron Rudduck said about 10 p.m. Tuesday at the Lebanon Road school grounds. He said a lot of

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Interest whirls around wind power

CLINTON COUNTY

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It stands to be known whether the citizens and landowners turned out at Tuesday evening's meeting because of optimism or skepticism — or some combination of both. But they really did turn out.

The standing-room-only crowd of about 80 spectators was described as "beyond my wildest expectation" by Chris Schock, executive director of the Clinton County Regional Planning Commission.

Paul Hunter, a key organizer of the informational meeting, said, "You (the *News Journal*) asked a question: 'will there be interest?' Well, ta-da!"

The wind power meeting started around 7 p.m. in the East Clinton High School library, following the commission's meeting at 6 p.m.

Time allotted for audience questions — about 17 minutes — was quickly filled up by factual requests, but little negative talk about windmills could be heard in the chatter after the meeting.

However, comments about the noise and unsightliness of turbines have been posted on the *News Journal* Web site. At Tuesday's meeting, turbine

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News Journal photo/Brandon Smith

At least 75-80 people showed up to hear about the potential for wind power in Clinton County, resulting in a standing-room-only crowd. Representatives from two different wind power developers spoke about the nature of hosting wind turbines on farm property.

State Senate made wind power viable

"We don't have the sun of Arizona or the wind of Kansas or places like that, but within [Ohio] we have certain advantages," said Chris Schock, executive director of the Clinton County Regional Planning Commission.

"Because of the state incentive ... it's starting to make economic sense."

Ohio Senate Bill 221 is that incentive. It requires power companies in the state to

obtain certain percentages of their electricity from renewable energy — like solar and wind — and "advanced" energy — like through nuclear power or fuel cells.

By the year 2025, 25 percent of all power generated for Ohio would be through either renewables or advanced processes, according to Mark Linsberg, the head of renewable energy projects for Dayton Power and Light. Linsberg was present at Tuesday's meeting.

New EC principals appointed

LEES CREEK

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New principals for East Clinton High School and New Vienna Elementary School were approved at the school board meeting Tuesday.

Michael B. Edwards will be the new high school principal. He has worked as a principal three times before, including currently as the principal of grades seven to 12 for Riverside Local Schools in DeGraff.

Prior to that, Edwards was high school principal and special education director for Riverside Local Schools from 2005 to 2008 and principal at Madison Plains Middle School from 2003 to 2005.

When he taught, the subjects for the most part were science and health.

The board voted 4-1 to hire Edwards, with board member Kevin Brown casting the no vote. Prior to the roll call vote, several residents of the district expressed their support for

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noise was likened to the hum of the laptop projector — in other words, not very significant.

The aesthetic merit of wind farms may be more significant matter of debate. To the top of the blades, a modern turbine can stand around 400 feet tall.

One online commenter called the structures “industrial eyesores ruining the landscape.”

Karen Kayser, a Clarksville resident who produces all her own electricity from renewables, said, “When I look up at my ... wind generator turning, I think it’s beautiful. Because I know it’s making power.”

A presenter at the meeting said no property values have

been shown to decline from the placement of wind turbines.

Questions posed at the meeting include, “How much land is needed for a turbine’s construction?” (2-3 acres) and “Exactly how much income might we, as landowners, expect to see?”

The answer to that is heavily dependent on the business model, according to the presenters. One described about \$8,000 to \$16,000 per year for his corporately-owned turbines, and less with community-owned turbines. But community ownership has its draws as well, he said. Both options bring money into the public coffers, whether through taxes or through the direct sale of electricity.

Hunter and the commission will now offer their research and the record of community

interest — symbolized by the messy but packed sign-in sheet — to wind power developers, of which there are many options, Hunter said.

The speakers at the meeting explained that each company has a different business model, and that generally communities choose which model seems right for them.

Jason Dagger represented Everpower at the meeting and P.J. Saliterman represented OwnEnergy. Dagger lives in Urbana, where his company is installing a wind power installation. Saliterman lives in Oberlin, where he markets for his company that helps communities install wind farms that the community owns, whether publicly or privately. Each model has different risks and rewards, they said.