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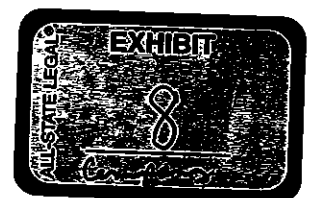
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**IMPLEMENTATION ORDER**



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Modeling Parameter	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
Projected PJM DR (MW)	127	71	97	97	97
SWE DR Potential Estimate (MW)	123.5	124.9	123.2	121.0	119.3
Act 129 DR Potential (MW)	-3.3	53.5	26.0	23.8	22.2

As shown in the table above, the remaining potential net of PJM commitments calculated in a manner consistent with FirstEnergy's proposal is greater than Penn Power's proposed target of 17 MW for each delivery year. Furthermore, as previously discussed, we are permitting customers who participate in the PJM ELRP to participate in the Act 129 DR program, at a reduced incentive rate, thus, further increasing the DR potential in Penn Power's service territory. Based on this analysis, the Commission disagrees with FirstEnergy's assertion that Penn Power's Phase III target is somehow unattainable.

While we recognize that the flat penalties are proportionately larger for Penn Power than larger EDCs, this Commission does not have the authority to exempt Penn Power from a DR requirement based on this fact. The Commission has made it clear that we believe the Act requires us to prescribe DR targets in those EDC territories in which cost-effective peak demand reduction potential is available, as it is in Penn Power.

### **3. Additional Incremental Reductions in Consumption**

As previously noted, the SWE determined in its EE Potential Study that electric consumption reduction programs will continue to be cost-effective for Pennsylvania ratepayers. Based on the SWE's determination, we tentatively found that the benefits of a Phase III Act 129 EE&C program will exceed its costs and, therefore, we tentatively adopt the additional required incremental reductions in consumption outlined herein.

The SWE performed an EE Potential Study which presented the technical, economic and achievable EE potential over ten years (beginning June 1, 2016) and the program potential over five years (June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2021) for the residential, commercial and industrial sectors.<sup>53</sup> For the residential sector, the SWE first determined the eligible equipment stock, followed by estimations of the savings and then screened for cost-effectiveness. The SWE then summed those savings at the end-use and the service-territory levels.<sup>54</sup> Regarding the non-residential sectors, the SWE used a similar approach to determine measure-level savings and costs, in addition to cost-effectiveness. The cost-effective measure savings were then applied to all applicable shares of energy load.<sup>55</sup>

The SWE utilized, as a baseline from which to report savings as a percent of annual kWh sales, the forecast kWh sales for each EDC for the period June 1, 2009 through May 31, 2010.<sup>56</sup> The SWE estimated that the total maximum achievable potential for the region of the seven EDCs covered by Act 129 in 2020 and 2025 for energy efficiency is 7.5% and 13.2%, respectively, of 2009-2010 baseline annual kWh sales.<sup>57</sup> For program potential, the SWE estimated that, with the current annual spending cap and assuming 100% funding towards energy efficiency, the EDCs can achieve a combined annual savings equal to 0.8% to 1.0% of baseline 2009-2010 load per year, or 6,629,460 MWh of incremental annual savings over a five-year timeframe. After accounting for measure savings decay and annual savings adjustments for lighting based on the Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA), the cumulative annual program potential in 2020 is 5,092,433 MWh or 3.5% of the 2009-2010 baseline load.<sup>58</sup>

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<sup>53</sup> See *EE Potential Study* at 1.

<sup>54</sup> *Id.* at 2.

<sup>55</sup> *Id.*

<sup>56</sup> *Id.* at 3.

<sup>57</sup> See *Tentative Implementation Order Addendum* at 1.

<sup>58</sup> *Id.*

Potential	2016-2020 Incremental Annual Savings		2020 Cumulative Annual Savings	
	MWh	% of 2009-2010 load	MWh	of 2009-2010 load
Max Achievable	14,332,129	9.8%	10,983,129	7.5%
Base Achievable	8,782,160	6.0%	6,748,807	4.6%
Program	6,629,460	4.5%	5,092,433	3.5%

Without a budget cap, incremental annual savings could achieve roughly 1.2% to 2.0% of 2010 load in the base achievable and maximum achievable scenarios, respectively. On a cumulative annual basis, the base achievable potential is 4.6% of the baseline load in 2020 and the maximum achievable potential is 7.5% of baseline load in 2020.<sup>59</sup>

The SWE also concluded that continuing EE programs in a Phase III of Act 129 will be cost-effective for Pennsylvania ratepayers. The TRC ratio statewide for the program potential scenario is estimated to be 1.88, with net benefits of approximately \$1.5 billion over the lifetime of measures installed during Phase III (June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2021).<sup>60</sup> The program acquisition cost (dollars per first-year-MWh saved) estimated to achieve the program potential's 6,629,460 MWh of savings is \$184.40 per MWh.<sup>61</sup>

#### **a. Reduction Targets**

The Commission proposed the use of the forecast kWh sales for each EDC for the period June 1, 2009 through May 31, 2010, as the baseline from which to measure incremental savings in Phase III. No comments were received on this proposal. Therefore, the Commission maintains its proposal as it is consistent with that utilized in Phase II and with the baseline used in the SWE's determinations of EE potential.

<sup>59</sup> See *EE Potential Study* at 4.

<sup>60</sup> *Id.* at 8.

<sup>61</sup> See *Tentative Implementation Order Addendum* at 2.

As previously discussed, the Commission proposed peak demand reduction requirements for six of the seven EDCs with EE&C Program requirements. The Commission proposed these peak demand reduction requirements based on a budgetary allocation of 10% of each EDC's budget for peak demand reduction programs. The Commission proposed that, in determining targets, a budgetary allocation for Duquesne, PECO, Penn Power and West Penn Power reflect 90% for EE programs and 10% for peak demand reduction programs. For Met-Ed, we proposed a budgetary allocation of 92% for EE programs and 8% for peak demand reduction programs. For PPL, we proposed a budgetary allocation of 95% for EE and 5% for peak demand reduction programs. The SWE found no cost-effective peak demand reduction potential for the Penelec service territory; therefore, we proposed a 100% budgetary allocation for EE programs for Penelec.

Regarding the consumption reduction targets, the Commission proposed, for Phase III, the adoption of a five-year consumption reduction requirement for each EDC that is based on the 2009/2010 energy forecasts previously discussed. Because we proposed peak demand reduction requirements for six of the seven EDCs, we requested that the SWE determine the available energy efficiency program potential for each of those EDCs based on the budgetary allocations discussed above. We proposed adoption of the five-year consumption reduction requirements as contained in the Tentative Implementation Order Addendum and that appear in the table below.<sup>62</sup> These consumption reduction requirements vary by EDC based on the specific mix of program potential, acquisition costs and available funding allocated to EE programs discussed earlier in this Order. Specifically, we proposed the following consumption reduction targets for the seven EDCs:

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<sup>62</sup> See *Tentative Implementation Order Addendum* at 5.

Table 6: Modified Five-Year Energy Efficiency Program Potential Savings and Budget by EDC

EDC	Portfolio EE Spending Ceiling (Million \$)	Program Acquisition Costs (\$/1 <sup>st</sup> -YR MWh Saved)	2016-2020 EE Potential Savings <sup>2</sup> (MWh)	% of 2010 Forecast
<b>2016-2020 – Five-Year EE Program Potential</b>				
Duquesne	\$88.0	\$186.9	470,609	3.3%
FE: Met-Ed	\$114.4	\$182.2	627,814	4.2%
FE: Penelec	\$114.9	\$191.9	598,612	4.2%
FE: Penn Power	\$30.0	\$176.1	170,182	3.6%
FE: WPP	\$106.0	\$181.0	585,807	2.8%
RECO	\$384.3	\$184.7	2,080,553	5.3%
PPL	\$292.1	\$183.7	1,590,264	4.2%
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>\$1,129.6</b>	<b>\$184.4</b>	<b>6,123,842</b>	<b>4.2%</b>

We previously expressed a belief that the Act 129 programs are cumulative at the end of a phase such that the savings at the end of a phase must show that the total savings from measures installed during the phase are equal to or greater than the established reduction target. Therefore, we proposed that, for any measures installed whose useful life expires before the end of the phase, another measure must be installed or implemented during that phase which replenishes the savings from the expired measure. This means that reported savings for Phase III would take into account measure useful life.

Additionally, while we did not propose annual, incremental consumption reduction targets for Phase III, we did propose a requirement that the EDCs submit EE&C Plans that clearly demonstrate annual gains in energy efficiency. Specifically, we proposed that the plans be designed to achieve at least 15 percent of the EDC's consumption reduction target in each program year. We expressed a belief that 15 percent would take into account an EDC's need to potentially ramp-up programs and make mid-Phase program changes, both of which may affect the level of reductions in a specific program year. We also believed 15 percent helped balance the EDCs' planning and program change needs with requests for the provision of more comprehensive measures. We proposed that the 15% requirement be limited to the Commission's review

and approval of the EE&C Plans and not be a target that would subject the EDCs to the penalty provisions prescribed under 66 Pa. C.S. § 2806.1(f).

**i. Comments**

PPL believes the EE potential calculations did not reflect the proposed low-income requirements and, therefore, the acquisition costs and associated potential are incorrect. PPL Comments at 33. PPL requests clarification as to whether the SWE used the full cost of measures to estimate the program acquisition cost for direct-install low-income measures. It avers that the full measure cost should be the basis as the EDC pays the full cost of the measure for low-income programs and provides its own calculations. *Id.* at 34-35, 44-49; PPL Exhibit. PPL states that the mix of measures utilized in the SWE EE Potential Study does not reflect the same mix PPL would include in its Phase III Programs. Additionally, PPL believes the SWE's measure mix underestimates the program acquisition cost, overstates cost-effectiveness, overstates program potential, fails to provide enough money for low-income programs to meet the proposed carve-outs and will likely result in programs with high free-ridership. PPL Comments at 42; PPL Reply Comments at 8-9.

PPL suggests the use of its Program 3 – Medium Cost scenario from its own potential study. This program includes the second highest acquisition cost of each of the four scenarios it ran, has a greater diversity of measures and uses a lower benefit-cost threshold. PPL avers that this scenario includes a much more balanced mixture of measures. *Id.* at 48. PPL argues that the SWE did not address risk management practices that will require the EDC to exceed the savings targets while staying under budget. *Id.* at 56; PPL Reply Comments at 7. PPL recommends the establishment of a “variable” EE target. PPL Reply Comments at 8-10.

Similar to PPL, PECO references its own potential study; however, unlike PPL, PECO does not provide its actual study as part of its comments. PECO believes its study

uses more appropriate initial costs per bulb for screw-in LEDs, accounts for more LED product classes by wattage categories and utilizes assumptions regarding PECO's market share of the overall LED residential lighting market more consistent with the latest forecasts by the U.S. Department of Energy. PECO Comments at 5-6, 14-16. PECO notes that the SWE's EE Potential Study did not incorporate standards changes regarding electric motors, automated icemakers, walk-in coolers and freezers, and commercial refrigeration products. *Id.* at 6, 16-17. Additionally, PECO avers that the SWE's base achievable approach was incorrect and that the PECO use of a measure adoption model is appropriate. *Id.* at 6, 17-18. PECO also asserts that the SWE does not support the avoided T&D and line loss estimates utilized in developing PECO's EE potential. *Id.* at 6, 18. PECO disagrees with the manner in which the SWE screened low-income measures. *Id.* at 6-7, 18-19. Like PPL, PECO disagrees with the acquisition costs utilized by the SWE in its EE Potential Study, believing they have been underestimated, and suggests the use of the acquisition costs developed in its own study. *Id.* at 7-12; PECO Reply Comments at 2. PECO recommends the adoption of its own potential study for the development of its EE target. *Id.* at 13.

FirstEnergy avers that the targets do not take into account the proposed direct install and G/E/NP carve-outs. FirstEnergy Comments at 22. It believes the acquisition costs used in the EE Potential Study are too low. *Id.* at 23. FirstEnergy asserts that the Commission should allow for a more reasonable degree of uncertainty associated with the proposed targets. It recommends that the SWE provide an assessment of the confidence and precision associated with its estimates, with that being incorporated into any prescribed targets. *Id.* at 24-25. The Industrials believe the SWE's EE Potential Study is not transparent enough and does not support the continuation of EE or DR programs. The Industrials Comments at 5-6.

DEP, Honeywell and the Joint Commentators believe that the Commission should pursue more aggressive targets based on a balance between potential and historical



achievements, especially considering carryover is not taken into account in the proposed targets. DEP Comments at 1; DEP Reply Comments at 2; Honeywell Comments at 1; The Joint Commentators Comments at 9; the Joint Commentators Reply Comments at 1. KEEA notes that the proposed targets are not nearly as aggressive as those other jurisdictions and recommends the consideration of 1% per year targets. KEEA Comments at 4-5. The SEF believes the SWE's maximum achievable potential is understated as it assumes a majority of programs are based on rebates to consumers and businesses and fails to look at creative programs that would leverage EE&C spending constraints. The SEF Comments at 3.

Duquesne disagrees with those parties advocating for increased targets based on historical achievement as historical performance. Additionally, Duquesne believes such treatment makes the EDC responsible for not only the program results, but for the forecast of future program results. Duquesne Reply Comments at 8.

EAP, PPL, PECO, OCA, the Joint Commentators and KEEA request clarification regarding whether program potential should be based on cumulative annualized energy savings or the sum of incremental annualized energy savings. EAP Reply Comments at 6; PPL Comments at 57; PECO Comments at 19; OCA Reply Comments at 5; the Joint Commentators Comments at 10; KEEA Comments at 5. EAP believes whatever method used for compliance should align with the manner in which the targets have been set. EAP Reply Comments at 6. PPL and PECO support the use of a cumulative annualized energy savings requirement as the sum of incremental annualized energy savings overstates program potential as it includes savings from short-lived measures that expire during Phase III. PPL Comments at 57-60; PECO Comments at 20; PECO Reply Comments at 12. Additionally, PPL notes that a cumulative process is consistent with the method used in the first two phases of the programs. PPL Comments at 57-60. FirstEnergy believes the targets should reflect the sum of the incremental annual savings, adjusted to account for the expiring savings. FirstEnergy Comments at 20.

Duquesne and KEEA recommend that the EDCs be given credit for all new incremental savings delivered in each year of the Phase, rather than focusing on a cumulative approach. Duquesne Comments at 11; Duquesne Reply Comments at 9-10; KEEA Comments at 5-6; KEEA Reply Comments at 4. OCA expresses concern with the potential impact of a cumulative approach that would require full replacement of expired measures as this approach could result in measures being “turned on and off” during the phase. OCA Comments at 10; OCA Reply Comments at 5. The Joint Commentators support a requirement that any measure with a useful life that expires before the end of the phase be replaced with a measure that replenishes the savings from the expired measure. The Joint Commentators Comments at 10; the Joint Commentators Reply Comments at 3-5.

PECO recommends the removal of the 15% annual requirement. PECO Comments at 33. PECO suggests that a 15% requirement will require an aggressive ramp-up for new and existing programs and may not be realistic and recommends it be reduced to 10%. PECO Comments at 32-33. NEEP believes a graduated increase in the percentage required each program year would allow for the ramp-up of measures. NEEP Comments at 5; NEEP Reply Comments at 6-8. Similarly, Citizen Power supports the 15% proposal but recommends flexibility if an EDC can demonstrate that a deviation clearly provides net benefits to customers. Citizen Power Comments at 3. The Joint Commentators recommend that the interim targets be enforceable. The Joint Commentators Comments at 10. DEP agrees with annual incremental targets and suggests that the 15% percentage be subject to enforcement by the PUC under either Act 129 or the Public Utility Code. DEP Reply Comments at 2.

## **ii. Disposition**

The Commission recognizes that every stakeholder may have its own proposed variables and costs to be incorporated into a potential study to determine targets. This is a primary reason for the use of the SWE’s EE Potential Study for the development of

targets. The SWE provides an unbiased approach based on its expertise in the industry. We initially disagree with the EDCs that various factors in the development of the targets should be changed at this time based on their own studies as we deem the SWE's EE Potential Study as unbiased and that it provides a consistent approach across all service territories.

We do, however, agree with those parties that suggested a modified methodological assumption regarding the acquisition cost for low-income measures. During the April 8, 2015 stakeholder meeting, several parties suggested that low-income specific measures include the full install cost assumption in place of incremental costs, consistent with traditional low-income program offerings. The SWE previously only assumed full cost for retrofit low-income measures. A data request on this issue was developed based on feedback provided at the April 8, 2015 stakeholder meeting and initial responses were provided via the Commission's website.<sup>63</sup> Based on the recognition of this suggested modification and the subsequent analysis, we directed the SWE to provide updated consumption reduction potential values for the prescription of targets.

Additionally, as noted later in this Implementation Order, the Commission has revised its proposals regarding low-income carve-outs. We have concluded that the appropriate low-income carve-out for Phase III is a 5.5% reduction in consumption from programs solely directed at low-income customers. Due to the change in the carve-out, we again directed the SWE to determine if the EE potential for the EDCs would change. Following the SWE's recalculation of potential based on the two scenarios outlined herein, and as outlined in the Addendum to this Order, we have determined the following targets to be appropriate for Phase III and tentatively adopt them:

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<sup>63</sup> Following a review of the initial and reply comments to the Tentative Implementation order, the SWE further refined the calculation of low-income acquisition costs. An addendum to this Order describes the revised calculation of program acquisition costs and program potential.

<b>EDC</b>	<b>Portfolio EE Budget Allocation<sup>64</sup> (Million \$)</b>	<b>Program Acquisition Costs (\$/1<sup>st</sup> year MWh Saved)</b>	<b>2016-2020 EE Potential Savings (MWh)</b>	<b>% of 2010 Forecast</b>
Duquesne	\$88.0	\$199.5	440,916	3.1%
Met-Ed	\$114.4	\$190.9	599,352	4.0%
PECO	\$384.3	\$195.8	1,962,659	5.0%
Penelec	\$114.9	\$202.9	566,168	3.9%
Penn Power	\$30.0	\$190.4	157,371	3.3%
PPL	\$292.1	\$202.4	1,443,035	3.8%
West Penn Power	\$106.0	\$196.0	540,986	2.6%

The new statewide energy efficiency savings target is 8.7% lower than the initial target prescribed in the Tentative Implementation Order.<sup>65</sup>

PECO suggests an alternative approach for projecting program participation for the base achievable scenario in their comments. We find the SWE approach to be satisfactory and consistent with the methodological approach used in the Phase II potential study, with long term market adoption rates based on Pennsylvania-specific research conducted during Phase II of Act 129.

We disagree with those parties asserting that the targets should be recalculated to take into account carryover savings and/or historical achievements. We recognize that, in most instances, the EDCs have over-complied with their historical consumption reduction targets. However, that is not a guarantee of future performance. We believe targets

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<sup>64</sup> These values reflect the budget allocated to EE in developing the consumption reduction target for each EDC. It does not reflect spending requirements for the EDCs.

<sup>65</sup> These targets are based on the prescribed budget allocation between energy efficiency and demand response programs discussed previously herein. The updated statewide 2016-2020 potential MWh savings based on 100% funding toward energy efficiency is 6,050,974.

should be based on a determination of cost-effective potential remaining in an EDC's service territory, as has been developed by the SWE. Carryover savings have not been fully verified for an EDC during the period in which a potential study must be performed in order to inform future targets. It would be inappropriate to take into account unverified, potential carryover in a target for a future phase.

We recognize the confusion expressed by nearly all of the stakeholders regarding whether the targets, and the associated determination of compliance, will be based on a cumulative or incremental approach. We agree that our language in the Tentative Implementation Order may not have been clear.

In Phase II, for measures installed whose useful life expires before the end of the phase, another measure had to be installed or implemented during the phase to replenish the savings from the expired measure. We concur with PPL and PECO that as proposed in the Tentative Implementation Order, the sum of incremental annualized energy savings plus the requirement to replace expiring savings overstates program potential. In its EE Potential Study, the SWE's incremental annual savings potential already accounts for such expiring measures. Therefore, we also agree with Duquesne and KEEA's recommendation that the EDCs be given credit for all new incremental savings delivered in each year of the Phase, rather than focusing on a cumulative approach, as was done in Phase II. We also recognize the validity of OCA's concern that a cumulative approach requiring full replacement of expired measures could result in measures being "turned on and off" during the phase.

Further, we direct parties to the SWE's discussion in its EE Potential Study regarding a significant change in baseline for lighting, effective in 2020. While in Phase II we required any measures installed or implemented whose useful life expires before the end of the phase to be replaced with another measure or measures (representing an equivalent number of kWh) to replenish the savings from the expired measure, we find

that such a directive in Phase III may not be appropriate. We do not believe it is reasonable to require the EDCs to replace all lighting installed up to 2020 with new lighting because the baseline has changed. In light of the foregoing, we are directing that the EE goals be measured using incremental savings targets without requiring the replacement of expiring measures.

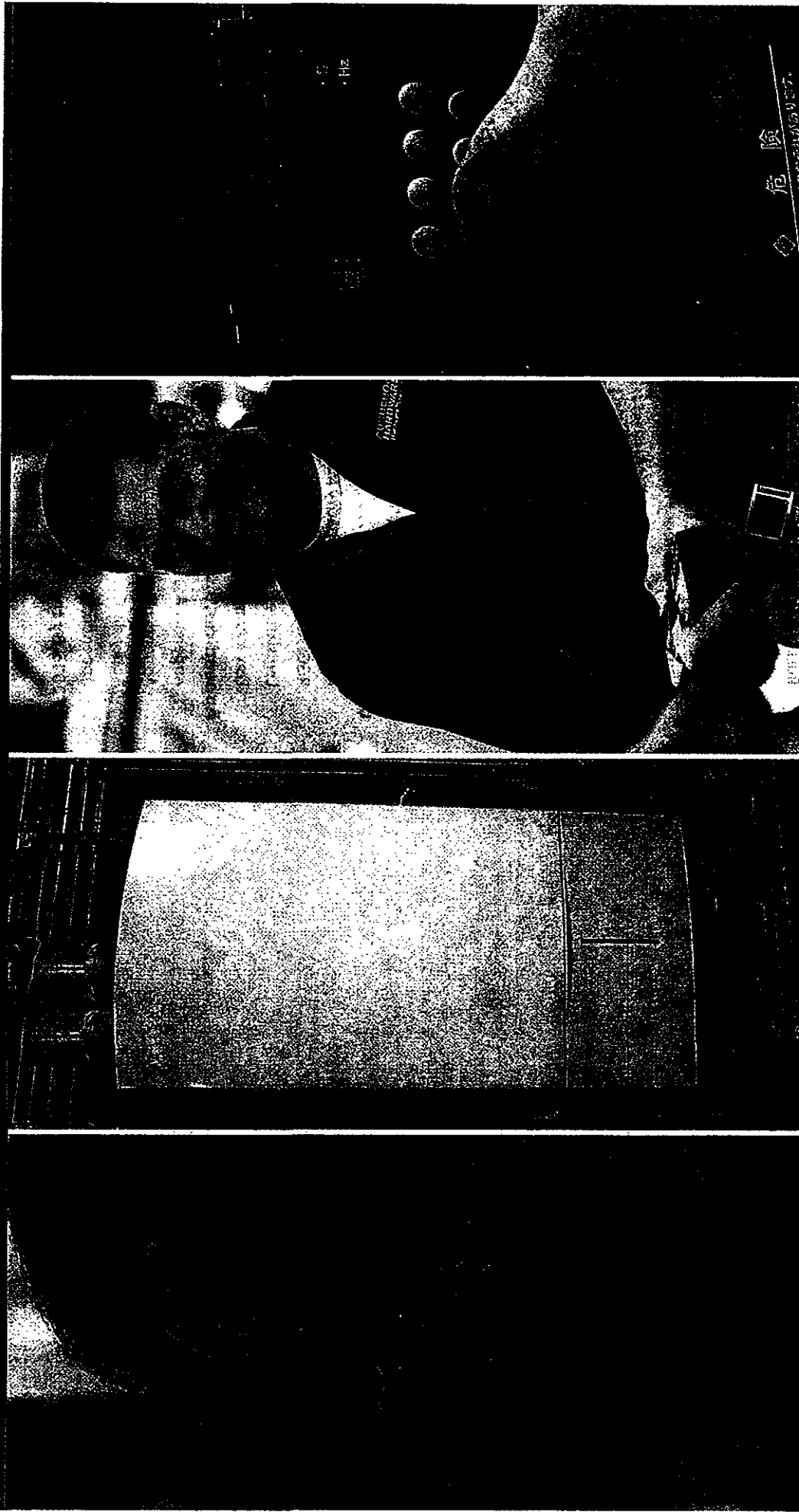
Finally, we find that the EDCs should be required to design their EE&C Plans in a manner that provides for the annual attainment of a certain percentage of their consumption reduction targets. We do not find the suggestions for greater flexibility in this regard to be persuasive. Therefore, we direct the EDCs to develop EE&C Plans that are designed to achieve at least 15% of the target amount in each program year. However, this requirement will be limited to the Commission's review and approval of the EE&C Plans and not as target subjected to the penalty provisions at subsection 2806.1(f) of the Act.

#### **b. Comprehensive Programs**

Our Phase II Implementation Order required the EDCs to develop EE&C Plans that contain at least one comprehensive measure for residential and small commercial rate classes.<sup>66</sup> Similarly, in our Tentative Implementation Order, we expressed a belief that comprehensive programs are beneficial to electric customers and should continue to be offered. However, we also recognized the acquisition costs concerns raised by many of the parties and, therefore, expressed a hesitancy to define what a comprehensive program is and to direct specific measures or targets tied to comprehensive programs. Instead, we proposed that the EDCs include in their EE&C Plans at least one comprehensive program for residential and at least one comprehensive program for non-residential customer classes. The EDCs would work with stakeholders to determine what these programs should include based on the unique attributes of each service territory. Additionally, we noted that, while cost-effectiveness is always a priority, an individual program does not

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<sup>66</sup> See *Phase II Implementation Order* at 20.



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## Message from the Executive Director

*This Annual Report describes the activity of the Efficiency Maine Trust in Fiscal Year 2015 (FY2015) — the second year of the Trust's Triennial Plan II. It also describes the first full year of program implementation of the provisions of the Maine Legislature's 2013 Omnibus Energy Act. That law stabilized the process for funding the Trust's electricity-saving programs and expanded critically important funding for programs that reduce heating demand and promote alternative heating systems. In FY2015, the Trust was able to roll out new programs and investments made possible by the Omnibus Energy Act, including home weatherization and other significant thermal energy efficiency investments.*

FY2015 marked the first full year of the new Home Energy Savings Program (HESP). Homeowners across the state installed high-efficiency heat pumps, insulation, pellet boilers, and other energy-saving technologies in record numbers. Since its launch in September, 2013, 16,199 projects have been completed through HESP. This Program is one of the most important ways in which the Trust is advancing Maine's statutory goals of weatherizing substantially all homes whose owners or occupants are willing to participate in, and share the costs of, cost-effective home weatherization and achieving 20% heating fuel savings across the state.

In addition to working with a growing network of home performance and heating contractors to deliver these energy-saving technologies to homeowners, the Trust collaborated with several organizations and communities to leverage program incentives with community-based initiatives, including bulk

purchasing. The Island Institute, for example, coordinated air sealing and insulation efforts on several Maine islands, which enabled HESP to reach homeowners who experience higher energy costs but who, because of their remote location, have found it more challenging to weatherize their homes.

The Small Business Initiative had similar goals of targeting hard-to-reach areas and encouraging energy efficiency investments in a sector that traditionally experienced low efficiency program participation rates. The Initiative was designed to overcome the unique barriers to energy efficiency experienced by small businesses by bringing information and technical support to the customer's doorstep, offering enhanced financial incentives, and scheduling and executing energy upgrades using the "direct install" approach. The results were significant: 80% of the Aroostook county businesses receiving assessments undertook lighting upgrades. And the

Initiative demonstrated significant energy efficiency opportunity in the sector: participating businesses will average \$1,400 a year in reduced electricity costs as a result of high-efficiency lighting upgrades.

Thermal energy efficiency solutions were an important part of Efficiency Maine's Commercial and Industrial Programs as well. Using funds from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), hundreds of businesses installed ductless heat pumps to more efficiently heat and cool office and retail spaces. Industrial customers also benefitted from RGGI-funded thermal efficiency investments, including a large pipe insulation project at Woodland Pulp and Paper that will save the facility \$70,000 a year on process heating costs.

In addition, the Trust delivered Maine's least-cost energy resource — energy efficiency — to a record number of customers. The Trust coordinated with the business

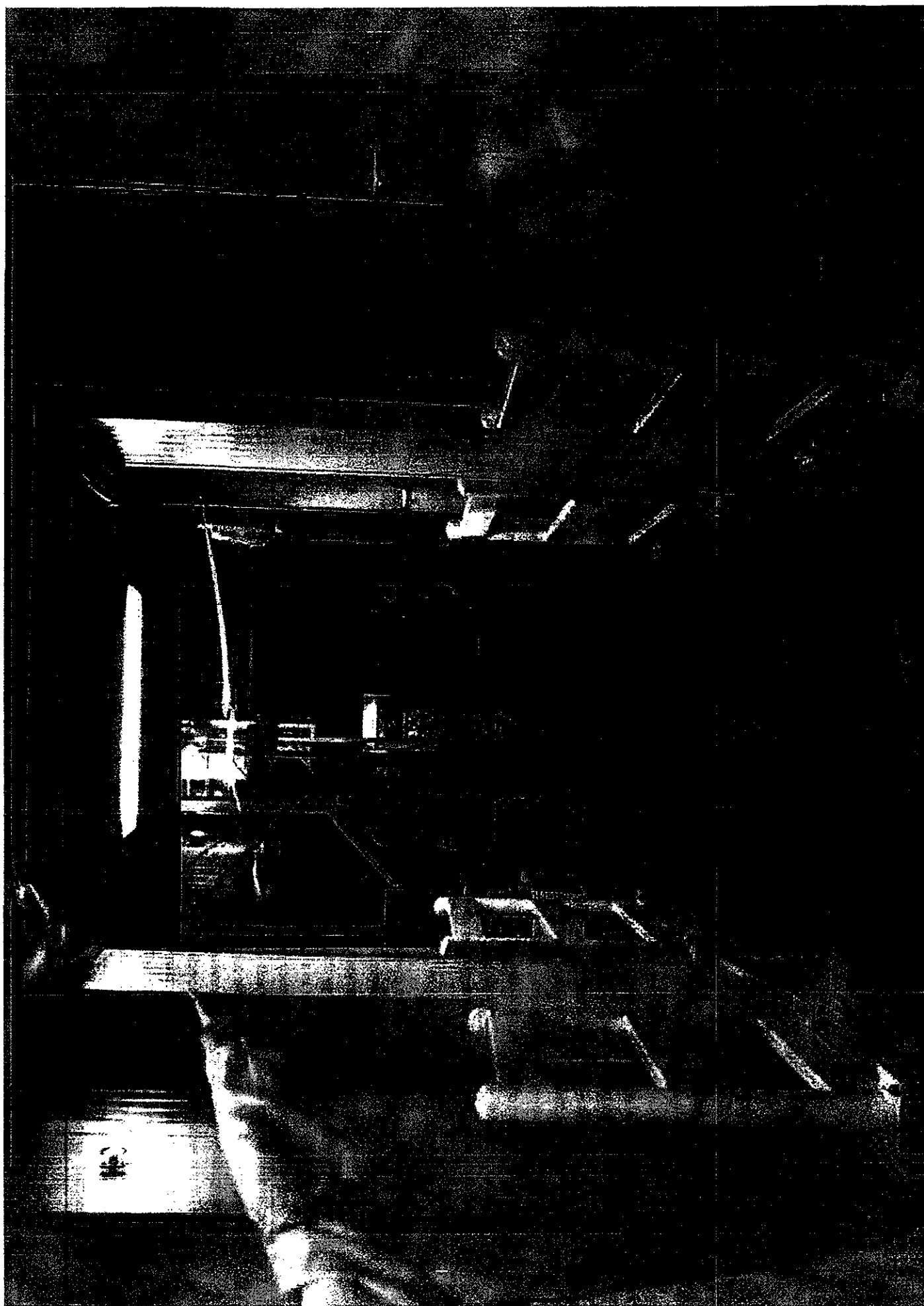
community, the Maine Public Utilities Commission, the Office of the Public Advocate, the Governor's Energy Office, and several other groups to encourage homeowners and business leaders to implement energy efficiency solutions as a way to manage energy costs and future unpredictability in energy prices. The results of the campaign were impressive: 5,835 projects were completed at Maine businesses, homeowners performed 9,759 projects to reduce heating demand, and millions of efficient light bulbs were installed at homes across the state. In addition to the high levels of program participation, energy efficiency emerged as an established part of Maine's public discourse and was widely promoted as a means to achieve greater comfort, productivity, and predictability in energy costs while reducing climate forcing emissions.

FY2015 Business Incentive Program participation levels reached an all-time high: businesses recognized energy efficiency as the most cost-effective way to manage their energy costs, and many recognized LED technologies as a timely energy efficiency solution. As efficiency programs expand in the year ahead, the Trust will work to incorporate lessons learned from this surge in participation. In particular, FY2015 revealed that the Trust needs to be nimble in responding to changes in the marketplace and fluctuations in customer demand. Moving forward, the Trust will implement strategies to calibrate incentives and program management to enhance continuity and predictability in program availability.

The program activities and accomplishments that are described in this report would not have been possible without the guidance and oversight of the Trust's Board of Trustees and a very engaged group of stakeholders. We also appreciate the contributions to efficiency program planning and implementation from the Office of the Public Advocate; the Governor's Energy Office; MaineHousing; Community Action Agencies; the Maine Public Utilities Commission; and the Legislature's Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee. Working together to implement the Triennial Plan, we will continue to increase energy savings and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by expanding the use of cost-effective energy efficiency and other distributed energy resources. ■



**Michael D. Stoddard**  
*Executive Director*



*The Annual Report of the Efficiency Maine Trust (the "Trust" or "Efficiency Maine") describes activities during Fiscal Year 2015 (FY2015), which covered the period from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. It includes the budgets, activities, and results for all programs and related activities administered by the Trust during FY2015.*

## Introduction

Some noteworthy estimates of the impacts of the Trust's FY2015 programs include:

- Saving 3.6 million MMBtu over the full life of the measures installed, equivalent to more than 26 million gallons of oil
- Saving 2.1 billion kWh over the full life of the measures installed
- Avoiding more than \$248 million in wasted energy costs
- Matching more than \$77.7 million of incremental private investment with \$58.4 million of program investment
- Delivering electricity savings at an average levelized cost of 4.2 cents/kWh compared with an average cost of supply of 7.6 cents/kWh
- Delivering heating fuel savings at an average levelized cost of \$12.96/MMBtu, which is equivalent to \$1.80 per gallon of oil
- Supporting 344 small businesses in reducing electricity costs through the Small Business Initiative
- Supporting 9,759 projects to install air sealing, insulation, ductless heat pumps, and heating systems through HESP
- Discounting 2.9 million high-efficiency bulbs

The Efficiency Maine Trust was created by State statute in 2009.<sup>1</sup> The purposes of the Trust include:

- Consolidating under one roof the funds for Maine's consumer efficiency programs for all fuel types – electric, natural gas, heating oil and wood – together

- with consumer alternative energy programs;
- Integrating delivery of electric and thermal efficiency measures so the customer can have a one-stop shopping experience;
- Acquiring energy resources (efficiency and alternative energy) that cost less than traditional energy supply to help individuals and businesses meet their energy needs at the lowest cost; and,
- Helping to transform the energy market in Maine so that energy efficient products, alternative energy equipment, and related energy services are more accessible and affordable to end-use customers.<sup>2</sup>

The Trust is managed by a nine member board of trustees. During FY2015, New Trustee Donald Lewis, of Nyle Systems, was appointed to the Board. Al Hodsdon, of A.E. Hodsdon Engineers, and David Barber, of AdvancePierre Foods, served as Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively. Brent Boyles, Assistant Adjutant General of the Maine Army National Guard and formerly of Maine Public Service, served as Treasurer and Kenneth Fletcher, formerly of the Governor's Energy Office served as Secretary. Lennie Burke, of Norway Savings Bank, and Scott Dunning, of the University of Maine, also served; Ex Officio members were Patrick Woodcock, Director of the Governor's Energy Office, and John Gallagher, Director of the Maine State Housing Authority.

FY2015 is the fifth year of program activity since the Trust assumed responsibility for administering Efficiency Maine programs, and the second year of

the Triennial Plan II. In FY2015, the Trust leveraged significant foundational work completed in FY2014 to implement significant thermal efficiency programs made possible by the Omnibus Energy Act as well as invest larger electric efficiency budgets. Together these programs promoted electric and thermal energy efficiency, supported homeowners and businesses in managing energy costs, and reduced energy costs for Maine ratepayers.

### SECTORS SERVED

As the Trust continually streamlines and simplifies its programs for the benefit of program participants, programs and initiatives have merged and grown to serve multiple sectors. This Annual Report will describe the Trust's major programs, some of which have been renamed to reflect a more diverse group of program participants. The table below illustrates the sectors served by each Trust program.

### FUNDING

The Trust receives funds from a variety of sources including Maine ratepayers, RGGI, revenues from the Forward Capacity Market and a long term contract with Maine utilities. The Trust is directed by Maine statute to invest these funds to promote more efficient and affordable use of energy and customer-sited alternative energy systems. The following section briefly describes each funding source and shows how the funds are invested through Efficiency Maine programs.

1. See, Efficiency Maine Trust Act, Title 35-A, Maine Revised Statutes, Chapter 97.

TABLE 1: SECTORS SERVED BY EFFICIENCY MAINE PROGRAMS

Programs	Commercial and Industrial	Small Businesses	Multifamily (5+ units)	Residential	Low-Income Households
Business Incentive Program	✓	✓			
Community Renewable Energy Demonstration Grants	✓				
Consumer Products Program	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Home Energy Savings Program				✓	✓
Large Customer Program	✓				
Low-Income Direct Install Initiatives					✓
Maine Advanced Buildings		✓			
Multifamily Efficiency Program			✓		
Small Business Initiative		✓			

Note: Multifamily buildings with four units or less are considered part of the Home Energy Savings Program.

*Electric System Benefit Charge:* This funding stream comes from payments made by the utilities directly to the Trust for the procurement of cost-effective energy efficiency. The amount of funding the Trust receives is determined by the budget needed to capture the maximum achievable cost-effective (MACE) energy efficiency potential approved by the Maine Public Utilities Commission. The Trust typically offsets some of the budget necessary to capture MACE through the use of other funding sources.

Maine's largest electric customers, who take service at the transmission or sub-transmission (T&ST) level are ineligible for funding from the Electric System Benefit Charge.

*Maine Yankee Settlement:* The Maine Yankee Settlement funds stem from a settlement with the federal government for the storage of spent nuclear fuel. One of the ways in which the funds are distributed is through the Trust. These funds were allocated to electricity-saving programs to supplement the revenues from the Electric System Benefit Charge.

*Natural Gas Conservation Fund:* This funding stream comes from an assessment on natural gas local distribution companies. Similar to the standard used to establish the appropriate level of funding for electric efficiency, the amount of the assessment is based on the amount needed capture all the cost-effective natural gas energy efficiency that is achievable and reliable. In FY2015, Unifil was the only natural gas

TABLE 2: PROGRAM FUNDING SOURCES

Programs	Electric System Benefit Charge	Maine Yankee Settlement	Natural Gas Conservation Fund	RGGI	MPRP Settlement	Forward Capacity Market	Long-Term Contract	Renewable Resource Fund	Federal/Other
Business Incentive Program	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
Community Renewable Energy Demonstration Grants								✓	
Consumer Products Program	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			
Home Energy Savings Program	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓
Large Customer Program	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		
Low-Income Direct Install Initiatives	✓		✓	✓					
Maine Advanced Buildings Program				✓					
Multifamily Efficiency Program				✓					
Small Business Initiative	✓								

utility assessed; during FY2015, only Unitil customers were eligible for funding from this fund.

*Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI):* RGGI is a nine-state regional program to limit carbon emissions from electricity generators. Maine joined RGGI in 2009 when the program was established. Under the program, large generators are required to purchase "carbon allowances" in an amount equal to their carbon emissions. Allowances are sold at quarterly auctions for this purpose. In Maine, proceeds from the auctions are transferred to the RGGI Trust Fund managed by the Trust.

The Trust uses RGGI funds for energy conservation programs that reliably reduce electricity consumption or greenhouse gas emissions. The Trust employed the statutory guidelines for allocating RGGI funds: 1) 50% to efficiency investments that reduce electricity consumption or reduce greenhouse gas emissions and that lower energy costs at commercial or industrial facilities; 2) 35% to efficiency investments that lower residential heating energy demand and reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and 3) 15% to the Maine Public Utilities Commission to be disbursed to electricity ratepayers.

*Maine Power Reliability Program (MPRP)*

*Settlement:* The funds received by the Trust from the MPRP Settlement are governed by a May 7, 2010, stipulation approved by the Public Utilities Commission. Under the stipulation, in FY2015, the



Trust received \$300,000 for the weatherization of low-income homes, \$500,000 for efficiency projects for T&ST customers and \$700,000 that can be used at the Trust's discretion. In FY2015, the Trust allocated its discretionary funds to the Business Incentive Program and the Consumer Products Program.

The \$300,000 for the weatherization of low-income homes was carried forward into FY2016 and will be invested through HESP for the benefit of low-income households.

*Forward Capacity Market (FCM):* Forward Capacity Market funds are proceeds from the Trust's capacity that is bid into the ISO New England Markets. The compensation the Trust receives from the Forward Capacity Market is for the reduction of capacity provided through qualifying efficiency projects that are tracked and reported by the Trust.

*Long-Term Contract:* On October 2014, the Maine Public Utilities Commission approved a long-term contract between the Trust and Maine's two investor-owned transmission and distribution utilities for the purchase and sale of energy efficiency capacity resources. Only the Large Customer Program can use funds from the long-term contract. Per the order approving the long-term contract, the Trust will submit annual reports to the Commission indicating the savings from each individual large customer project funded by the contract.

## RESULTS

The Trust's overall program strategies and implementation were similar to those launched in FY2014; investments were far greater in FY2015, however. A significant portion of funds dedicated to new programs in FY2014 were not fully invested until FY2015. FY2015 results reflect the effects of completing a ramp-up to full program activity that was begun in the prior year. The customer demand for electricity-saving projects significantly exceeded what the programs experienced in prior years. In addition, growing awareness of, and participation in, thermal energy-saving measures and programs is indicative of the Trust's growing role in reducing all energy costs for Maine homeowners and business owners.

The programs administered by the Trust played a critical role in helping Maine businesses and homes take advantage of energy efficiency, educating consumers about product models that save energy, and helping them connect with vendors and contractors. The Trust's programs also provided financial incentives that spurred consumers to choose energy-efficient options over less-expensive, less-efficient options—a choice that will lower energy bills over the long term and put the Maine economy on a stronger footing.

The Trust's costs for acquiring energy efficiency have increased as programs have grown and energy efficiency opportunities and projects have become

more complex. Yet energy efficiency remains the lowest cost energy resource in Maine. On a levelized basis, the cost to save electricity by investing in efficiency upgrades averaged 4.2 cents/kWh, and the cost to save heating fuels (heating oil, propane, natural gas, wood, and kerosene) by weatherizing and installing high-efficiency heating equipment averaged \$12.96/MMBtu, which is equivalent to \$1.80/gallon.

TABLE 3: COSTS AND SAVINGS FOR ELECTRIC PROGRAMS

Program	Annual kWh Savings	Lifetime kWh Savings	Efficiency Maine Costs	Participant Cost	Lifetime Energy Benefit	Cost/kWh (Lifetime)	Benefit-to-Cost Ratio
Business Incentive Program Electric Measures	75,285,380	872,772,692	\$17,162,905	\$16,564,324	\$74,374,992	\$0.039	2.21
Large Customer Program Electric Measures	30,760,921	438,865,951	\$6,983,439	\$5,124,783	\$25,297,712	\$0.028	2.09
Small Business Initiative	5,409,349	70,201,736	\$2,732,147	\$551,767	\$6,330,554	\$0.047	1.93
Consumer Products Program	102,318,679	550,577,702	\$10,817,327	\$20,287,640	\$49,871,614	\$0.056	1.60
Home Energy Savings Program Electric Measures	9,032,603	162,586,854	\$3,564,434	\$1,079,128	\$16,426,509	\$0.029	3.54
Low-Income Direct Install Initiative Electric Measures	1,534,180	14,065,348	\$1,232,373	\$0	\$1,249,631	\$0.088	1.01
Cross-Cutting Strategies Electric			\$863,415				
Administration - Electric			\$2,136,542				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>224,341,112</b>	<b>2,109,070,284</b>	<b>\$45,492,581</b>	<b>\$43,607,642</b>	<b>\$173,551,012</b>	<b>\$0.042</b>	<b>1.95</b>

Tables 3 and 4 illustrate the total energy savings and lifetime avoided energy costs associated with each of the programs administered by the Trust in FY2015.<sup>2</sup> Each table also shows the summary of the Trust's costs. These figures include the financial incentives given to customers ("participants") and the participants' incremental cost of the energy upgrades. The costs also factor in the Trust's efforts to manage the programs, provide public information and outreach, hold training sessions and provide technical support, and conduct quality control of each program. The benefit-to-cost ratio indicates the ratio of the financial benefits (from the lifetime

avoided energy costs) to the costs of the Trust and the incremental costs of the participants.

Table 5 provides a summary of the Trust's payments during FY2015. As discussed in the Finance and Administration section of this report, the Trust invested over \$58 million in FY2015 to fund the programs described above. ■

2. Savings values reported in the program summary tables and individual program tables are "adjusted gross savings," unless otherwise indicated.

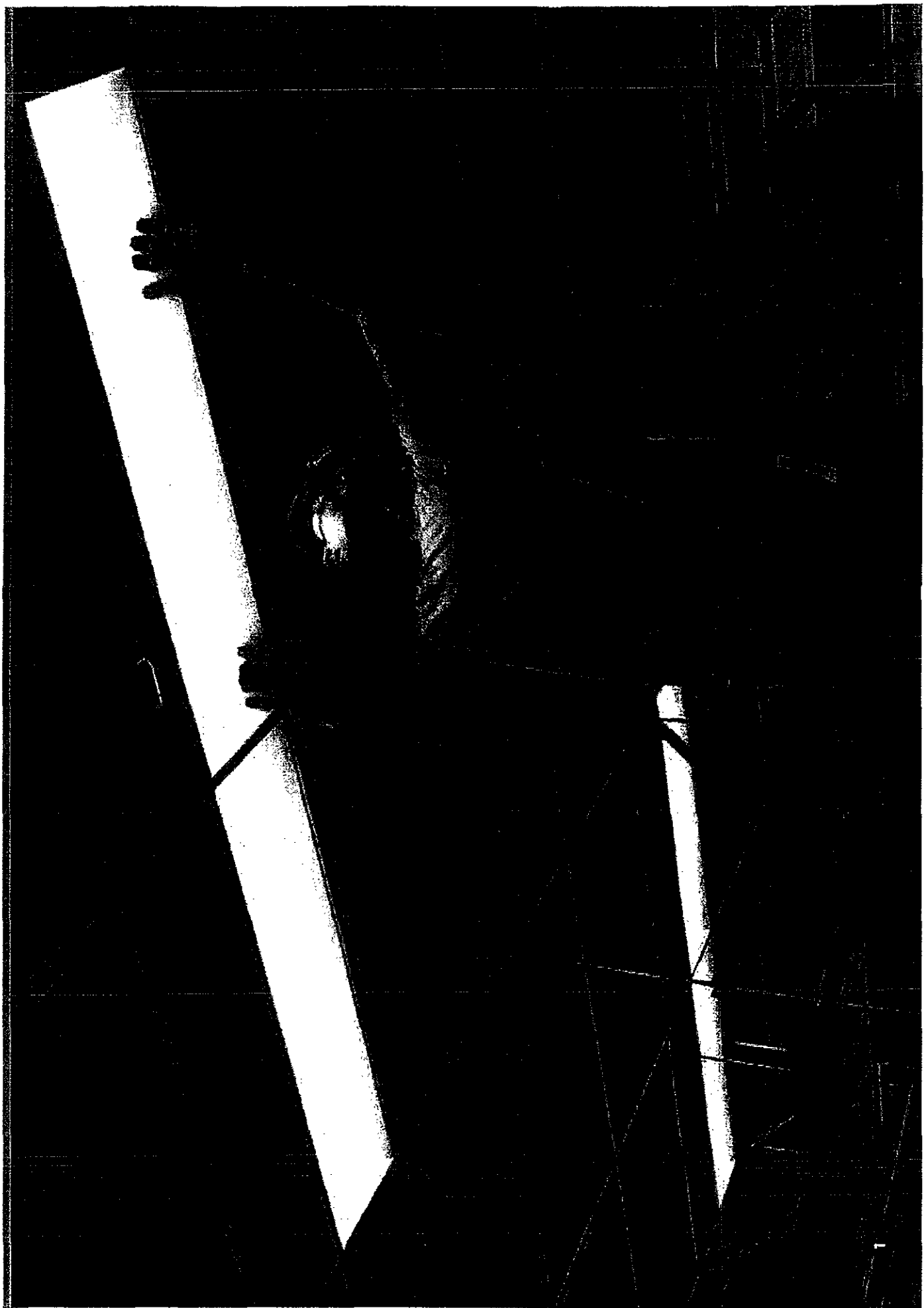
Adjusted gross savings is the change in energy consumption and/or demand that results directly from program-related actions taken by participants in an Efficiency Maine program, regardless of why they participated, adjusted by factors developed through program evaluations. Periodically, Efficiency Maine enlists independent third-party contractors to evaluate the savings impacts of major programs. The evaluations develop factors to improve the accuracy of gross savings calculations based on installation rates and in situ-verified savings rates. The evaluations also analyze program attribution, including identifying program participants who would have installed the same or equivalent efficiency measures on their own even if the program had not been offered ("free-ridership") and the percentage of efficient equipment installed due to program influences even though no incentive or technical assistance was received ("spillover"). Factoring in free-ridership and spillover delivers "net savings," which quantifies the savings directly (adjusted gross – free-ridership) and indirectly (spillover) attributable to the program. Efficiency Maine publishes estimated free-ridership and spillover factors in the Technical Reference Manuals.

TABLE 4: COSTS AND SAVINGS FOR ALL FUELS AND NATURAL GAS PROGRAMS

Program	Annual MMBtu Savings	Lifetime MMBtu Savings	Efficiency Maine Costs	Participant Cost	Lifetime Energy Benefit	Cost/MMBtu (Lifetime)	Benefit-to-Cost Ratio
Business Incentive Program Natural Gas Measures	13,057	260,887	\$242,991	\$66,294	\$1,666,517	\$1.19	5.39
Low-Income Direct Install Initiative Natural Gas Measures	636	12,728	\$76,138	\$0	\$95,369	\$5.98	1.25
Home Energy Savings Program Natural Gas Measures	5,581	127,018	\$307,737	\$1,100,862	\$2,945,103	\$11.09	2.09
Maine Advanced Building Program	1,642	32,833	\$113,734	\$106,360	\$335,424	\$6.70	1.52
Multifamily Efficiency Program	15,909	276,179	\$1,414,082	\$1,762,481	\$4,815,091	\$11.50	1.52
Business Incentive Program Other Fuels Measures	31,244	409,193	\$1,095,388	\$6,211,805	\$10,017,712	\$17.86	1.37
Large Customer Program GHG Measures	26,266	374,124	\$1,808,033	\$1,272,598	\$6,212,210	\$8.23	2.02
Low-Income Direct Install Initiative Other Fuels Measures	13,700	246,606	\$700,600	\$1,270,337	\$4,547,475	\$7.99	2.31
Home Energy Savings Program Other Fuels Measures	83,224	1,894,231	\$6,309,776	\$22,334,064	\$43,920,697	\$15.12	1.53
Renewables-Demonstration Projects			\$220,923				
Cross-Cutting Strategies All Fuels			\$170,894				
Administration - All Fuels			\$496,969				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>191,258</b>	<b>3,633,797</b>	<b>\$12,957,266</b>	<b>\$34,124,801</b>	<b>\$74,555,598</b>	<b>\$12.96</b>	<b>1.58</b>

TABLE 5: FY2015 PAYMENTS MADE

Use of Funds	Amount (\$)
<b>Administration-General</b>	<b>2,220,441</b>
<b>Residential Programs</b>	<b>23,913,161</b>
– Administration-Res. Program	229,793
– Low Income	4,390,447
– Non-Low Income	19,292,921
<b>Business Programs</b>	<b>29,865,449</b>
– Administration-Bus. Program	249,884
– Small/Medium	23,138,575
– Large Custom	6,476,990
<b>Cross-Cutting and Alternative Strategies</b>	<b>1,119,422</b>
– Administration-C.C. Program	88,239
– Education and Awareness	27,498
– Evaluation	707,203
– Alternative Energy Program	220,926
– Innovation	75,556
<b>Other Payments</b>	<b>1,747,101</b>
<b>Total Use of Funds-EMT</b>	<b>58,865,574</b>



*The following section of the Annual Report provides a short description of each of the programs. Each description generally includes a statement of the main purpose of the program, a brief explanation of the activities undertaken to implement the program, and a summary of any quantifiable results.*

The Business Incentive Program provides education, technical assistance, quality control, and financial incentives for energy upgrades and retrofits to Maine commercial, industrial, municipal, nonprofit, and institutional customers of all sizes. The Program incentivizes proven "off-the-shelf" equipment that is widely available, represents significant energy-savings opportunity, and has practical applications across the state and across sectors. In FY2015, 5,348 projects were completed through the Program. The Trust distributed more than \$16 million in financial incentives through this Program in FY2015.

SECTORS SERVED	FUNDS INVESTED
Commercial – including non-profit organizations and government	Electric System Benefit Charge
Industrial	Maine Yankee Settlement
	RGGI Funds
	Natural Gas Conservation Fund
	Forward Capacity Market
	MPRP Settlement
	Federal/Other

## FY2015 ACTIVITIES

In FY2015, the Program offered fixed-price incentives covering the most common efficient equipment used in Maine businesses, including lighting and lighting controls; refrigeration; heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) units; variable speed drives; premium-efficiency boilers; furnaces and heaters (and their associated controls); and efficient gas-fired commercial kitchen equipment. The financial incentives, provided in the form of rebates, were used to reduce the barrier associated with the incremental cost of efficiency measures. The incentives encouraged businesses to retrofit or install more energy-efficient equipment than they would have otherwise. Businesses that participate in the program not only experience lower energy costs but often realize savings in other areas, such as lower maintenance costs or improvements in business processes.

Table 6 shows the number of projects conducted under the Business Incentive Program in FY2015. Although lighting projects were the primary program driver, Maine businesses also invested in upgrades to other systems in their facilities, including HVAC, compressed air, and refrigeration efficiency projects.

Lighting, including exterior lighting, was the most popular upgrade among Maine businesses in FY2015. High-efficiency light-emitting diode (LED) lights were a growing area of the Program. LED prescriptive measures in FY2015 included linear LED fixtures of interior space lighting, horizontal LED refrigerator case lighting and

TABLE 6: FY2015 BUSINESS INCENTIVE PROGRAM PROJECTS COMPLETED

Description	# of Projects	# of Participants
<b>Prescriptive</b>		
– Prescriptive Agriculture	7	7
– Prescriptive Compressed Air	49	45
– Prescriptive Ductless Heat Pump	441	414
– Prescriptive HVAC	81	72
– Prescriptive Lighting New Construction	388	330
– Prescriptive Lighting Retrofit	4,257	2,771
– Prescriptive Refrigeration	30	23
– Prescriptive Variable Speed Drive	20	15
– Prescriptive Natural Gas	48	41
<b>Custom</b>		
– Custom Compressed Air	4	4
– Custom HVAC	3	3
– Custom Lighting	11	8
– Custom Miscellaneous	6	6
– Custom Natural Gas	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,347</b>	<b>3,741</b>

high-bay LED fixtures, and exterior building and site lighting. Although prescriptive projects constitute the majority of program activity, Maine businesses also completed custom projects through the Business Incentive Program.

The Program began FY2015 with a sizeable carryforward of electrical budget from the prior year. In order to invest those funds, the Trust raised incentives and ramped up marketing and outreach efforts. This outreach was primarily accomplished by expanding and supporting the Qualified Partner (QP) network. Over the course of the year, a network of more than 700 contractors identified potential customers, developed project opportunities, and submitted electronic applications. These independent QPs are the program's primary marketers by working with their customers and identifying new customers for energy-efficient equipment. The Program communicates with the QPs through a dedicated website and a monthly electronic newsletter. The Trust also hosted three Qualified Partner Advisory Group sessions to share information and gather input from the QP network on changes to the Business Incentive Program.

In addition, the Program participated in supplier open houses and met with professional associations and groups. For the first time in many years, the Program also marketed directly to potential customers, including advertising in trade and business publications, participating at targeted trade shows, and presenting to relevant business groups.

In the spring of 2015, the Program announced that it would reduce LED incentives to reflect dropping LED prices and consumer demand that was fast exhausting the available Program budget. In the fourth quarter of FY2015, incentives were suspended for the prescriptive electricity measures to reflect the fact that the authorized budget for this Program had been committed. This suspension did not affect the availability of prescriptive natural gas and all-fuels measures.

TABLE 7: BUSINESS INCENTIVE PROGRAM ELECTRIC (KWH) RESULTS

Business Incentive Program Electric Measures	
Total Participants	3,286
Total Projects	4,858
Annual kWh Savings	75,285,380
Lifetime kWh Savings	872,772,692
Efficiency Maine Costs	\$17,162,905
Participant Costs	\$16,564,324
Lifetime Energy Benefit	\$74,374,992
Benefit-to-Cost Ratio	2.21

## FY2015 RESULTS

Table 7 shows the results for the electricity-saving projects incentivized through the Business Incentive Program. During FY2015, the program completed 4,858 projects for a total lifetime savings of more than 872 million kWh. The savings resulted in a benefit-to-cost ratio of 2.21. Many businesses not only enjoyed the energy savings granted by switching to high-efficiency lights but also the additional security stemming from a well-lit storefront and increased employee productivity and comfort. The interactive effects of efficient lights on heating load are reflected in the participant costs and benefit-to-cost ratio.

TABLE 8: BUSINESS INCENTIVE PROGRAM THERMAL (MMBTU) RESULTS

Business Incentive Program Thermal Measures	
	Natural Gas      Other Fuels
Total Participants	42      414
Total Projects	49      441
Annual MMBtu Savings	13,057      31,244
Lifetime MMBtu Savings	260,887      409,193
Efficiency Maine Costs	\$242,991      \$1,095,388
Participant Costs	\$66,294      \$6,211,805
Lifetime Energy Benefit	\$1,666,517      \$10,017,712
Benefit-to-Cost Ratio	5.39      1.37

Table 8 shows the results for the natural gas and other fuel-reduction measures incentivized through the Business Incentive Program. During FY2015, the Program completed 490 projects in more than 400 businesses for a total lifetime savings of 670,080 MMBtu. These savings resulted in a benefit-to-cost ratio of 5.39 for natural gas measures and 1.37 for other fuel savings. Collaborative initiatives by the delivery team and the Trust's management team enabled the program to achieve extraordinary savings while at the same time reducing delivery costs relative to FY2014.



FIGURE 1: GROWTH IN THE LED PRODUCT MARKET



## FY2015 ANALYSIS

The Business Incentive Program experienced an unprecedented spike in activity in the second half of FY2015, notably with LED lighting upgrades. FY2015 saw significant growth in the number of LED products available in the marketplace and in the number of manufacturers producing these products. The DesignLights Consortium (DLC), a project of the Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships (NEEP),

added thousands of LED products to their “Qualified Products List” (QPL), a benchmark for efficient lighting. Figure 1 provides a snapshot of the growth in the LED technology. The Trust relies on the DLC’s QPL as a tool for determining eligibility of lighting measures promoted through the Program.

Maine customers and contractors responded to the rapid increase in the number of available products

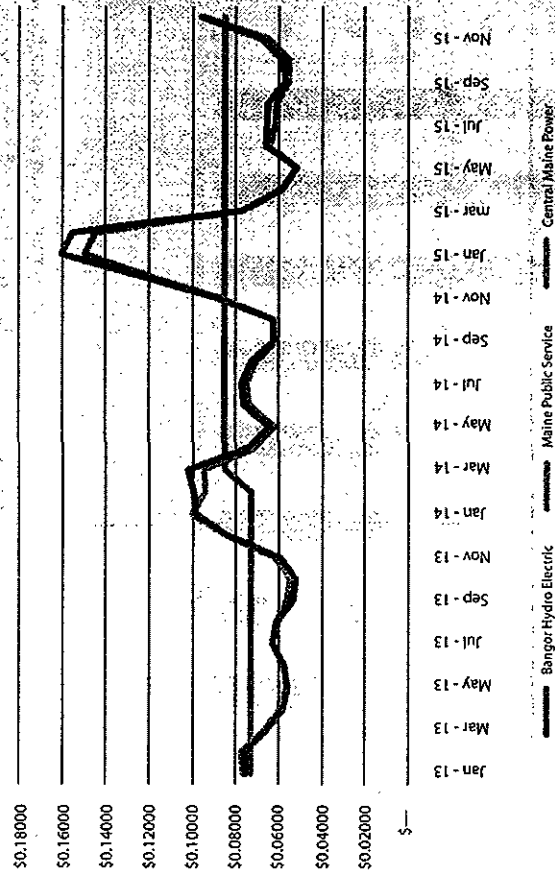
and dropping prices – as well as to the expectations of higher electricity prices, the incentive increases, and the marketing push – with a surge in demand for high-efficiency equipment and Efficiency Maine incentives. Initially, the rising demand was on track with expectations and the available budget. Increased customer demand was vigorously promoted by the Trust’s marketing efforts, which included multiple earned media stories in daily newspapers and a prominent presence and message delivery at the MaineBiz Momentum Convention and various regional chambers of commerce. These marketing efforts were complemented by public statements from state energy officials encouraging Maine’s business customers to manage rising energy costs through increased energy efficiency. Figure 2 illustrates historical electricity rates for the medium non-residential class, including a spike in rates during the winter of 2015.

In the second half of the fiscal year, a newfound urgency for undertaking projects was exacerbated by confusion and concern in the marketplace about the future reliability of the Trust’s budgets. This situation stemmed principally from the extensive press coverage of the Maine Public Utilities Commission’s rulemaking, and subsequent debates at the Legislature, regarding a cap on electricity ratepayer funding for conservation programs.

At the time, the Program was also relying on broad measure categories to set incentive levels. In retrospect, the Trust learned that the categories were overbroad,

**FIGURE 2: HISTORICAL STANDARD OFFER RATES**

### Historic Maine Standard Offer Rates for the Medium Non-Residential Class



and did not sufficiently capture differences in prices across different products within each measure category. This approach made it difficult to tailor incentive

amounts to the measure cost applicable to each product in a category. The Trust also did not move quickly enough to adjust incentives to reflect market developments as they transpired. The Trust learned from this experience that it needs to design its prescriptive lighting programs to better capture the range of choices, set appropriate

incentive levels, and monitor more frequently the change in product prices over time.

Taking advantage of the simplicity of a prescriptive incentive list and leveraging the efforts and customer relationships of independent contractors are important ways to keep this Program's administrative costs low. To maintain the availability of this Program's incentives in the face of big swings in customer demand, the

Trust anticipates implementing a number of program design changes when commercial lighting measures are relaunched in FY2017. Potential program design changes may include establishing more granular incentive levels to reflect specific product types and efficacies, performing periodic reviews of the appropriateness of incentive levels and making adjustments as needed, applying shorter deadlines for project completion, instituting caps on the amount of incentives each business can receive in a year, setting a maximum percentage of the total project cost, and moving from one-to-one replacement retrofits to lighting design concepts. These modifications will help ensure that program budgets are judiciously invested without causing market disruptions from prematurely exhausting or, on the other hand, underspending the budget during the course of the fiscal year.

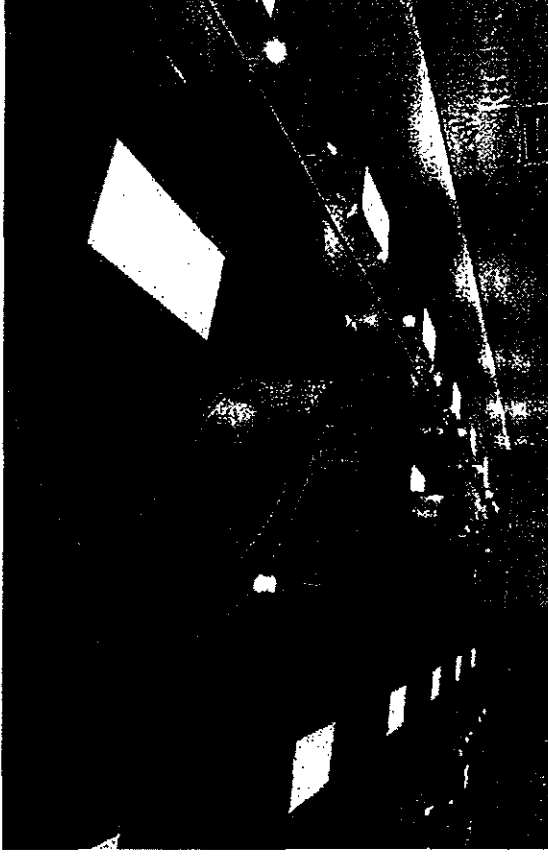
While the Program experienced unprecedented levels of activity in lighting measures, it was not able to entice enough activity in natural gas or fuel-saving measures to fully invest the budgets for those measures. The Trust introduced new measures to save gas and oil in FY2015 and has launched a significant outreach effort in FY2016 to drive more program participation.

### FY2016 PLANS

The Trust will continue to explore ways to enhance access to and participation in thermal energy-saving measures and will prioritize outreach on these fuel-saving opportunities over the next fiscal year. One promising market for the program is new customers

that have already decided to transition to natural gas. These customers are in the process of purchasing new equipment to accommodate a different fuel source, and the Trust believes the natural gas program offers an excellent opportunity to encourage these businesses to purchase more efficient equipment than they would otherwise. The Trust began laying the foundation for the program's expansion to all natural gas utility territories and utility customers in FY2015 and will roll out natural gas conservation programs to all territories during FY2016.

All of this Program's electricity-saving measures will remain suspended for FY2016; however, the Program will continue to process projects that were preapproved in FY2015. When the Program relaunches lighting, HVAC, refrigeration, and other measures, the select program design changes described above will be implemented. Program activity and savings from natural gas measures and all-fuels measures will continue in FY2016 as before, with the exception that custom projects will be handled through the delivery channel of the Commercial and Industrial (C&I) Custom Program. ■



*Thousands of Maine businesses upgraded to high-efficiency lighting in 2015, including the Dunn Furniture Company. The switch to LEDs helped make the furniture showroom more inviting and will significantly reduce lighting costs.*

# COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY DEMONSTRATION GRANTS

## WASHER STATE

## FISCAL YEAR 2015

The Community Renewable Energy Demonstration Grants Program provides grants toward promotion, research, design, and demonstration of emerging clean energy technologies. The grants are funded by voluntary contributions from retail customers of electric utilities to the Renewable Resource Fund. The types of projects in progress under the program in FY2015 ranged from solar hot air wall systems to biomass boilers for district heating.

### SECTORS SERVED

- Commercial

### FUNDS INVESTED

- Renewable Resource Fund

### FY2015 ACTIVITIES

In May 2014, the Trust awarded six demonstration grants. These projects were selected through a competitive bidding process; grant awards are provided for applications of renewable energy technologies that demonstrate uses for renewable technologies and support community facilities.<sup>3</sup>

Community Renewable Energy Demonstration Grants were awarded to the Lincolnville Community Library; City of Biddeford Public Works; Towns of Mapleton, Castle Hill, and Chapman Fire Station; Town of Wells Public Works; Western Maine Community Action/Northern Forest Center; and Casco Bay Solar Ice, LLC. For each of the grants, the Trust provides oversight, guidance, and grant management. The solar energy projects in Lincolnville and Wells were completed during FY2015, as was the pellet boiler project in Mapleton. The Northern Forest grant, which provides incentives for and installation of pellet boilers, was extended through FY2016. The Casco Bay Solar Ice project was completed in August 2015 (in FY2016) and the Biddeford Public Works solar hot air installation was completed in November 2015. Due to the limited revenues from the voluntary contributions, the Program did not issue any new requests for proposals (RFPs) for projects in FY2015. Similarly, no grants were awarded for research and demonstration, and no rebate initiative was offered under this Program in FY2015.

3. The cost-effectiveness of Community Renewable Energy Demonstration Grants is determined using the Modified Participant Cost Test. This approach contrasts with all other Efficiency Maine Trust programs that determine cost-effectiveness using the Total Resource Cost test.

As required by statute, 35% of the Renewable Resource Fund revenues received during the year were passed through to the Maine Technology Institute to help promote businesses engaged in research and development of renewables.

### FY2015 RESULTS

Table 9 highlights the six projects that were in progress in FY2015. The Trust does not record any savings associated with projects previously awarded through the demonstration initiative.

### FY2015 ANALYSIS

The Trust determined that FY2015 Renewable Resource Fund revenues were insufficient to conduct a meaningful procurement, and funds were held for a larger competitive solicitation for proposals in FY2016. Over the course of the year, Trust staff toured and participated in a number of community events at the installations listed above. In particular, the pellet boiler installation and open house at the Towns of Mapleton, Castle Hill, and Chapman Fire Station sparked a significant local conversation about pellet heat and pellet fuel distribution networks. Located close to a pellet manufacturer, local officials saw the project as an important demonstration of the viability of a locally sourced fuel.

### FY2016 PLANS

The Trust plans to generate case studies and other information about the demonstration projects for posting on its website and other channels. Future revenues for the Renewable Resource Fund will be directed through competitive solicitations to community demonstration installations of renewable energy technologies and research and development projects. The Renewable Resource Fund received slightly more than \$50,000 in total revenue in FY2015; a similar amount of revenues is forecast

for FY2016. Thirty-five percent of the revenues, as directed by statute, will be passed through to the Maine Technology Institute to help promote research and development of renewables. With limited revenue, activities over the next year will be targeted to projects that will have the greatest impact on demonstrating the lowest cost renewable energy options with the greatest end-user payback in community facilities. The Trust plans to issue an RFP in early 2016 and award one or more grants by the close of FY2016. ■

TABLE 9: DEMONSTRATION GRANTS AWARDED

Project Recipient	Description	Grant Amount	Status
Lincolnville Library	8 kW PV System on low energy use library	\$15,000	Complete
MCC Fire Station	Pellet boiler installation on fire station shared by three towns in Aroostook County	\$20,800	Complete
Wells Public Works	PPA of 36 kW PV on Public Works Building	\$31,620	Complete
Biddeford Public Works	3,200 sq foot Solar Hot Air Panel Array	\$62,500	In Process
Northern Forest	Pellet boiler incentives and promotion for light commercial pellet boiler installations	\$80,000	In Process
Casco Bay Solar Ice	PPA 66 kW PV on Community Ice Rink in high electrical use district	\$50,000	In Process

# CONSUMER PRODUCTS PROGRAM

This Annual Report uses updated terminology to refer to the initiatives and programs that offer incentives for residential and commercial consumer products through retail stores, wholesalers, and food pantries. In the past, these initiatives had been labeled as "retail" or "residential"; while the majority of energy efficiency products incentivized through this Program are sold at retail stores for use in residential settings, some are also installed in commercial settings. The channels for these products have also diversified; many are now discounted at distributors as well as on retail shelves. The Consumer Products Program now refers to the channel that the Trust generally uses to provide incentives for measures that sell in relatively high volumes and achieve relatively predictable net savings when properly installed.

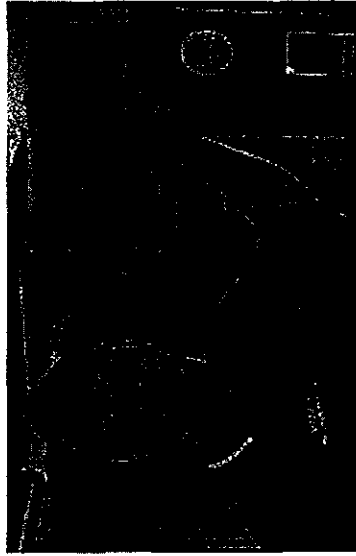
## Appliance Rebate Initiative

SECTORS SERVED	FUNDS INVESTED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Residential</li><li>• Low-Income</li><li>• Commercial</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Electric System</li><li>• Benefit Charge</li><li>• Maine Yankee Settlement</li><li>• MPRP Settlement</li><li>• RGGI</li><li>• Forward Capacity Market</li></ul>

The Appliance Rebate Initiative offers rebates on energy-efficient appliances and water heaters for Maine residents, as well as a small number of businesses. The Initiative works with retailers, wholesalers, and installers statewide to connect Mainers with ENERGY STAR® appliances and information on energy-efficient purchases. In FY2015, the Initiative incentivized air purifiers, clothes washers, dehumidifiers, and heat pump water heaters.

### FY2015 ACTIVITIES

The Initiative supported Maine residents (and a small number of businesses) who purchased high-efficiency models of common appliances, including heat pump water heaters. These appliances were selected by the Initiative because of the significant energy savings between high-efficiency (ENERGY STAR®-certified) and conventional models. For example, residents can experience significant energy savings when moving from a conventional electric water heater to a heat pump water heater. The Initiative facilitated



*Jim Robinson of Mainely Plumbing and Heating is one of the many plumbers telling homeowners about the benefits of heat pump water heaters and installing high-efficiency water heaters in record numbers.*

these upgrades by reducing the upfront financial investment of the more-efficient unit at the point when the consumer's existing water heater must be replaced. The variety of products in the Initiative also addresses different purchasing needs and price points to allow for broad participation. To support these purchases, the Initiative worked with major retailers to encourage the availability of high-efficiency appliance models and to ensure informational materials are available at the point of purchase.

In FY2015, the Initiative particularly focused on outreach around heat pump water heaters, given that they remain a relatively new and unfamiliar technology for many Mainers. Outreach included training for in-store personnel, in-store demonstrations and informational materials, and educational materials for residents and installers. The Trust developed a new video on heat pump water heater technologies and installation success stories and made additional informational materials available online.

Research conducted by the Trust found that about two-thirds of heat pump water heaters are purchased in retail locations and the other one-third at distributors; two-thirds of heat pump water heaters are installed by plumbers and the other one-third are self-installed. This diversity of purchasing decisions and installation options required the Initiative to market to both residents and installers and to support both retail and distributor locations. A concerted effort in targeting plumbers through

direct outreach resulted in a growing list of contractors familiar with the technology.

Lastly, the Initiative piloted an in-store markdown of heat pump water heaters (similar to the approach used in the Lighting Initiative) combined with a mail-in rebate. The goal was to minimize the out-of-pocket expense for customers with the markdown, while still capturing participant information for program evaluation with the mail-in rebate form. The combination resulted in a significant increase in heat pump water heater sales at participating locations. That said, with the wide range of channels (retailers, wholesalers, Internet sites, etc.), it was difficult to ensure that the markdown was universally available. During the year, the Initiative team concluded that the mail-in rebate was a better fit for the heat pump water heater technology.

**TABLE 10: APPLIANCE REBATE INITIATIVE  
MEASURES INCENTIVIZED**

Description	# of Rebates	Annual kWh Savings per Appliance
Clothes Washer	5,124	372
Dehumidifier	1,002	109
Heat Pump Water Heater	2,325	1,687
Room Air Purifier	671	745

**FY2015 RESULTS**

The Trust incentivized 671 air purifiers, 5,124 clothes washers, 1,002 dehumidifiers, and 2,325 heat pump water heaters in FY2015. The number of heat pump water heaters incentivized through the Program increased from 2,035 in the previous year. In total, the appliances installed through the Program are projected to result in 75.5 million kWh of energy savings over the life of the equipment.

**FY2015 ANALYSIS**

Consumer awareness of and satisfaction with heat pump water heaters grew in FY2015. Despite this growing interest, conventional resistance water heaters remain the most commonly sold electric water heaters in Maine; there remains significant opportunity to encourage more Mainers to purchase high-efficiency models. Unlike air purifiers and dehumidifiers, which are familiar technologies, most residents and many plumbers are unfamiliar with heat pump water heating technology.

Analysis of the retail locations that sold the greatest number of heat pump water heaters revealed the high degree of influence in-store sales personnel have on consumer decision making. Stores with in-store personnel who are enthusiastic adopters of heat pump water heater technology had significantly more sales than others; continuing to train in-store personnel and installers on heat pump water heater technology was and will remain a major focus for the program. The Program also focused on direct

outreach to plumbers during the fiscal year and found that a more diverse set of installers participated in the Program than in FY2014; installation contractors also expressed fewer concerns about the new technology and applicability in Maine homes.

**FY2016 PLANS**

The Trust will continue to focus outreach and education efforts on the less familiar heat pump water heater technology, while still offering other lower-price-point products that provide energy savings. These outreach and education efforts will continue to target residents and installers. As with other programs and measures, the best advocates for heat pump water heaters are happy customers, and the Trust will continue to explore ways to leverage success stories through educational campaigns and referral programs. The Trust will also focus increased attention on wholesalers and helping motivate them to educate their customers on efficient water heating options.

In addition to existing measures, the Trust will explore adding other technologies to the list of eligible measures offered through this Initiative, such as thermostatically controlled shower heads. These measures may require different channel approaches, such as online sales or delivery via mail. This continues the ongoing evolution of the program in terms of measures, incentive amounts, incentive types, marketing approaches, and sales channels. ■

**TABLE 11: APPLIANCE REBATE INITIATIVE  
(KWH) RESULTS**

	Appliance Rebate Initiative	
	Total Participation	Low-Income Participation
Total Participants	8,689	695
Total Appliances	9,122	730
Annual kWh Savings	7,299,525	583,962
Lifetime kWh Savings	75,481,932	6,038,555
Efficiency Maine Costs	\$1,225,276	\$98,022
Participant Costs	\$858,590	\$68,687
Lifetime Energy Benefit	\$7,495,584	\$599,647
Benefit-to-Cost Ratio	3.60	3.60



## Lighting Initiative

### SECTORS SERVED      FUNDS INVESTED

- *Commercial*
- *Industrial*
- *Low-Income*
- *Residential*
- *Electric System*
- *Benefit Charge*
- *Maine Yankee*
- *MPRP Settlement*
- *Forward Capacity Market*

The Lighting Initiative of the Consumer Products Program reaches more participants than any other Efficiency Maine initiative by supporting residents and businesses across the state installing high-efficiency bulbs. The purchasing decision for most screw-in lighting is made at the store. To influence the customer to choose an energy-efficient product model, this Initiative deploys in-store discounts and point-of-purchase information, including in-store displays, customer demonstrations, and training for store personnel.

### FY2015 ACTIVITIES

In FY2015, the Initiative focused on providing financial incentives for a growing list of LED bulb types, including specialty bulbs. LED technology is changing rapidly and prices for LED bulbs dropped significantly over the course of the fiscal year. This drop in price allowed the Initiative to incentivize more types of LED bulbs, and more total units of LED bulbs, than in years past and to meet a growing interest in LEDs on the part of consumers looking for lighting products.

As in previous years, supporting customers at the point of purchase, typically at major retailer stores, was a primary focus for the Initiative. The Initiative facilitated in-store demonstrations and promotions, and trained more than 4,000 retail personnel in more than 400 retail locations. This in-store information was complemented with educational materials on lighting choices and lighting terminology and other resources on the Efficiency Maine website and social media platforms.

While most Initiative activity occurred at major retailers, the Program also added lighting distributors as a distribution channel in FY2015.

FY2015 also marked a transition for the Program's outreach to low-income Mainers. In the past, the Program was able to benefit from the Good Shepherd Food Bank's warehouse and distribution network to help deliver efficient bulbs to low-income customers. However, space constraints at the food bank necessitated that Efficiency Maine distribute bulbs directly to food pantries in FY2015. The switch to an Efficiency Maine-directed distribution network was smooth and the program was able to distribute 422,356 bulbs, without requiring a customer co-pay, to food pantry customers.

### FY2015 RESULTS

In FY2015, the Lighting Initiative distributed almost 3 million discounted bulbs through retailers, lighting distributors, and food banks. These energy-efficient bulbs are projected to generate more than 476.3

million kWh in lifetime savings. The low price point of bulbs, the easy access to product at store shelves throughout the year, and the high savings rate per dollar of investment has resulted in broad distribution of benefits across all income levels and geographic areas of the state. The program design and measure selection promoted through this Initiative has achieved the most equitable application of funds of any program offered by the Trust.

As the Initiative has included more LEDs, the price per bulb incentivized has increased. But falling LED prices enabled the Initiative to incentivize as many bulbs as in years past. The lifetime energy savings resulting from CFLs and LEDs have dropped as the Lighting Initiative has been affected by federal standards (Energy Independence and Security Act [EISA] standards) regulating the energy efficiency of the lighting industry. EISA has caused efficiency programs to assume more efficient bulb sets as the baseline when making energy-saving calculations (improving from the old incandescent bulb baseline to a halogen bulb baseline). These changes have dropped the energy savings claimed per bulb. Nonetheless, energy-efficient lighting remains a cost-effective energy efficiency investment.

### FY2015 ANALYSIS

The Initiative achieved significant energy savings per investment dollar despite an anticipated drop in energy savings due to the price difference between LEDs and CFLs and reduced lifetime energy savings per bulb resulting from EISA standards. Consumer satisfaction

TABLE 12: LIGHTING INITIATIVE:  
RETAIL (KWH) RESULTS

Lighting Initiative: Retail		
	Total Participation	Low-Income Participation
Total Bulbs	2,754,743	790,204
Annual kWh Savings	74,451,431	21,101,079
Lifetime kWh Savings	372,867,737	105,667,715
Efficiency Maine Costs	\$7,942,083	\$1,972,075
Participant Costs	\$15,306,264	\$4,138,255
Lifetime Energy Benefit	\$33,715,869	\$9,602,747
Benefit-to-Cost Ratio	1.45	1.57

TABLE 13: LIGHTING INITIATIVE:  
DISTRIBUTOR (KWH) RESULTS

Lighting Initiative: Distributor		
Total Bulbs		144,332
Annual kWh Savings		20,618,745
Lifetime kWh Savings		103,444,893
Efficiency Maine Costs		\$1,649,968
Participant Costs		\$4,122,786
Lifetime Energy Benefit		\$8,660,161
Benefit-to-Cost Ratio		1.50

## RETAIL LIGHTING EVALUATION

Periodically, Efficiency Maine commissions independent, third-party evaluations of its major programs. A comprehensive evaluation of the process and impact of the Retail Lighting Program (now the Lighting Initiative of the Consumer Products Program) was published in FY2015, confirming the successful energy savings and cost-effectiveness of the program. The evaluation team reviewed program data, including savings assumptions and program-tracking databases; surveyed customers; interviewed retail partners; collected on-site data through visits to homes; estimated energy and demand savings; and assessed program results. Looking exclusively at the economics of the electricity savings, the evaluation determined that, in FY2014, the program achieved a Total Resource Cost (TRC) benefit-cost ratio of 6.71.

In addition, the evaluation found that Maine residents are more satisfied with CFLs and LEDs than had been measured in past evaluations, and more Maine residents are participating in the program. Participating retail stores and food pantries indicated that they were pleased with the resources, training, and support provided through the Program. Despite the upward momentum for purchases of efficient bulbs, the evaluation found that 48% of residential light sockets in Maine remain filled with a screw-in incandescent or halogen bulb and have the potential to be converted to a cost-effective, high-efficiency bulb. About half of the sockets that are candidates for upgrades were found to house specialty bulbs, and the other half were found to contain standard screw-in bulbs. The evaluation found

with LEDs is high, but program participants encounter a diverse array of lighting choices at the store. While LED technology and product design has shifted to mimic the look and feel of traditional incandescent bulbs, consumer confusion remains. The Trust works with retailers to continue to overcome a lack of education about lighting choices and the benefits of energy-efficient lighting.

A successful modification in FY2015 was to include handling of simple bulb replacement measures, whether for C&I customers or residential customers, through the channel of "upstream" distributors. Previously, screw-in LEDs that were intended for installation in Maine's C&I customers had been incentivized through the Business Incentive Program; the Trust found that the application process through that channel was intended to handle more-sophisticated lighting retrofit proposals. In the situation where contractors were seeking to install simple one-for-one screw-in bulb replacements, the administrative process of the Business Incentive Program was sometimes unnecessarily burdensome. Furthermore, past program evaluations revealed that some bulbs purchased in retail locations were installed in commercial settings, and also that bulbs purchased at distributors were installed in both commercial and residential settings. Rather than dividing lighting incentives by market sector, the Trust modified the Lighting Initiative to serve all screw-in lighting customers, which resulted in valuable administrative efficiencies.

that Efficiency Maine has begun to transform these standard sockets: incandescent bulb usage in standard sockets has decreased from 58% to 41% since the last lighting evaluation, which was performed in 2011.

The evaluation also found that the net-to-gross ratio rose from 66.0% in the 2011 evaluation to 79.4% in the 2015 evaluation for CFLs. LEDs were not included in the 2011 evaluation, so a comparison is not possible. The evaluation found a net-to-gross ratio for LEDs of 76.8% in the 2011 evaluation. The net-to-gross ratio is assessed by analyzing the impact of the program on consumer choice. For a major retail buy-down program, a reliable way to assess program influence, and therefore attribution, is to analyze the price elasticity of the efficiency measures as the incentive level changes. An elastic product is defined as any good or service for which the quantity demanded is responsive to changes in its price. Retail light bulbs are a very elastic product. By analyzing the changes in sales volume at various incentive levels, the evaluators are able to project what the sales would be in the absence of the Program incentives. The ratio of sales projected to occur without the Program compared to the actual Program sales defines the free-rider ratio – the percentage of program participants whose decision was not influenced by the incentive because they would have purchased the same bulb anyway. Price elasticity analysis is a well-established means of estimating free-rider ratio, though it does have some limitations. Potentially one of the most influential shortcomings is that price elasticity cannot account for program

influence beyond financial incentives and therefore will treat as free-riders those participants whose purchase choice was influenced by other program aspects, such as education, product availability, and product placement. It is likely that this limitation contributes to overestimating the free-rider ratio.

As the Trust has reported in prior annual reports, the shift to high-efficiency bulbs causes a reduction in the waste heat that is generated by inefficient lights. During heating season in Maine, this reduction in waste heat is presumed to be compensated for by increasing the heating load of a home's primary heating system. During cooling season, it reduces air conditioning load. The Trust asked the evaluation team to quantify these interactive effects and to provide factors by which the Trust could adjust electric savings and quantify heating costs and the benefit-to-cost ratio. The evaluation report recommended that the Trust assume that 0.0019 MMBtu of heating energy load would be increased for every 1 kWh of savings attributed to the installation of efficient indoor lighting. The cost of this heat load increase is reflected in the "Participant Costs" and the benefit-to-cost ratio reported in the summary tables.

The evaluation also recommended that the Trust transition away from specialty CFL incentives in exchange for specialty LEDs and continue to add more LED offerings for all bulb types. Finally, the evaluation encouraged the Trust to continue to focus on food pantries and continue that channel as a way to serve the low-income sector.

## FY2016 PLANS

A recent residential baseline study estimated that at least 6 million bulbs will be replaced in Maine's residential sector each year for the next several years. The study found that 28% of residential sockets were outfitted with CFLs and 9% with LEDs, exhibiting penetration levels for high-efficiency bulbs that are attributable to the impacts of past Initiative activity. Yet those numbers also indicate that there remains significant energy-saving opportunity for high-efficiency lighting in the residential sector with additional opportunities for screw-in bulbs in the commercial sector.

As described above, the Trust is implementing several of the suggestions made by the evaluation team, including phasing out specialty CFLs and increasing the number and diversity of LEDs incentivized through the Initiative. In addition, the Trust will continue to focus on distributing bulbs to low-income Mainers through the Initiative in FY2016. Finally, the Trust will carefully monitor how the national standards affect local markets over time and the implications on the cost-effectiveness of lighting investments. ■

# MAINE CHARTERED PROGRAM

HESP serves as the framework for market-based weatherization and heating demand reduction achieved through a combination of rebates, financing, and customer education. HESP is designed to raise awareness about the benefits of home weatherization and to encourage Maine homeowners to make energy efficiency upgrades.

## SECTORS SERVED

- Residential (including low-income homes and multifamily homes up to four units)

## FUNDS INVESTED

- RGGI
- Forward Capacity Market
- Electric System Benefit Charge
- Maine Yankee Settlement
- Natural Gas Conservation Fund
- Federal/Other
- MPRP Settlement

## FY2015 ACTIVITIES

FY2015 marked the first full year of Phase 2 of HESP.<sup>4</sup> HESP targets residential customers, including single family homes, multifamily homes with up to four units, new construction, and low-income households. Program activity in FY2015 fell into one of three categories of measures: supplemental heating systems, central heating systems, and building envelope improvements.

Program activity was generally high through the course of the year, although it slowed during the late winter and early spring months. To maintain customer awareness and demand, the program undertook modest outreach campaigns, particularly in the spring when home energy efficiency project activity typically declines. The Program delivered targeted outreach to Unittel natural gas utility customers; published advertisements in the home improvement section of Maine newspapers; and also continued its robust, highly cost-effective web campaign, advertising with online media channels, including Hulu, YouTube, Pandora Radio, and Google ads.

4. Starting in 2010, the Trust administered Phase 1 of HESP using federal funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The ARRA funds used to pay insulation and heating system rebates through HESP were exhausted by 2011. The program design has evolved modestly from Phase 1 to Phase 2. The main change was the introduction of a prescriptive menu of measures and the elimination of the requirement to model threshold savings on each project.

The HESP delivery team also made routine visits to communities, attended public events throughout the state, and generated earned media by conducting media interviews on the benefits of the program and of energy efficiency in general. The delivery team engaged the home performance contractor community directly through phone and email communications, as well as through the use of monthly webinars. Over the past year, input received helped identify program design improvements.

In addition to direct rebate incentives, HESP maintained a variety of loan product offerings in FY2015. These loan products included PACE, PowerSaver, and unsecured energy loans.

In late FY2015, the Trust also launched an initiative for low-income customers. Funded through MPRP Settlement funds, this initiative paired increased incentives for weatherization measures with smaller micro-loans. This approach leveraged the full network of Efficiency Maine contractors to reach low-income residents, including renters and Mainers who are Low Income Heating Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)-eligible but who have not applied for fuel assistance. In addition, the loans made available through this low-income pilot allowed for a greater debt-to-income ratio than other unsecured energy loans.



*Efficiency Maine's Dana Fischer joins Lee Nelson on WCSH6's Morning Report to discuss home heating solutions and the Home Energy Savings Program.*

TABLE 14: HOME ENERGY SAVINGS PROGRAM  
(MMBTU) RESULTS

Home Energy Savings Program Thermal Measures			
	Natural Gas	Other Fuels	
Total Participants	217	3,234	
Total Projects	239	3,566	
Annual MMBtu Savings	5,581	83,224	
Lifetime MMBtu Savings	127,018	1,894,231	
Efficiency Maine Costs	\$307,737	\$6,309,776	
Participant Costs	\$1,100,862	\$22,334,064	
Lifetime Energy Benefit	\$2,945,103	\$43,920,697	
Benefit-to-Cost Ratio	2.09	1.53	

**FY2015 RESULTS**

As with the first year of program activity, heat pumps remained the most popular program measure; Maine homeowners installed more than 6,200 mini-split, ductless, cold climate heat pumps in FY2015. There was also significant interest in pellet boilers: 287 were installed in Maine homes through the program year. Activity in high-efficiency wood and pellet stoves was lower than anticipated, and the incentives on those solutions were increased in the fall of 2015 to spur greater activity.

In FY2015, Efficiency Maine provided 518 loans supporting \$4.7 million worth of home energy upgrade projects; unsecured loans accounted for

70% of dollar volume and 79% of the total number of loans administered by the Trust. The average amount financed per loan was \$9,000. (Since the Trust started offering loans for home energy upgrades, more than 1,400 projects have been financed; total funds lent exceed \$15 million). Fewer than 1% of loans of any type offered under HESP are more than 60 days delinquent, and none have been classified as in default.

Table 14 summarizes the thermal energy-saving results of HESP. In FY2015, the program also completed 3,451 home energy upgrades for a projected lifetime energy savings of \$46.9 million. These energy-saving projects will save Mainers more than 2.0 million MMBtu (equivalent to nearly 14.5

million gallons of heating oil) over the lifetime of the measures. These savings will significantly lower current and future energy costs throughout Maine.

Table 15 summarizes the electricity reduction results of HESP. In FY2015, the program also completed 5,954 ductless heat pump installations for a projected lifetime energy savings of \$16.4 million. This initiative resulted in a benefit-to-cost ratio of 3.54.

TABLE 15: HOME ENERGY SAVINGS PROGRAM (KWH)  
RESULTS

Home Energy Savings Program Electric Measures			
Total Participants			5,787
Total Projects			5,954
Annual kWh Savings			9,032,603
Lifetime kWh Savings			162,586,854
Efficiency Maine Costs			\$3,564,434
Participant Costs			\$1,079,128
Lifetime Energy Benefit			\$16,426,509
Benefit-to-Cost Ratio			3.54

### FY2015 ANALYSIS

As in FY2014, the Program was popular and continued to spur significant co-investment on the part of Maine residents. The Trust's push to add unsecured energy loans to the loan portfolio in FY2014 paid dividends throughout the year, with more and more homeowners financing smaller energy projects through the Trust.

Most participants in FY2015 chose only one of the energy improvements eligible for a rebate under the Program. The ductless heat pump was one of the most popular solutions. The Trust is exploring modifying incentive amounts and incentive caps to spur homeowners to undertake more than one improvement at a time. Given increasing numbers of returning customers, it appears that the Program's efforts toward supporting a staged approach to home energy upgrades are working. As noted above, last year showed low numbers of applications for high-efficiency wood and pellet stoves; the Program instituted an incentive change to promote greater uptake of these measures and selection of higher efficiency systems.

### FY2016 PLANS

HESP plans to roll out enhanced incentives to low-income homeowners for participation in the program. The Program will also initiate marketing to homeowners in Bangor Natural Gas and Maine Natural Gas utility territories as they become eligible for efficiency program participation in FY2016.

The program will continue to monitor the rate of measure uptake and budget use, and will consider whether changes to incentives or measure eligibility are warranted. This review will include assessing whether market-based rebates, enhanced for low-income customers and paired with micro-loans, are effectively serving the low-income market.

The Program also will continue robust marketing and outreach to maintain program activity and to counteract any reduced demand due to lower costs of heating fuels. In FY2016, the Program plans to continue use of the broad array of marketing channels currently being used. In particular, the Program will increase Efficiency Maine's presence on social media to provide education and tips, and facilitate friends and neighbors sharing success stories and energy-saving results. ■

# LARGE CUSTOMER PROGRAM

The Large Customer Program includes energy efficiency projects involving site-specific applications that involve unique engineering analysis and/or projects with energy conservation measures that are not covered in the prescriptive incentive offerings. This program is designed to overcome the barriers confronting Maine's businesses and institutions when making investments in complex or uncommon energy efficiency and distributed generation projects. These projects enable participating customers to make important facility improvements and free up operating budgets.

## SECTORS SERVED

- Commercial
- Industrial

## FUNDS INVESTED

- RGGI
- Maine Yankee Settlement
- MPRP Settlement
- Forward Capacity Market
- Electric System Benefit Charge

## FY2015 ACTIVITIES

In FY2015, the Program focused on attracting new customers to the program and helping customers who had previously expressed interest in developing new complex projects at their facilities. The budget allocated to this Program was the largest it had been in the past three years. Maine businesses relied on outside contractors and vendors to identify energy efficiency opportunities. However, most of these projects require site-specific engineering beyond what most energy contractors or vendors are willing to explore on speculation. In FY2015, the Trust's customer outreach was targeted to overcome this lack of site-specific assessment and expertise by providing free scoping audits to identify projects. The program offered free scoping audits to customers to attract new customers and focused the marketing of those audits to customers lacking in-house expertise. In FY2015, the program completed 23 scoping audits. Three of these resulted in a more in-depth study and 17 resulted in custom projects or referrals to the Business Incentive Program for projects that resulted in prescriptive measures and smaller custom projects completed in FY2015. The costs and benefits of the energy upgrades processed through the Business Incentive Program are included in the results of that program, not here under the Large Customer Program. However, for purposes of analyzing the value of the scoping audits, it bears reporting that of the more than 1,300 annual MWh of savings generated by completed projects that had been identified through the scoping audits, more than 400



TABLE 16: ECONOMIC SUMMARY OF PROJECTS RESULTING FROM SCOPING AUDITS

Measure Category	Annual Energy Impacts				Economics	
	MWh	Winter Peak (kW)	Summer Peak (kW)	CO <sub>2</sub> e (Tons)	Incentive	Lifetime Savings
Large Custom Projects	926	68	92	496	\$317,663	\$1,383,597
Small Custom Projects (<\$100,000 incentive)	241	89	8	0	\$52,161	\$399,926
Prescriptive Projects	180	21	21	0	\$29,320	\$215,383
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,346</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>\$453,144</b>	<b>\$1,998,906</b>

MWh, or about 30%, were ultimately processed as referrals to the Business Incentive Program.

In addition, the Trust administered technical assistance grants. These grants were used to expand private sector business development activities around complex energy efficiency and distributed generation projects. The Program approved 10 technical assistance incentives over the course of the year. Of nine studies completed across the past two fiscal years (FY2014 and FY2015), five projects were approved for investment and one was completed in FY2015. The Trust anticipates that three more of these technical assistance grantees will follow through with viable project installation applications in FY2016.

Over the course of the year, the Trust worked closely with several key groups with large facilities, including the Maine Healthcare Association. In addition, Trust staff and the program team spent considerable time evaluating very large efficiency projects. In the course of normal outreach activities, the team encountered large projects that would result in transformational savings for two businesses and a significant positive impact on Maine ratepayers. The team spent time with these major employers to identify energy efficiency opportunities that could fit into the long-term contract model; the delivery costs associated with identifying and developing these projects are reflected below, but the savings will not be reported until the projects are completed.

TABLE 17: LARGE CUSTOMER PROGRAM (KWH) RESULTS\*

Large Customer Program Electric Measures	
Total Participants	19
Total Projects	21
Annual kWh Savings	30,760,921
Lifetime kWh Savings	438,865,951
Efficiency Maine Costs	\$6,983,439
Participant Costs	\$5,124,783
Lifetime Energy Benefit	\$25,297,712
Benefit-to-Cost Ratio	2.09

**FY2015 RESULTS**

Tables 17 and 18 show the results for the Large Customer Program, separated into savings of electricity (measured in kWh) and savings of other energy (measured in MMBtu), most notably oil and natural gas. During FY2015, the program awarded incentives to 26 projects for a total lifetime savings of approximately 439 million kWh and 374,124 MMBtu. The savings resulted in a benefit-to-cost ratio of 2.09 for electric measures and 2.02 for greenhouse gas reduction projects. Incentives paid by the Trust leveraged more than \$6.3 million in incremental private investment.

**FY2015 ANALYSIS**

Streamlining the Program's process for identifying projects and reviewing applications through Program Opportunity Notices (PONs) this year enabled the Trust to reach more customers and diversify the pool of businesses applying for the Program. The Trust was also able to identify some of the largest efficiency projects ever considered in Maine. Although those projects exceed annual budget amounts, the Trust will pursue additional long-term funding contract mechanisms with those businesses.

The Program requires a long time horizon for project planning and execution. A number of scoping audits and technical studies that were begun or funded in FY2014 resulted in successfully completed projects in FY2015 (several more that were started at that time are still under way in FY2016). Many of the scoping

audits and technical studies funded in FY2015 are anticipated to result in projects in FY2016. The number of projects resulting from scoping audits and technical assistance studies suggests that the Program's approach of dedicating resources to those activities is both important and effective. The multi-year project planning horizon can be supported with consistent funding and a planning process that can accommodate a project in one fiscal year or the next.

**FY2016 PLANS**

The Program opens FY2016 with 21 potential projects in various stages of planning and execution. In FY2016, the Trust anticipates maintaining the Program strategy and activities consistent with what was done in FY2015. Marking a small change in program design, the Trust is instituting a transition of the program name which, going forward, will be called the "C&I Custom Program." This shift reflects the fact that the defining characteristics of this program relate to developing and screening custom projects. Eligibility is open to medium-sized C&I customers, as well the large customers that traditionally have been the focus of outreach in this program.

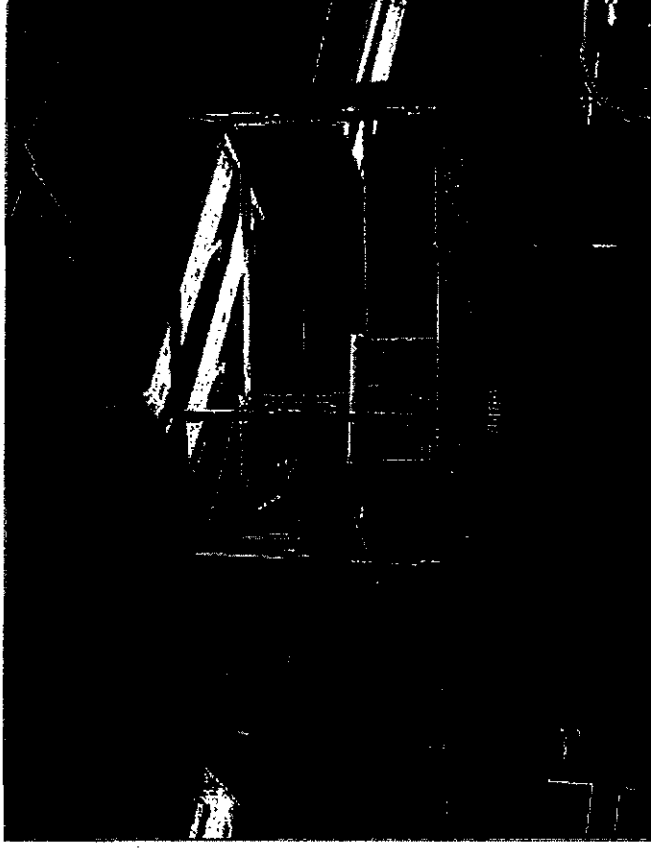
5. At the time of publication, the Trust has reason to believe that one project funded through the Large Customer Program in FY2015 may not continue operating and will not produce the savings that was forecasted when the project was approved. The Trust's cost of the project are reflected above but the report assumes no savings from that project. In the event that the project returns to operation, the Trust estimates that lifetime program savings would exceed 1.5 billion kWh and the benefit to cost ratio would increase to 3.71

TABLE 18: LARGE CUSTOMER PROGRAM (MMBTU) RESULTS

Large Customer Program Greenhouse Gas Measures	
Total Participants	5
Total Projects	5
Annual MMBtu Savings	26,266
Lifetime MMBtu Savings	374,124
Efficiency Maine Costs	\$1,808,033
Participant Costs	\$1,272,598
Lifetime Energy Benefit	\$6,212,210
Benefit-to-Cost Ratio	2.02

In another change, going forward the Program will be used as a channel for investing a portion of the Natural Gas Conservation Fund for custom projects that save natural gas transported through local gas utilities. C&I natural gas customers will use this channel, for example, to develop efficiency projects related to use of natural gas for industrial process heating. It is also worth noting that, although no Natural Gas Conservation Funds were used to support the Large Customer Program in FY2015, nonetheless the Program did expend \$400,200 on measures that cost-effectively saved 23,536 MMBtu of natural gas per year for the life of the measures. In FY2015, the Trust paid the costs associated with these projects using RGGL funds or, where there was also an electricity savings (as in the case of certain combined heat and power projects), with electricity conservation funds.

In the event that future project proposals show potential for significant, cost-effective electricity savings yet fall outside of parameters of the existing program guidelines and criteria contained in the open PONs (i.e., by requiring a financial incentive that exceeds the cap in a PON), the Trust may work with customers to bring specific funding requests to the Public Utilities Commission for consideration of funding through a long-term capacity contract. ■



*Maine Machine is a leader in precision manufacturing at its 65,000 square foot, state-of-the-art facility in South Paris where it makes products used in the aerospace, defense and energy industry for distribution throughout the U.S. With support from Efficiency Maine, the company installed high-efficiency lighting fixtures that consume less power while providing better light to the production floor. Maine Machine also installed HVAC controls that are projected to save up to 50% on heating and cooling costs.*

The Efficiency Maine Trust delivers energy-saving opportunities to low-income customers through several programs and initiatives. This section of the Annual Report describes the Trust's initiative to install efficiency measures directly at the customer's home — called the "direct install" approach. The other programs that provide benefits to low-income customers — the Lighting Initiative (including food pantry light bulb distribution) and the Appliance Rebate Initiative of the Consumer Products Program and HESP for weatherization and heating system upgrades (descriptions of these programs can be found in other sections of this report) — are delivered using a market-based approach. The participation of low-income customers in those market-based programs is reflected in the other report sections, not in this section.

#### SECTORS SERVED

- *Low-Income*

#### FUNDS INVESTED

- *Electric System Benefit Charge*
- *RGGI*
- *Natural Gas Conservation Fund*

In FY2015, Low-Income Direct Install included two separate initiatives. The first invested RGGI, Electric System Benefit Charge, and Maine Yankee funds in electric- and thermal-saving measures. These measures included heat pump water heaters and ductless heat pumps, which were installed in low-income households throughout the state. The second initiative invested funds from the Natural Gas Conservation Fund in gas-saving measures in low-income households located in Unifit territory.

As a general rule, at least 10% of electricity and natural gas program budgets are allocated to programs that benefit low-income customers. The budget investments described below are limited to those funds invested in direct installation projects.

#### FY2015 ACTIVITIES

In FY2015, the Low-Income Direct Install Initiatives were implemented through a partnership between the Trust and Community Action Agencies (CAAs) to install high-efficiency supplemental heating systems (ductless heat pumps) in eligible homes.<sup>6</sup> The Trust also added funds to the program to capture electricity-saving measures. Beginning in January 2015, the CAAs also began to replace operating, inefficient electric water heaters with heat pump water heaters. These installations were bundled with other electricity-saving measures, including low-flow shower heads and CFLs.

6. Eligibility was defined as LIHEAP-eligible and with annual heating bills in excess of \$2,500.

TABLE 19: LOW-INCOME DIRECT INSTALL INITIATIVE (KWH) RESULTS

Electric Measures	
Total Participants	635
Total Projects	635
Annual kWh Savings	1,534,180
Lifetime kWh Savings	14,065,348
Efficiency Maine Costs	\$1,232,373
Participant Costs	\$0
Lifetime Energy Benefit	\$1,249,631
Benefit-to-Cost Ratio	1.01

Efficiency Maine Trust reimbursed the CAAs a fixed-price incentive for each installed measure.

The initiative targeting natural gas conservation in low-income households invested \$76,138 in natural gas-saving measures, including air sealing, insulation, and high-efficiency heating systems. The program upgraded apartment buildings inhabited by low-income tenants in Unifit's service territory.

### FY2015 RESULTS

The Low-Income Direct Install Initiatives installed 223 heat pumps in low-income households experiencing high heating costs. These installations are projected to save 13,700 MMBtu, equivalent to 98,563 gallons of oil over the life of the measure and more than \$4.5 million in heating costs. Although the heat pump water heater and other electrical conservation measures were added to the program only halfway through the fiscal year, 635 high-efficiency heat pump water heaters replaced inefficient electric resistance water heaters. These heat pump water heaters and other electricity-saving measures will save participating households more than 14.0 million kWh over the lifetime of the measures.

The Initiatives will also help low-income natural gas customers in Unifit territory save 12,728 MMBtu and reduce heating costs by \$95,369 over the life of the installed measures.

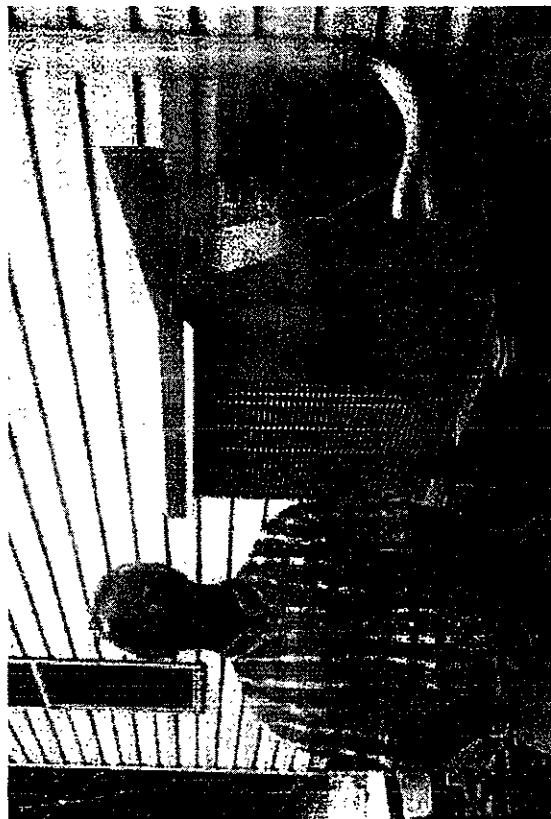
### FY2015 ANALYSIS

Efficiency Maine Trust developed the direct install initiatives in collaboration with the CAAs and using existing CAA procurement practices where possible. The CAAs are in regular contact with eligible homeowners and renters in their areas as the conduit for LIHEAP requests, and Efficiency Maine is able to locate and identify eligible households across the state through this network. The CAAs use of their existing networks and intake procedures, and their competitive procurement practices, tend to reduce the Program's delivery and installation costs.

Ductless heat pumps and heat pump water heater installations can reduce energy costs in many low-income households. While the technologies are not suitable for all situations (for example, heat pump water heaters are best installed in basements), these measures significantly reduced the operating expenses for the participating low-income households. Because the project cost of these measures was less than what would be required to perform comprehensive energy upgrades (including full weatherization of the building envelope), the Program was able to provide benefits to more households than would otherwise have been possible. This menu-based direct-install approach complements CAA programs that undertake whole-house weatherization projects.

TABLE 20: LOW-INCOME DIRECT INSTALL INITIATIVE (MMBTU) RESULTS

Non-Electric Measures		
	Natural Gas	Other Fuels
Total Participants	7	223
Total Projects	29	223
Annual MMBtu Savings	636	13,700
Lifetime MMBtu Savings	12,728	246,606
Efficiency Maine Costs	\$76,138	\$700,600
Participant Costs	\$0	\$1,270,337
Lifetime Energy Benefit	\$95,369	\$4,547,475
Benefit-to-Cost Ratio	1.25	2.31



*Michael Bush, Director of the Penobscot Nation Housing Department, poses next to a heat pump recently installed in a Penobscot Nation home.*

Nonetheless, this Program is not as cost-effective as other Efficiency Maine programs due to a variety of factors. Notably, this Program undertakes replacements of existing, operational equipment in homes, constituting a "retrofit" scenario. This means the efficiency measure bears the full cost of the new equipment plus all associated labor costs for program delivery and equipment installation. Considering the amount of time required to travel to a home, install replacement equipment, and remove old equipment, the resulting energy savings is modest compared to what might be achieved from a similar investment of time for a bigger project, such as one might find at a business. Moreover, the retrofits are significantly more costly than measures that replace a failed or failing piece of equipment, where labor costs are excluded from consideration and the measure cost is limited to the increment between the costs of the baseline unit and the efficient unit.

In the case of a low-income customer shopping to replace an old light or appliance that has failed, the Trust is able to incentivize the incremental cost of a high-efficiency model through rebates offered in its market-based programs. As noted above, pursuing retrofits before the lighting or appliance has failed is significantly more expensive to deliver. The higher cost associated with the direct install approach limits the number of low-income households served through Trust's programs and strains the Program's ability to achieve cost-effectiveness on small projects. In recent years, analysis of retrofit opportunities

in low-income homes, especially for measures to save natural gas or electricity, has found very few measures that qualify as "cost-effective." Those that are cost-effective, including heat pump water heaters, have a high price point. The combination of the high price point and the high measure cost means that the budget allocated to Low-Income

Direct Install Initiatives is consumed on fewer projects. While the direct install approach has certain benefits, such as improving the likelihood that the budget will be fully invested and that quality work will be secured using competitive bidding, it also is more expensive and thus results in benefiting fewer customers than if the funding were invested through market-based channels.

## FY2016 PLANS

The Trust will continue its efforts to design and implement low-income initiatives in a way that equitably distributes cost-effective energy savings to as many homes as possible within budget constraints.

For direct install initiatives, the Trust will continue to consider CAAs as an option to locate appropriate cost-effective energy-saving measures that complement existing CAA weatherization programs. Efficiency Maine Trust will also compare the cost-effectiveness of these initiatives with the low-income weatherization initiative being piloted through HESP (see earlier description). That channel leverages the full network of Efficiency Maine contractors and may reach low-income homeowners and renters who are

LIHEAP-eligible but who have not applied for fuel assistance. Whether market-based programs and newly available micro-loans can more effectively serve more low-income households than the direct install program will be a question explored through that initiative.

As described elsewhere in this report, as more natural gas service territories begin to participate in efficiency programs, the Trust will expand low-income programs to serve more natural gas customers across the state. At the outset, the Trust will attempt to service the low-income natural gas customers through HESP. That program provides enhanced incentives for verified low-income participants. However, if uptake through that market-based channel is insufficient to fully invest the budget allocation for the low-income natural gas initiatives, then the Trust will revert to using the direct install pathway for retrofits. ■

## FY2015 ACTIVITIES

The Program promoted the New Buildings Institute Core Performance Guide, which promotes high-performance building design and the installation of energy-efficient systems and materials, including building envelope, lighting, heating, and ventilation systems. Many of these measures are similar to and promoted through the Business Incentive Program; however, MAB incentivizes the whole building integrated design. This includes systems that employ new energy-efficient equipment technologies and enhanced building envelope construction. It offers flexibility in the design based on site requirements, encouraging strategies such as passive energy solutions, including daylighting and natural ventilation. Through MAB, buildings can save 30% or more energy than a code-compliant building. The Trust rolled out the current version of the program at the end of FY2014 and undertook significant outreach around the program in FY2015. The Trust focused marketing efforts on Maine's architectural and engineering community. This included outreach to architect and engineer professional associations and to the primary architecture and engineering firms. These firms, in turn, marketed the program during project proposals and in initial conversations with clients. Most high-performance building projects must start at the earliest stages of conceptual design to meet energy standards. The Trust has found that the best way to be sure that the Program is "at the table" during the design phase of new construction projects is to promote it through the work of design professionals.

The Maine Advanced Buildings Program (MAB) for commercial new construction offers comprehensive prescriptive strategies to help Maine property owners, developers, architects, and engineers design new buildings and major renovations that will achieve significant energy savings. MAB offers education and financial incentives to promote and encourage a whole building integrated design approach. The program provides an alternative to the often used "design-build" approach.

### SECTORS SERVED

- Commercial
- Industrial

### FUNDS INVESTED

- RCGI



## FY2015 RESULTS

Through the focused outreach and educational support in FY2014, one building that began in FY2014 was completed in FY2015. This new building, a Hampton Inn hotel in Lewiston, represents more than 50,000 square feet of new energy-efficient accommodations. By following the MAB guidelines, the hotel owners will realize 32,833 MMBtu in lifetime energy savings at a benefit-to-cost ratio of 1.52.

Additionally, the program's outreach and support efforts yielded five new projects that were begun in FY2015 and are on track to finish in FY2016. These projects include a police department, a community center, a medical office building, and two high school additions. The projects are projected to result in more than approximately 214,000 square feet of high-performance construction that will realize more than 7.0 million MMBtu of lifetime energy savings.

## FY2015 ANALYSIS

The relaunched program achieved satisfactory consumer uptake in FY2015. Given that there is a long planning and construction timeline for many new buildings, the Program team was pleased with the number of new projects in the pipeline, as well as with the increased number of architectural and engineering firms that began to work with their clients and Efficiency Maine Trust. The energy savings achieved indicate that promoting cost-effective energy efficiency through the integrated design process will result in the highest-performance buildings.

**TABLE 21: MAINE ADVANCED BUILDINGS PROGRAM (MMBTU) RESULTS**

Maine Advanced Buildings Program	
Total Participants	1
Total Projects	1
Annual MMBtu Savings	1,642
Lifetime MMBtu Savings	32,833
Efficiency Maine Costs	\$113,734
Participant Costs	\$106,360
Lifetime Energy Benefit	\$335,424
Benefit-to-Cost Ratio	1.52

As described above, the Program uses the Maine Advanced Buildings program and standards which are products of the New Buildings Institute, to deliver energy efficiency strategies for new construction. Feedback from participating design teams and building owners indicate that these standards continue to serve the Program well. The prescriptive pathway offers discrete guidance with enough flexibility so as not to be daunting to building owners and project teams. These standards also enable the Program to easily estimate energy savings resulting from an integrated design process.

## FY2016 PLANS

The Trust plans to continue marketing the current version of the program and will explore new ways to create interest in energy efficiency among Maine's construction and development community. At present, the MAB pathway is based on the New Buildings Institute's Tier 2 standards. Program staff will consider offering pathways based on higher tiers: higher-performance goals could be incentivized at a higher level than Tier 2 projects. Additionally, the Trust will monitor any changes to the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code and will modify program requirements, as warranted, to ensure that financial incentives are used only for measures that exceed what is already required by code. ■

The Multifamily Efficiency Program provides financial incentives for building owners to install energy efficiency measures in multifamily buildings that have five or more units. This fiscal year, the program was funded by RGGI funds, which enabled the program to target cost-effective energy-saving projects through an approach that was fuel neutral and reduced electric, oil, propane, and natural gas consumption across the building portfolio.

**SECTORS SERVED**

- Multifamily

**FUNDS INVESTED**

- RGGI

**FY2015 ACTIVITIES**

The Multifamily Efficiency Program was originally launched in FY2013 using federal grant funds. In FY2015, the Program discontinued the practice of offering free benchmarks and shifted its focus to promoting prescriptive measures, obviating the need for energy modeling. The application process was streamlined and the prescriptive measure list expanded to make the Program accessible to more building owners, at lower cost and with less hassle. Additionally, the Program spent significant time and effort reaching out to building owner groups and holding informational sessions to drive demand. The Program also worked to recruit a more diverse community of trade allies to participate in the Program; the program design was modified to accept applications through either Residential Registered Vendors or Business Program Qualified Partners.

The prescriptive list included a number of measures, ranging from ductless heat pumps and insulation to central boilers. In FY2015, building owners were particularly interested in installing ductless heat pumps in individual apartments to reduce energy costs from central heating systems and to increase tenant control and comfort.

**FY2015 RESULTS**

The Multifamily Efficiency Program incentivized energy-saving measures in 163 buildings comprising 3,250 apartments. More apartments were touched than in years past in part because the program

TABLE 22: MULTIFAMILY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM (MMBTU) RESULTS

Multifamily Efficiency Program	
Total Participants	163
Total Apartments	3,250
Annual MMBtu Savings	15,909
Lifetime MMBtu Savings	276,179
Efficiency Maine Costs	\$1,414,082
Participant Costs	\$1,762,481
Lifetime Energy Benefit	\$4,815,091
Benefit-to-Cost Ratio	1.52

moved to a prescriptive menu and in part because the requirement to show a minimum 20% savings was removed. The upgrades supported through Program activities in FY2015 are projected to save approximately 276,179 MMBtu in lifetime energy savings, more than 15,909 MMBtu/yr.

#### FY2015 ANALYSIS

The results from the Program's earlier use of benchmarking and delivering custom incentives allowed the Multifamily Efficiency Program to develop a robust menu of prescriptive measures and fixed-price incentives. The data from those prior results were used to generate a list of measures and their associated energy savings that present the most significant potential to capture cost-effective projects

for multifamily property owners. The prescriptive list made the Program simpler for participating building owners and contractors. It also allowed for a more diverse set of contractors and energy professionals to leverage the Program.

Marketing the Program by disseminating case studies and hosting peer-to-peer networking events was effective: staff discovered that multifamily building owners were more likely to invest in energy efficiency after learning about a peer's efficiency project or seeing the savings in a comparable building portfolio. The pool of Maine contractors equipped to perform modeling of custom efficiency projects in multifamily buildings is limited. The Program achieved increased and more diverse program participation in FY2015 by eliminating benchmarks, allowing for prescriptive measures without modeling, increasing prescriptive incentives to match the incentives for the same or similar custom measures, streamlining the rebate process, increasing marketing, and expanding the contractor list to include all trade allies.

#### FY2016 PLANS

There remains a significant cost-effective energy-saving opportunity in the multifamily sector. More than 60,000 apartments are located in multifamily buildings with five or more units.<sup>7</sup> Since inception, the Trust's Multifamily Efficiency Program has helped property managers perform efficiency upgrades in 5,232 apartments.

Given the advantages of shifting to the prescriptive approach in FY2015, in FY2016, the Program will be delivered by "piggybacking" the marketing, technical support, and processing of rebates through the same program delivery channel that is used to run the Business Incentive Program. Many of the measures incentivized through the Multifamily Efficiency Program are similar to those in the prescriptive incentive list. This will further streamline participation and incentive processing for the contractor community. Efficiency Maine will also be able to reduce program administration costs through the integration. ■

7. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008–2012 American Community Survey.

The objective of the Small Business Initiative is to deliver cost-effective lighting retrofits directly to small businesses. The Initiative pairs local marketing with streamlined delivery to incentivize customers in a targeted geographic area to act quickly to replace inefficient lights with high-efficiency models. This approach is designed to overcome the unique barriers to energy efficiency that small businesses experience. These barriers include the lack of time and expertise to analyze energy options in-house and the perceived "hassle" of making arrangements to purchase and install upgraded equipment. For businesses operating close to the line of profitability, investing in outsourced services for analysis, advice, and general contracting of project management may seem like a luxury they cannot afford. This Initiative endeavors to overcome these barriers by bringing information and technical support to the customer's doorstep, offering enhanced financial incentives (compared to the incentives in the Business Incentive Program), and scheduling and executing energy upgrades using the "direct install" approach. Since upfront costs tend to be the critical barrier to moving forward, the Initiative pays the incentive directly to the contractor upon project completion, eliminating the need for the customer to wait for the incentive payment.

#### SECTORS SERVED

- *Small Businesses (Up to 100 kW)*

#### FUNDS INVESTED

- *Electric System Benefit Charge*

## FY2015 ACTIVITIES

In FY2015, the Small Business Initiative targeted four regions:

- *Region 1: Fort Kent, Madawaska, Caribou, and VanBuren*
- *Region 2: Houlton*
- *Region 3: Norway, Oxford, South Paris, Mechanic Falls, and Poland*
- *Region 4: Waterville, Oakland, Fairfield, and Winslow*

The Trust delivered direct contact marketing in each region by hosting in-person meet-and-greet events to introduce area businesses to the Initiative. It also collaborated with local chambers of commerce and economic development entities and posted advertisements in local newspapers to raise awareness of and generate activity in the program. Additionally, the Trust completed a few projects with well-known ("iconic") local businesses prior to program launch as case studies and invited those business owners to share their program experiences with others at events.

Interested customers received a site visit and lighting assessment by the participating local contractor(s) to determine eligibility and scope of work. This visit was followed by turnkey installation by the contractor. Incentives from the Initiative were applied directly to the contractor's invoice, allowing the participating business to pay only the remaining portion of the



*Brian Cole (right) and Efficiency Maine's Rick Metinking inspect the recently completed lighting upgrade at Cole's Shoes. The switch to high-efficiency lights reduced energy costs and created a beautifully-lit shoe repair workspace and sales room in their Houlton store.*

project. This approach removed the barrier a customer often faces of fronting the full payment for an energy upgrade and then waiting for the incentive payment.

### FY2015 RESULTS

A total of 460 projects were completed in FY2015. The Trust estimates that this will result in more than 70 million kWh of lifetime energy savings. Three hundred forty-four businesses participated from the four regions, representing a significant majority of the small businesses in those areas. In fact, nearly

80% of businesses in Region 1 and Region 2 that requested a lighting assessment and identified energy savings participated in this initiative.

The average project completed in Regions 1 and 2 achieved 11,048 kWh savings for the first year. On average, participating businesses reduced their energy costs by \$1,436 annually, or \$120 per month as a result of the work completed.<sup>8</sup>

TABLE 23: SMALL BUSINESS INITIATIVE (KWH) RESULTS

Small Business Initiative	
Total Participants	344
Total Projects	460
Annual kWh Savings	5,409,349
Lifetime kWh Savings	70,201,736
Efficiency Maine Costs	\$2,732,147
Participant Costs	\$551,767
Lifetime Energy Benefit	\$6,330,554
Benefit-to-Cost Ratio	1.93

TABLE 24: REGION 1 AND 2 PROJECT DETAILS

Region 1&2	Region Total	Average Project
Project Cost	\$2,305,946	\$5,413
Incentive	\$1,870,875	\$4,392
Annual kWh Savings	4,706,625	11,048
Annual \$ Savings	\$611,861	\$1,436
Monthly \$ Savings	\$50,988	\$120

8. The Trust assumed a blended rate of \$0.13 per kWh.



*Hundreds of Aroostook County businesses like Cole's Shoes participated in the Small Business Initiative. Most participants reported that they would not have undertaken an efficiency upgrade if not for the targeted program and outreach in their area. Participating businesses in Houlton and elsewhere are expected to reduce their electricity costs by an average \$1,400 a year.*

## FY2015 ANALYSIS

The Initiative was launched as a pilot program in FY2013 and FY2014 to test the effectiveness of integrating marketing and direct installation of measures to improve the accessibility of energy efficiency opportunities for Maine's small businesses. The Trust made numerous changes to the pilot in FY2014 in order to gather as much information as possible about what would increase customer participation. The pilot discovered that small businesses face a number of obstacles to installing energy-efficient measures: they lack in-house capacity to develop or manage efficiency projects, many don't own their building, and most lack the capital for major upgrades. And the pilot determined that the direct install method of program delivery was well suited to the small business sector. By targeting specific geographic regions for limited periods of time, the pilot was able to achieve significant economies of scale through incentivizing and pre-ordering a limited number of energy-efficient lighting options and working with contractors in a small area.

The pilot transitioned to a program at the end of FY2014 and was formally launched in FY2015 in Aroostook County, incorporating the lessons learned. The recipe for success determined from the pilot included targeted outreach to businesses in a region and collaboration with local chambers of commerce and other conveners. The pilot also demonstrated that it was best to work with local

area contractors on installation and to work with suppliers to ensure availability of high-efficiency lighting products for quick installation. Significantly, the pilot demonstrated that projects can drop out of the process between project steps – assessment, installation, and incentive payment. The Initiative streamlined that process in order to provide turnkey services from assessment to installation to incentive with the same customers. The Initiative calibrated incentives so that most participating businesses were able to recoup their investment with a year to a year-and-a-half, a critical time frame for many main street businesses. These incentives, available only for a limited time, prompted many businesses to undertake efficiency projects they wouldn't have undertaken otherwise.

The results from the Initiative in FY2015 were positive. Most participants reported that they would not have undertaken an efficiency project were it not for the turnkey assessment, installation, and incentive process. Because payback periods were around one year, business owners were able to justify the investment.

Partnering with local "iconic" businesses, chambers of commerce, and other local organizations was an important way the Trust was able to spark participation and create a local "buzz"; as with many other Trust programs, word of mouth is a key driver in program participation. Knowing a local business

owner who had experienced savings or a better quality of light helped business owners commit to a lighting upgrade. Program participation was higher than expected in Regions 1 and 2, and the Trust undertook only modest outreach efforts to reach potential businesses in Regions 3 and 4. As described above, 80% of businesses that received an assessment completed a lighting project. Regions 3 and 4 continue to be served in FY2016 to accommodate demand.

### FY2016 PLANS

Significant cost-effective energy efficiency opportunity exists in the small business sector. Approximately 75,000 businesses in the state receive utility service on the "small business" rate. Whether a gift shop, office, or restaurant, the success of the Initiative in FY2015 indicates that others in the sector could benefit from retrofits to bring in high-efficiency lighting. The program is especially warranted in regions located outside of traditional energy efficiency supply chains or traditionally underserved by the contractor community.

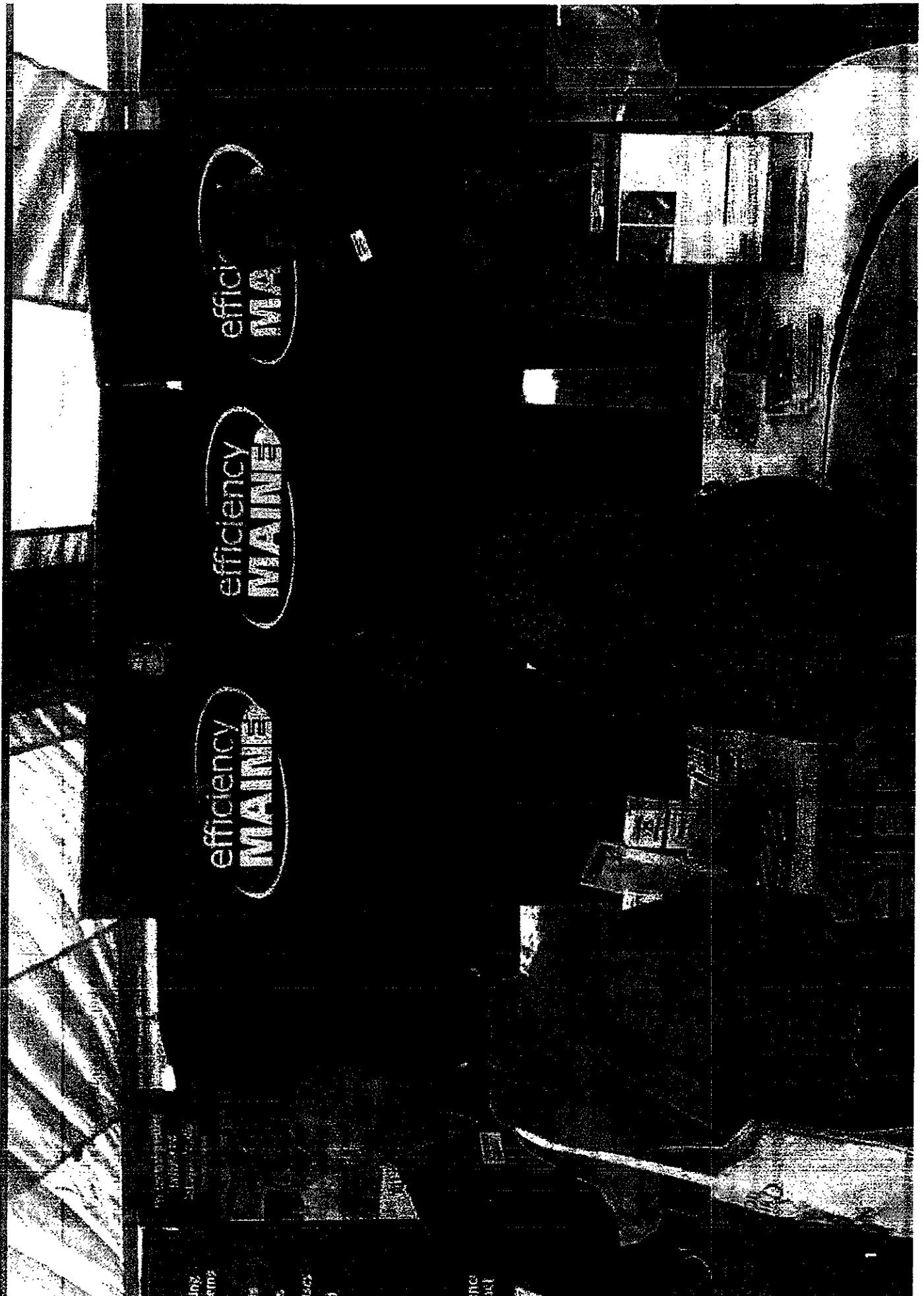
Many of the projects begun in Region 4 in FY2015 carried over to FY2016. Due to the high volume of participation in that region, the Small Business Initiative will target only one or two smaller regions in FY2016, although the Trust could alternatively target other areas experiencing grid constraint if directed to do so. In FY2016 and beyond, the Trust

will explore adding measures other than lighting to the Small Business Initiative delivery model, including ductless heat pumps and heating and refrigeration solutions. Incentives may also be paired with financing as a pilot through this program. ■

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*The Trust's programs to acquire cost-effective energy efficiency and distributed resources are complemented by several strategic initiatives. These include evaluation, measurement, and verification (EM&V); innovation; and public information and outreach.*

## Evaluation, Measurement, and Verification

The purpose of the Trust's EM&V strategy is to provide data-driven research and analysis to inform program design and delivery strategies, verify program results, and ensure ongoing program and organizational improvement. The Trust carries out this strategy using a combination of in-house initiatives and subcontracted, independent third-party reviews performed by firms that specialize in the evaluation of energy efficiency programs.

Independent evaluations of the Trust's programs are designed to:

1. *Document and verify the program impacts on energy savings, demand savings, and program cost-effectiveness relative to goals*
2. *Understand why certain effects occur and identify opportunities for program improvement*
3. *Assess program effects on the marketplace*
4. *Inform allocation of resources*

With a focus on delivering rigorous and objective results, the third-party contractors rely on industry-standard evaluation methods and practices to evaluate the Trust's programs. Each program evaluation typically employs both qualitative and

quantitative data and methods, such as in-depth interviews with program delivery team members and stakeholders; telephone surveys of program participants and non-participants; engineering review and analysis of participant data and project files; and site visits, entailing on-site inspection, spot measurements, and/or equipment metering to gather data.

### FY2015 ACTIVITIES

*EM&V:* In FY2015, the Trust finalized the Retail Lighting Evaluation. The results of this evaluation are summarized above in the in the Retail Lighting section.

The Trust's other significant EM&V activities during FY2015 included enhancing the Trust's project-tracking database, called "effRT"; demonstrating compliance with Forward Capacity Market measurement and verification rules; revising the Technical Reference Manuals (TRMs) for each of the residential, commercial, and multifamily program sectors; and gathering performance data on distributed generation installations.

Specific to the effRT database, the database platform manages the data for all of the Trust's active programs and ensures consistent and accurate estimates of energy savings. The effRT database also improves program activity tracking and data integrity. The system also enables contractors (such as QPs) to expedite the processing of incentives, significantly reducing and in some cases eliminating paperwork. The Trust added relevant project information from

the Small Business Initiative, HESP, and Low-income Direct Install Initiatives into effRT for the first time during FY2015.

The Trust's Residential and Commercial TRMs provide documentation for the Trust's calculation of energy and demand savings from energy efficiency measures. Each TRM serves as a central repository and common point of reference for the methods, formulas, assumptions, and sources that are used to estimate savings from energy efficiency measures, and provides a common platform for analyzing energy savings across measures and programs. For each measure, the TRM provides a measure overview and documentation of gross energy and demand savings algorithms; efficiency assumptions for the baseline and efficient measure; deemed parameter values or instructions for inputs to savings algorithms; measure life and cost; and impact factors for calculating adjusted gross savings and net savings.

In F20Y15, the Trust began gathering data on its distributed generation projects. To reliably obtain the amount of electricity generated by distributed generation assets installed under the Large Customer Program, the Trust contracted with Tilson Technology Management to install independent meters capable of automatically uploading 15-minute interval data directly to the effRT database. The metering suite consists of a 3-phase voltage and amperage meter; data acquisition server; and cellular modem allowing autonomous, independent, continuous data

communications between the generator and effRT. In locations not suitable for cellular communications, the data acquisition server is connected to the local network configured to provide direct access to the effRT database.

In addition to the standard, ongoing activities directly related to EM&V, the Trust also actively participated in two significant research and analysis projects in FY2015: the Avoided Energy Supply Component Study for 2015 (2015 AESC Study) and a collection of studies for use in developing the third Triennial Plan for FY2017–FY2019.

Table 25 shows all of the evaluation projects in FY2015. The table also shows the cost for each evaluation and its funding source.

TABLE 25: FY2015 EVALUATION PROJECT ACTIVITY

Subject	Type	Prime Contractor	Total Project Budget	FY2015 Expenditures	Funding Source(s)	Project Start Date	Project End Date
TRM Support and FCM M&V Compliance	Technical Services & Evaluation	Cadmus Group	\$290,320	\$100,689	Electric Conservation, FCM	Jan-13	Aug-15
Residential Appliance Program (2014) and Retail Lighting Program (2015)	Impact & Process Evaluation	NMR Group and Nexant	\$449,661	\$42,966	Electric Conservation	Jul-13	Apr-15
Low-Income Multifamily Weatherization	Impact & Process Evaluation	NMR Group	\$199,986	\$132,963	Electric Conservation	Apr-14	2016
Distributed Generation	Metering	TILSON Technology Management	\$36,322	\$16,188	FCM	Sep-14	2016
Large Customer Program	Impact & Process Evaluation	Nexant	\$142,346	\$15,819	Electric Conservation	Mar-15	2016
Business Incentive Program	Impact & Process Evaluation	Nexant	\$189,713	\$21,748	Electric Conservation	Mar-15	2016

**2015 AESC Study:** During FY2015, the Trust participated in the AESC Study Group, which partnered with Tabors Caramanis Rudkevich (TCR) to conduct a study of marginal energy supply costs that will be avoided due to reductions in the use of electricity, natural gas, and other fuels resulting from energy efficiency programs offered to customers throughout New England. The 2015 AESC Study forms one of the foundations of the Trust's cost-benefit analysis because the avoided costs from the study are used by the Trust to calculate the lifetime benefit from installed measures. These avoided costs represent the amount that would have been paid for the marginal energy and capacity consumed if not for the savings of energy efficiency and distributed energy resources installed through the Trust's programs.

The study is sponsored by a diverse group of electric utilities, gas utilities, and other efficiency program administrators, including the Trust. The group also includes stakeholders from other non-utility parties and government departments.

In FY2015, the Trust updated effRT with the avoided costs from the 2015 AESC Study. This process involves replacing the 2013 AESC Study's avoided costs in effRT's cost-benefit analysis tool with the updated avoided costs from the 2015 AESC Study. As a result of the study and the effRT update, the electric capacity avoided costs are higher relative to 2013; electric energy avoided costs are lower relative to

2013; and the avoided costs for natural gas, heating oil, and other heating fuels are lower relative to 2013. The AESC Study is typically revised every three years in addition to a mid-term update, which is performed between each major revision.

*Triennial Plan Studies:* The Triennial Plan studies consist of an updated electric potential study, a residential baseline assessment, and a commercial baseline assessment.

*Potential Study:* In preparation of the development of the Triennial Plan III, the Trust contracted with GDS Associates to update and enhance the 2012 Baseline and Opportunities Study (the "potential study").

The objective of the potential study is to estimate the amount of statewide sector- and program-specific cost-effective electrical energy efficiency. To accomplish this objective, GDS created a series of unique models of the amount of energy efficiency resources that could potentially be delivered through each Trust program. The potential study began in FY2015 and will be finalized in FY2016 prior to the Trust's filing of the Triennial Plan III. The methodology and results of the potential study will be filed with the commission alongside the plan and posted on the Trust's website.

*Residential Baseline Assessment:* In preparation of the development of the Triennial Plan III, the Trust contracted with the NMR Group to perform the Single-Family Residential Baseline assessment.

The objective of the assessment was to develop a representative baseline for single-family homes in Maine. The assessment involved 164 telephone surveys and 41 on-site inspections of single-family homes. The results of the assessment will be incorporated into the potential study.

The residential baseline assessment began in FY2015 and will be finalized in FY2016 prior to the Trust's filing of the Triennial Plan III. The methodology and results of the potential study will be filed with the commission alongside the plan and posted on the Trust's website.

*Commercial Baseline Assessment:* In preparation of the development of the Triennial Plan III, the Trust contracted with Retroficiency and Cadmus to perform the Commercial Building Interval Meter Data Analytics Study ("commercial baseline assessment").

This assessment will be used to complement the Trust's 2012 study of the commercial baseline. The new commercial baseline assessment uses interval data analytics to make a deep analysis of a sample of more than 500 buildings across eight commercial sectors within Central Maine Power's service territory. The sampled customers represent more than 158 GWh of annual consumption. The results of the assessment will be incorporated into the potential study.

The commercial baseline assessment began in FY2015 and will be finalized in FY2016 prior to the Trust's filing of the Triennial Plan III. The methodology

and results of the potential study will be filed with the commission alongside the plan and posted on the Trust's website.

## FY2016 PLANS

In 2016, the Trust will complete evaluations of the Low-Income Multifamily Weatherization Program, the Business Incentive Program, and the Large Customer Program. The Trust also will initiate evaluations of the Small Business Initiative and HESP. Both of the new evaluations will review program results from activities performed in FY2015 and FY2016. Other FY2016 research and evaluation project activity will include the Annual Forward Capacity Market Measurement and Verification Compliance Review, finalization of the Residential TRM and the Commercial TRM for FY2016, and development of updated TRMs for FY2017.

The FY2016 and long-term plans for the database platform includes improving reporting and tracking, using eFRT to assist in short- and long-term forecasting, and streamlining program processing in the database.

## Innovation

Technological improvements are a cornerstone of energy efficiency, and early investments in technology innovation can pay off over time in terms of future energy savings and economic development. The Trust's Innovation Program provides funding for pilot projects that demonstrate new types of energy efficiency or alternative energy measures. In past years, the Innovation Program has established criteria requiring that proposed technologies must be commercially available and show significant potential to provide cost-effective energy savings but that remain in need of further demonstration in the Maine marketplace. It is understood that these energy measures may or may not prove to be cost-effective or popular, or that their performance may not satisfy customers' needs. One purpose of the Innovation Program is to use smaller pilot projects to make such findings before committing to larger investments on incentives and program administration.

### FY2015 ACTIVITIES

In FY2015, the Trust continued to manage the Smart Thermostat Innovation Pilot begun in FY2013. In that year, the Trust selected three pilot projects that were designed to explore how interval data could be used to find efficiency and conservation opportunities in Maine. The Smart Thermostat Innovation Pilot installed more than 160 smart thermostats in a

diverse group of the Trust's commercial customers, including office buildings, convenience stores, and retail outlets. Using an online interface that the smart thermostats provide, customers can monitor or adjust the temperature as needed, and set the thermostats to automatically turn on and off. Pilot participants found these units to be an easy way to control energy usage without expensive climate control or building automation systems. The online tools also let customers view their interval data along with the temperature settings. The Trust hopes this level of detail will let customers know how their heating and cooling systems affect their electricity usage and lead to more energy-efficient decision making.

### FY2016 PLANS

The Trust will continue the innovation work around smart data launched in FY2013 by exploring distributed energy resources through the Innovation Program. In Maine, there is rising concern about, and sensitivity to, prices, grid reliability, and air emissions during periods of peak demand. Expanding the use of distributed energy resources, including demand response and distributed generation, by Maine customers has the potential to lower individual customer's costs while at the same time depressing peak demand prices, benefiting others on the grid. Increased use of cost-effective distributed energy resources also has the potential to improve grid reliability and reduce carbon emissions. The Trust will consider new, emerging application of smart grid capabilities to increase the value of distributed energy resources.

A particular example of a potential application of smart grid capabilities to emerging end-use equipment technology is found in heat pump water heaters. In addition to being more efficient than a standard water heater, these new units also have the capability of using two-way communications and controls that allow the heater to be turned on and off and the water temperature to be adjusted remotely. One potential pilot project under consideration by the Trust is to demonstrate the ability to remotely, or through automated controls, adjust the operations of heat pump water heaters, and to measure the costs and benefits of reducing load at a given time or place.

## Public Information and Outreach

The Trust targets potential customers through tailored marketing and outreach campaigns across its various programs. These efforts are complemented by the Trust's work to provide general energy information and education to help consumers considering the installation of energy efficiency measures. Through its Public Information and Outreach Initiatives, the Trust seeks to help boost energy savings through increased general awareness of the benefits of cost-effective, customer-sited energy resources and of specific efficient technologies, operating practices, and behaviors, as well as basic guidance on how to access Efficiency Maine programs. Through numerous communications channels, the Trust urges consumers who are planning to purchase new lighting, appliances, heating systems, and other equipment to consider buying one of the more energy-efficient models available.

Information is disseminated through the Trust's website, printed flyers and brochures, traditional advertising, social media, and other multimedia tools. The Trust also manages targeted training sessions and attends industry events, such as forums and symposiums. The public information and outreach materials address saving energy and the co-benefits of energy-efficient choices. Co-benefits include

saving money, time, and resources; price suppression for grid-supplied energy; increased home comfort; promoting energy independence; reducing harm to the environment and human health; helping the Maine economy through job creation and job retention; and reducing a business's operating and maintenance costs.

### FY2015 ACTIVITIES

The Trust engaged in a wide range of activities related to public information and outreach in FY2015. These activities are discussed below and can be broken into the following categories: Events and Training, Call Center, Website, Social Media, and Marketing and Awareness. A major theme of FY2015 was targeted outreach to the business community to discuss energy efficiency as an effective way to manage energy costs. The Trust also continued to expand its reach in new media, including digital ads and social media.

*Events and Training:* The Trust hosted workshops and symposiums on energy technologies, efficiency programs, and successful case studies several times in FY2015. The audiences ranged from customers to contractors and vendors to policy makers. The Trust also was invited to participate as a panelist before gatherings of Maine businesses and residents. Typically, Trust staff reported on energy-efficient technologies and the Trust's programs at these events. Hosts for these events included several regional chambers of commerce, the Maine Municipal

Association Annual Meeting, the leadership of Maine Hospitals, the Industrial Energy Consumers Group, E2Tech, and numerous local citizen "energy committees." In January 2015, the Trust held its annual symposium and awards ceremony for contractors and customers, "Working with Maine Businesses and Homeowners to Manage Energy Costs."

The Trust's programs require appropriate licenses and certifications for certain efficiency measures to be eligible for incentives. In FY2015, the Trust offered scholarships for advanced heat pump installation training to support the contractor community in effectively adopting installation best practices for this new technology. The Trust also offered building operator and advanced building operator certification training to ensure continued energy savings through effective energy management in large buildings across the state. Through these trainings, the Trust helped reduce market barriers confronting adoption of the measures.

*Call Center:* An important public information tool at the Trust's disposal is its Call Center. In FY2015, the Trust's Call Center was staffed by professional operators, located in Waldo County, at the toll-free number 866-ES-MAINE. The Call Center was used to handle inbound and outbound calls related to all of the Trust's programs. The Call Center was staffed during normal working hours, and customer service agents were trained to provide the basic information on all programs. Where detailed or more technical

information was needed, the customer service agents made live transfers to Trust staff or specified delivery team contractors. The Trust continually oversaw the Call Center to make sure questions were answered appropriately and used feedback received by Call Center representatives to improve program resources and rebate processing. The Trust sent out an RFP for call center services in the spring of FY2015, and the project was awarded to a new provider, based in Brunswick, for FY2016.

*Website:* Increasingly, printed matter is being complemented and in some cases supplanted by posting information online. For that reason, in FY2015, the Trust invested considerable time and money in enhancing the Efficiency Maine website at [www.efficiencymaine.com](http://www.efficiencymaine.com). These investments advanced the Trust's goal of serving as a "go to" information resource on customer-oriented issues around controlling energy use and energy costs in Maine. The Efficiency Maine website now supplies energy information, online calculator tools, a library of printed and video case studies, tutorials on new energy technologies (such as ductless mini-split heat pumps), and searchable databases of home energy contractors and commercial contractors. In FY2015, the Trust refined many of its online resources, including rebate information, detailed information on energy technologies, and energy-saving tips.

*Social Media:* Social media now provides an increasingly important way for the Trust to provide

information and education to potential customers. It is also a channel for the Trust staff to field questions about programs. In FY2015, the Trust focused its use of social media on promoting HESP.

*Marketing and Awareness:* The Trust's marketing efforts are focused largely on educating potential customers about a specific energy-efficient technology or energy-saving solution executed through a specific program area. However, the Trust did engage in a large marketing and public relations effort to raise awareness of how energy efficiency can help homeowners and businesses manage energy costs. As described above, participation in the Business Incentive Program, the Small Business Initiative, and the Large Customer Program reached unprecedented levels. Some activity in those programs can be attributed to this increased marketing and to discussion of energy efficiency and energy efficiency funding in the media.

## FY2016 PLANS

The Trust will undertake a systematic review and redesign of its website to coincide with the new Triennial Plan period. The Trust will also work to support program outreach goals. In particular, all natural gas customers will be served through Trust programs beginning in FY2016 and new low-income initiatives will be launched. The Trust anticipates focusing new marketing and outreach on those efforts. In addition, the Trust will expand its reach on social media through campaigns that will invite

homeowners to reflect on their experiences with energy efficiency technologies.

The Trust will plan to host its annual symposium in early 2016 and will plan to participate in other symposiums, conferences, and industry meetings to share program information with efficiency professionals and potential customers. ■





The independent certified public accountant Runyon, Kersteeen, Ouellette, Inc. (RKO) issued multiple audit reports on the Trust's activities for the year ended June 30, 2015. The reports covered: the Trust's internal control over financial reporting and compliance with government accounting standards, compliance and internal control over compliance for federal grants as required by Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, and financial statements. The reports were unanimously accepted by the Board of Trustees on September 30, 2015.

## WRITTEN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Since its inception in 2009, the Trust has developed and instituted written policies and procedures to ensure standardized implementation of various financial and administrative practices associated with administering programs. During FY2015, the Trust did not develop or amend any policy or procedure.

## ADMINISTRATION

In FY2015, the Trust's lease for office space in Augusta expired. The Trust moved to a nearby office space, outfitted with a small conference room that can accommodate the Board meetings and other small gatherings, located at 168 Capitol Street in Augusta.

## AUDIT RESULTS

### *Audited Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting*

The audit reported that, "The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Accounting Standards."<sup>9</sup>

### *A-133 Audit Report*

The audit reviewed the Trust's compliance with the types of requirements described in the OMB Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Trust's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2015. The auditors reported, "In our opinion, Efficiency Maine Trust complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements ... that could

have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs...."<sup>10</sup> The summary of the auditor's results indicated that, as to the Trust's basic financial statements, the audit issued an "unmodified" report. The audit of the Trust's internal control over financial reporting identified no material weaknesses and reported no significant deficiencies or noncompliance material to financial statements. As to the Trust's internal control over major programs using federal awards (grants), the auditor again issued an "unmodified" report, indicating that it identified no material weaknesses and reported no significant deficiencies. The report indicated that the Trust was qualified as a "low-risk auditee."<sup>11</sup>

### *Audited Financial Report*

The report of the audit of the Trust's financial statements provided the following opinion from the auditor:

*In our opinion, the financial statements ... present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the remaining fund information of Efficiency Maine Trust, as of June 30, 2015, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.<sup>12</sup>*

As reported in the audit, the Trust's revenues and expenditures presented in the FY2015 Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, and Change in Fund Balance – Governmental Fund are \$51.4 million and \$58.7 million, respectively, plus another \$135,450

sent to state agencies resulting in a decrease to fund balance of \$7.5 million. The Trust's Governmental Fund balance, as of June 30, 2015, is \$43.6 million, of which \$23.1 million is restricted for operations and programs and \$20.5 million is restricted for grant and revolving loan activity. Encumbrances of \$17.4 million, as of June 30, 2015, representing existing contracts, will carry over into FY2016. The majority of these encumbrances reflect larger energy projects, proposed by medium and large businesses, that were approved in the latter part of FY2015 but that will not be completed and paid out until FY2016.

The Trust's revenues, expenditures, and fund balance for the 12 months of FY2015 are summarized in Table 26.<sup>13</sup> ■

9. RKO, "Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Accounting Standards," September 30, 2015, at 2.

10. RKO, "Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Program and on Internal Control over Compliance Required by OMB Circular A-133," September 30, 2015, at 4.

11. *Ibid.*, at 8.

12. Efficiency Maine Trust, "Annual Financial Report for the Year Ended June 30, 2015," prepared by RKO, September 30, 2015, at 2.

13. *Ibid.*, Statement 4, at 16.

TABLE 26: STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUND

# EFFICIENCY MAINE TRUST

## Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance *Governmental Fund*

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

## REVENUES

Intergovernmental	
System Benefit Charges	\$15,189,657
Alternative Compliance Mechanism	\$3,811
Federal Grants	\$25,000
Interest Income	
Investments	\$73,135
Loans	\$467,604
Other Income	\$796,764
Renewable Resource	\$78,079
Long-Term Contracts	\$1,019,137
Maine Power Reliability Program Settlement Proceeds	\$1,500,000
Maine Yankee Settlement Proceeds	\$16,269,564
Forward Capacity Market Credits	\$4,738,843
Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Proceeds	\$11,239,224

TOTAL REVENUES..... \$51,400,818

## EXPENDITURES

Administrative	\$2,220,441
Residential Programs	
Program Administration	\$229,793
Low-Income	\$4,390,447
Non-Low-Income	\$19,292,921
Business Program	
Program Administration	\$249,884
Small/Medium	\$23,138,575
Large	\$6,476,990
Cross-Cutting Strategies	
Program Administration	\$88,239
Education And Awareness	\$27,498
Alternative Energy Programs	\$220,926
Innovation	\$75,556
Evaluation	\$707,203
Other Payments	\$1,611,651

TOTAL EXPENDITURES..... \$58,730,124

## DEFICIENCY OF REVENUES UNDER EXPENDITURES

(7,329,306)

## OTHER FINANCING USES

Intra-Entity Grants — State Agencies

(135,450)

## NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE

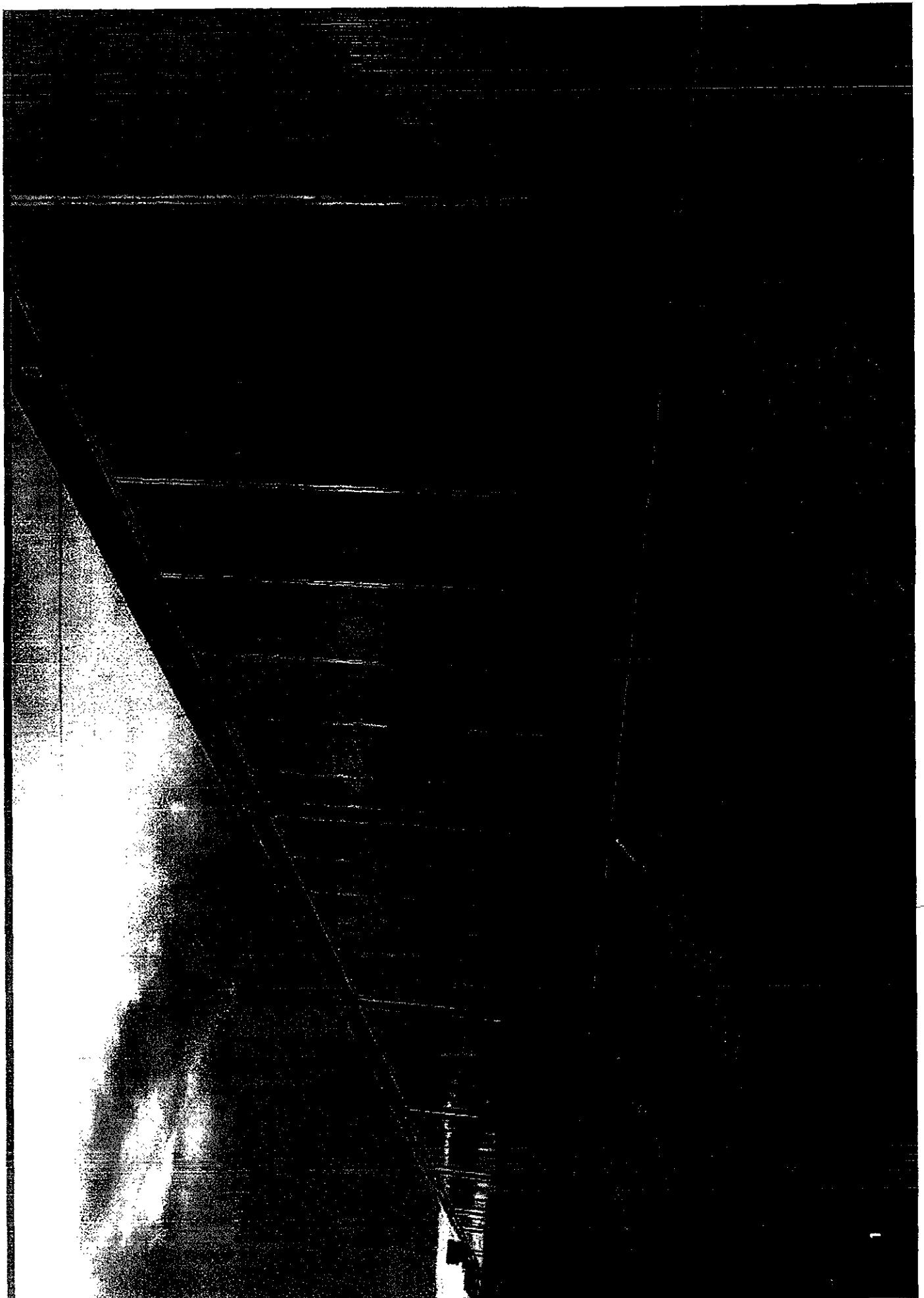
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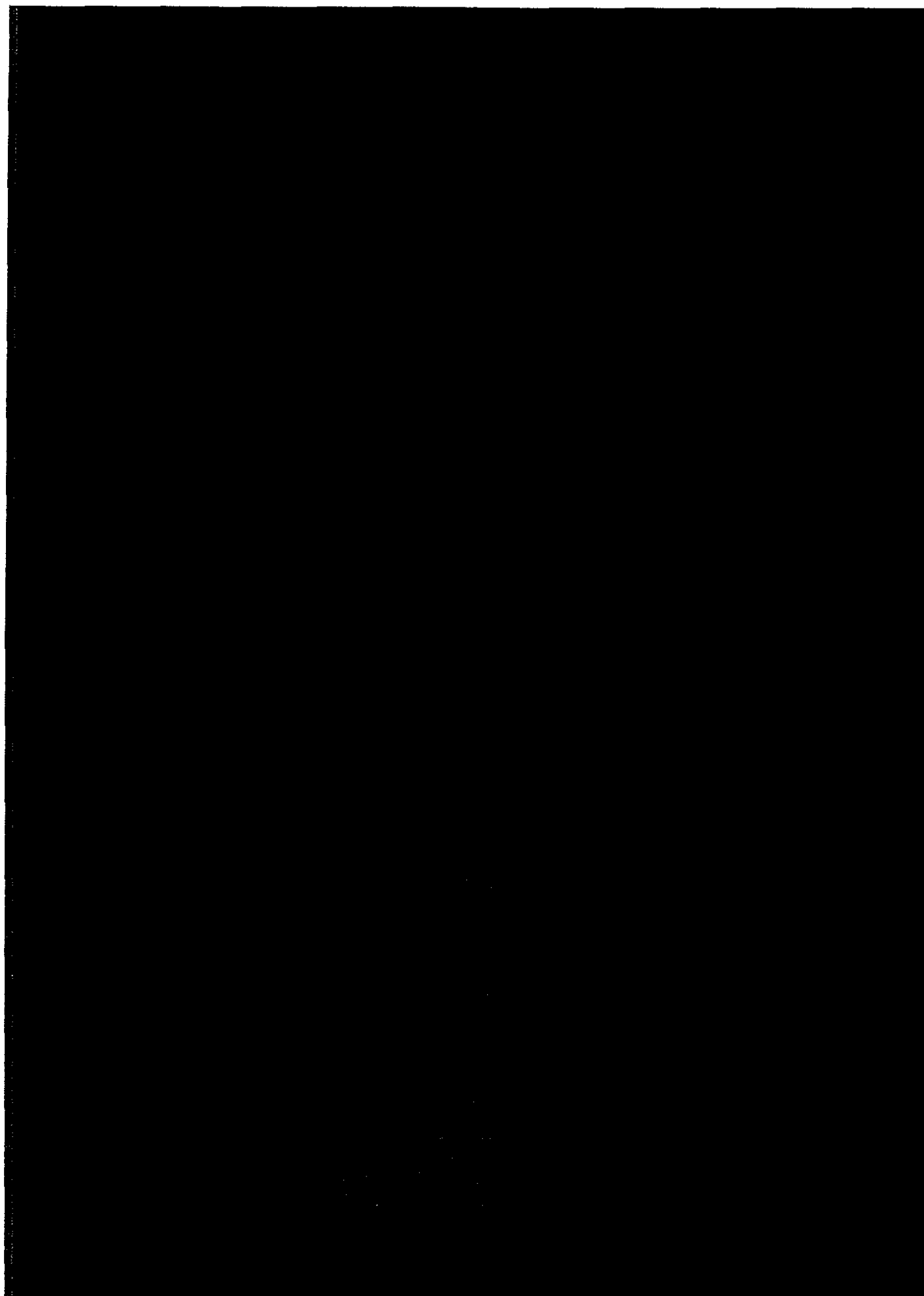
## FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR

\$51,069,304

## FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR

\$43,604,548



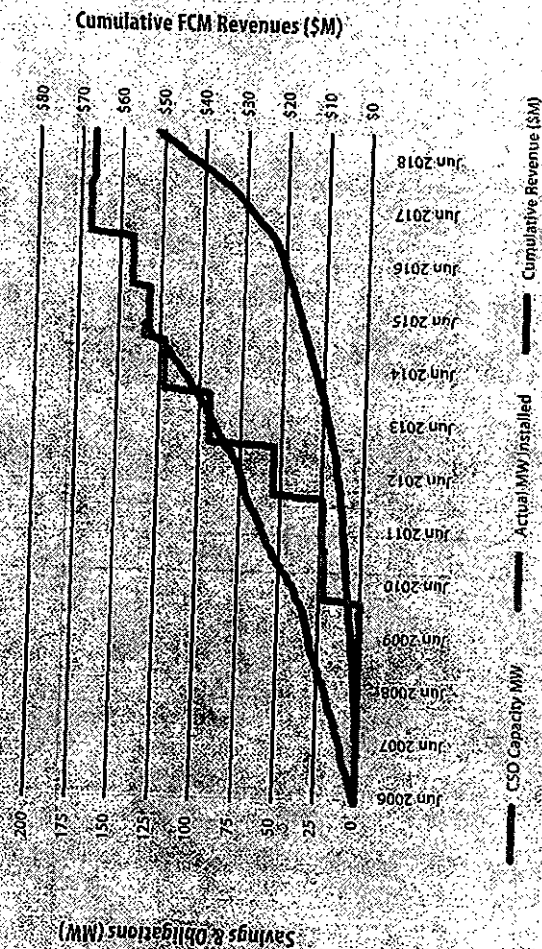


## ISO-New England's Forward Capacity Market

The Trust has participated in ISO-New England's (ISO-NE) Forward Capacity Market since the market was launched in 2006. The Forward Capacity Market ensures that there is sufficient capacity in the ISO-NE region for reliable electric grid system operation. The Trust provides demand resources by helping develop energy efficiency and distributed generation projects in Maine that may be used to satisfy regional capacity needs. The Trust and other providers of demand resources offset the need for generation capacity during periods of peak demand, thus allowing transmission planners to meet a portion of forecasted capacity needs through demand resources instead of traditional central station generators. Each year, ISO-NE forecasts the size of the peak demand three years in the future and then holds an auction to procure the amount of capacity needed to meet the forecasted demand. In the auction, one megawatt of capacity demand reduction is given the same value as one megawatt of capacity supplied by a generator. As a market participant, the Trust is responsible for reporting on progress in meeting its existing capacity obligations from prior auctions and showing ISO-NE that the Trust's program results satisfy the ISO-NE measurement and verification protocols.

The Trust reported to ISO-NE on the increasing amount of capacity that the programs delivered to

FIGURE 3: SUMMARY OF THE TRUST'S FCA ACTIONS



date every month of FY2015. All measures installed with the Trust's incentives are recorded in its project database. The database contains information about how often, and at what time of day, energy-efficient equipment is in operation, and aggregates these data for reporting to ISO-NE. To ensure the accuracy of this report, ISO-NE requires an annual independent certification to review the processes behind the Trust's monthly reports. All aspects of the Trust's tracking, verification, and reporting activities are reviewed and certified for compliance with the rigorous requirements of ISO-NE's measurement and verification manual.

In FY2015, the Trust pursued limited participation in the ninth Forward Capacity Auction (FCA). In the auction, the Trust took on an obligation to supply 4 MW of summer peak demand savings, for which it will be paid a price of \$9.55 per kW per month. The Trust also made preparations for the tenth FCA, which will be held February 2016. To date, the Trust has delivered or taken obligations for a total of 167 MW of summer peak demand savings. As a result, the Trust's programs have lowered future energy prices for Mainers. Figure 4 summarizes the Trust's delivered savings and future obligations. ■

## RGGI Reporting

Each year the Trust contributes to the RGGI Annual Report. The report is collaboratively prepared by the Department of Environmental Protection, the Public Utilities Commission, and the Trust. The report is submitted to standing committees of the legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources and utilities and energy matters.

In the most recent RGGI Annual Report, the Trust described how it invested \$9.2 million of RGGI funds in FY2014. The RGGI funds are projected to result in annual savings of 14.9 million kWh, 70,796 MMBtu, and 13,358 tons of carbon dioxide. The report is available at the website of the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. ■



*Stakeholders gather at a briefing on the Efficiency Maine Trust's Triennial Plan III.*

## Legislative Recommendations

The Trust's authorizing statute provides that the Annual Report should include "[a]ny recommendations for changes to the laws relating to energy conservation."<sup>14</sup>

*RGGI Funds:* The Trust recommends that the legislature consider whether it wishes to amend the law to indicate specific allocations of RGGI revenues that should apply after FY2016. When the RGGI Trust Fund was created, the statute established the requirement that the funds be used "to fund conservation programs ... that reliably reduce greenhouse gas production by fossil fuel combustion ... or reliably reduce the consumption of electricity..."<sup>15</sup> The statute also states that the "size of a project funded by the trust fund is not limited as long as funds are awarded to maximize energy efficiency and support greenhouse gas reductions and to fully implement the triennial plan."<sup>16</sup> In the Omnibus Energy Bill of 2013, the legislature made multiple amendments to the statute relating to energy and conservation. One such change was a prescription that for three years – FY2014, FY2015, and FY2016 – the Trust must allocate the RGGI funds received during those years as follows:

- 50% to uses at commercial or industrial facilities
- 35% for measures that lower residential heating energy demand
- 15% to the Maine Public Utilities Commission to be disbursed to the ratepayers of electricity utilities
- These specific allocations will expire at the end of FY2016.<sup>17</sup>

*Natural Gas Conservation Programs:* In 2015, the legislature directed the Trust to perform a study to "examine alternatives for promoting and securing cost-effective natural gas conservation and efficiency improvements for [] large volume customers" and to submit a report, together with any recommendations, to the legislature's committee of jurisdiction.<sup>18</sup>

The Trust will present the report to the legislature by December 31, 2015, which the legislature may use in considering future legislation regarding natural gas conservation programs. ■

## Low-Income Weatherization Assistance Program by Maine Housing

The statute requires that the Trust include in the annual report:

*Total funds received and expended by the State on energy efficiency and weatherization pursuant to the Weatherization Assistance for Low-income Persons Program of the United States Department of Energy and the Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program of the United States Department of Health and Human Services.<sup>19</sup>*

In Maine, these federally funded efficiency and weatherization initiatives are administered by the

Maine State Housing Authority (MaineHousing). The budgets and expenses of these initiatives are summarized in the following table, which was prepared by MaineHousing. ■

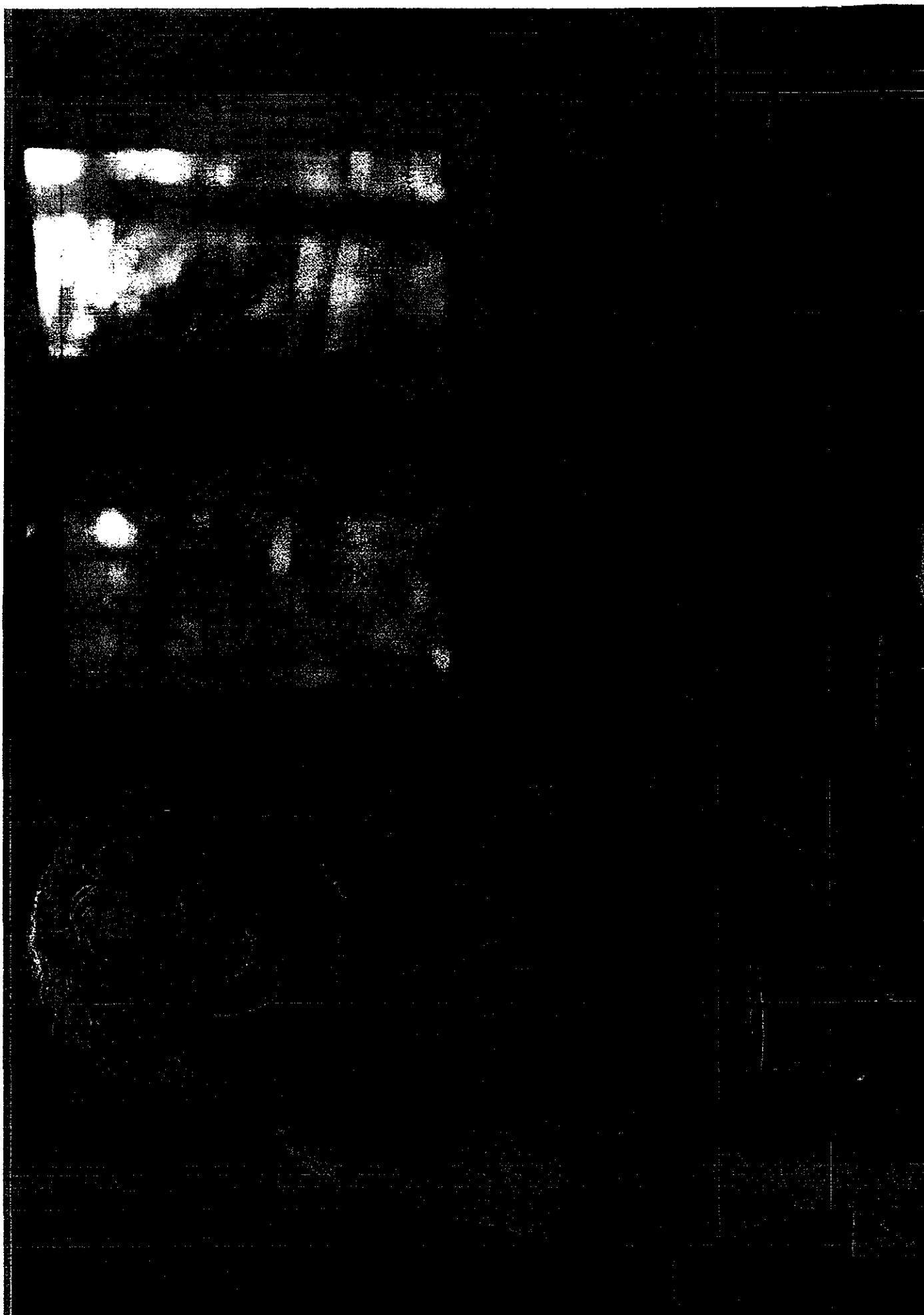
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- 14. 35-A MRS §10104(5)(C).
  - 15. 35-A MRS §10109(4)(A).
  - 16. *Ibid.*, §10109(4)(E).
  - 17. *Ibid.*, §10109(4)(A).
  - 18. 127th Session of the Maine Legislature, Resolves, Chapter 39 (LD 946), 2015.
  - 19. 35-A MRS §10104(5)(B)(4).

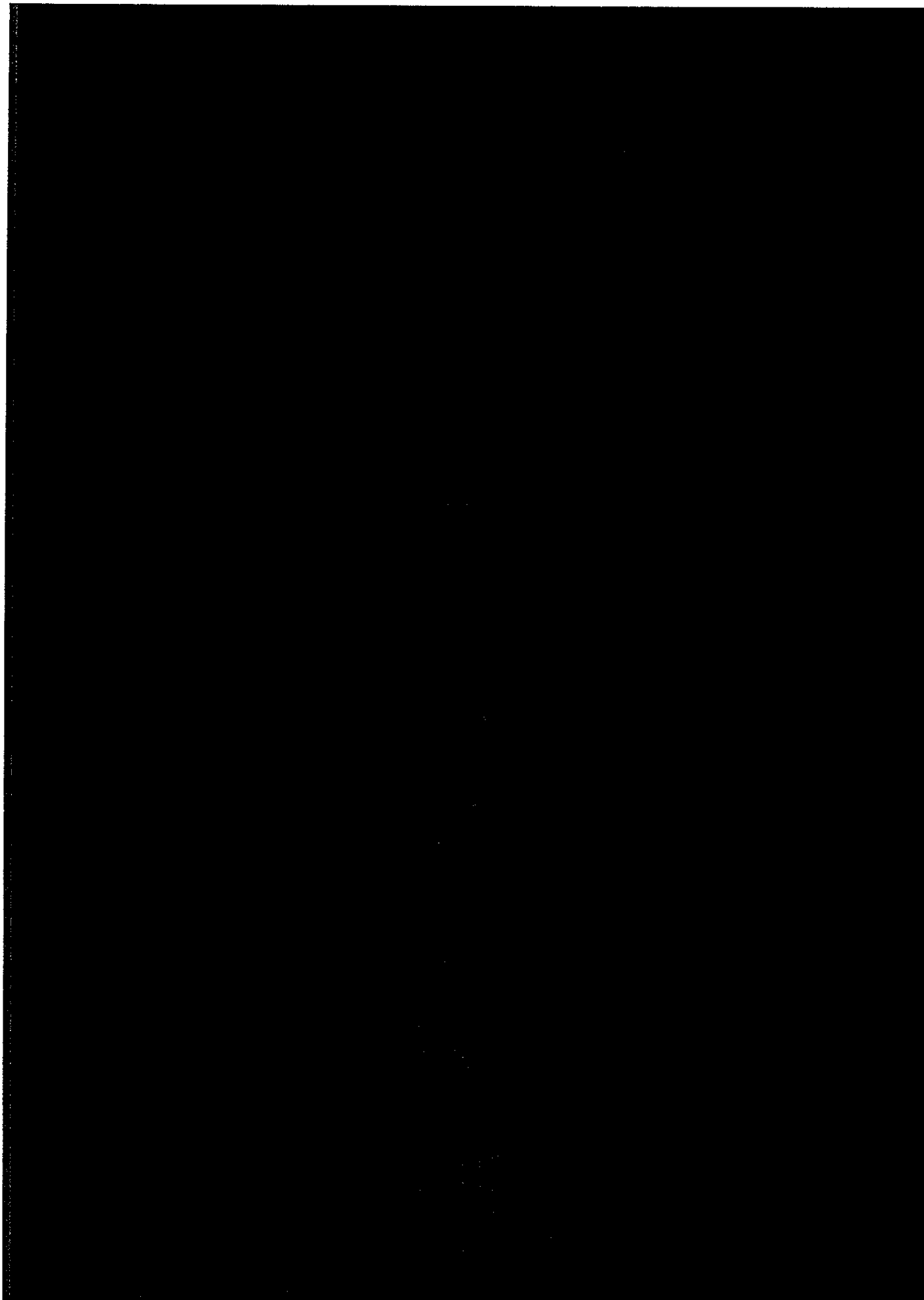


TABLE 27: MAINEHOUSING WEATHERIZATION INITIATIVES

LIHEAP Weatherization		Grant Year/Period	Production Budget	Production Expenses	Units	Comments
Weatherization efforts to maximize energy savings and reduce fuel burden; minimal health/safety per unit of \$800 and minimal incidental repairs (15% of weatherization costs) to make installation of weatherization materials effective; funds allocated to CAAs; then paid directly to contractor for services; per unit average max of \$7,105.		2013	10-01-12/09-30-13	\$2,382,472	268	Production Complete
		2014	10-01-13/11-30-14	\$3,965,811	436	Production Complete Contract extended to 11/30/2014
		2015	10-01-14/03-31-15	\$7,350,793	900 Projected	Production In Process Contract extended to 03/31/2017
		2016	10-01-15/09-30-16	TBD	TBD	Funding not yet announced
DOE/WX		2012	04-01-12/06-30-13	\$1,998,648	283	Production Complete Grant period extended to continue production through 06/30/2013.
Weatherization efforts to maximize energy savings and reduce fuel burden; minimal health/safety per unit of \$800 and minimal incidental repairs (15% of weatherization costs) to make installation of weatherization materials effective; funds allocated to CAAs and then paid directly to contractor for services; per unit average max \$7,105.		2013/2014	04-01-13/03-31-15	\$2,637,114	201	Production Complete Grant for 2013 and 2014 combined by DOE \$1.3 million in funding carried over to FY 2015
		2015	04-01-15/03-31-15	\$3,418,208	394 Budgeted	Production In Process
Weatherization Supplement		2013	01-01-13/12-31-13	\$909,117	172	Production Complete Funded by MaineHousing
Weatherization efforts to maximize energy savings and reduce fuel burden; minimal health/safety per unit of \$800 and minimal incidental repairs (15% of weatherization costs) to make installation of weatherization materials effective; funds allocated to CAAs and then paid directly to contractor for services; per unit average max \$6,769.		2014	01-01-14/12-31-14	\$1,174,186	175	Production Complete Funded by MaineHousing







## APPENDIX A

Table 28 and Table 29 illustrate the total energy savings<sup>20</sup> and lifetime avoided energy costs associated with each of the programs administered by the Trust in FY2015. Each table also shows the summary of the Trust's costs. These figures include the financial incentives given to customers ("participants") and the participants' cost-share to install energy upgrades. The costs also include the Trust's efforts to manage the programs; provide public information and outreach; hold training sessions and provide technical support; and conduct quality control, measurement and verification, and evaluation of each program. The benefit-to-cost ratio indicates the ratio of the financial benefits (from the lifetime avoided energy costs) to the combined costs of the Trust and the participants.

20. Savings values reported in the program summary tables and in individual program tables are "adjusted gross savings," unless otherwise indicated. Adjusted gross savings is the change in energy consumption and/or demand that results directly from program-related actions taken by participants in an Efficiency Maine program, regardless of why they participated, adjusted by factors developed through program evaluations. Periodically, Efficiency Maine enlists independent third-party contractors to evaluate the savings impacts of major programs. The evaluations develop factors to improve the accuracy of gross savings calculations based on installation rates and in situ-verified savings rates. The evaluations also analyze program attribution, including identifying program participants who would have installed the same or equivalent efficiency measures on their own even if the program had not been offered ("free-ridership") and the percentage of efficient equipment installed due to program influences even though no incentive or technical assistance was received ("spillover"). Factoring in free-ridership and spillover delivers "net savings," which quantifies the savings directly (adjusted gross – free-ridership) and indirectly (spillover) attributable to the program. Efficiency Maine publishes estimated free-ridership and spillover factors in the Technical Reference Manuals.

TABLE 28: FY2015 PROGRAM IMPACTS: ELECTRIC PROGRAMS

Program	Annual kWh Savings	Lifetime kWh Savings	Efficiency Maine Costs	Participant Cost	Lifetime Energy Benefit	Cost/kWh (Lifetime)	Benefit-to-Cost Ratio
Business Incentive Program Electric Measures	75,285,380	872,772,692	\$17,162,905	\$16,564,324	\$74,374,992	\$0.039	2.21
Large Customer Program Electric Measures	30,760,921	438,865,951	\$6,983,439	\$5,124,783	\$25,297,712	\$0.028	2.09
Small Business Initiative	5,409,349	70,201,736	\$2,732,147	\$551,767	\$6,330,554	\$0.047	1.93
Consumer Products Program	102,318,679	550,577,702	\$10,817,327	\$20,287,640	\$49,871,614	\$0.056	1.60
Home Energy Savings Program Electric Measures	9,032,603	162,586,854	\$3,564,434	\$1,079,128	\$16,426,509	\$0.029	3.54
Low-Income Direct Install Initiative Electric Measures	1,534,180	14,065,348	\$1,232,373	\$0	\$1,249,631	\$0.088	1.01
Cross-Cutting Strategies Electric			\$863,415				
Administration - Electric			\$2,136,542				
<b>Total</b>	<b>224,341,112</b>	<b>2,109,070,284</b>	<b>\$45,492,581</b>	<b>\$43,607,642</b>	<b>\$173,551,012</b>	<b>\$0.042</b>	<b>1.95</b>

TABLE 29: FY2015 PROGRAM IMPACTS: ALL FUELS AND NATURAL GAS PROGRAMS

Program	Annual MMBtu Savings	Lifetime MMBtu Savings	Efficiency Maine Costs	Participant Cost	Lifetime Energy Benefit	Cost/MMBtu (Lifetime)	Benefit-to-Cost Ratio
Business Incentive Program Natural Gas Measures	13,057	260,887	\$242,991	\$66,294	\$1,666,517	\$1.19	5.39
Low Income Direct Install Initiative Natural Gas Measures	636	12,728	\$76,138	\$0	\$95,369	\$5.98	1.25
Home Energy Savings Program Natural Gas Measures	5,581	127,018	\$307,737	\$1,100,862	\$2,945,103	\$11.09	2.09
Maine Advanced Building Program	1,642	32,833	\$113,734	\$106,360	\$335,424	\$6.70	1.52
Multifamily Efficiency Program	15,909	276,179	\$1,414,082	\$1,762,481	\$4,815,091	\$11.50	1.52
Business Incentive Program Other Fuels Measures	31,244	409,193	\$1,095,388	\$6,211,805	\$10,017,712	\$17.86	1.37
Large Customer Program GHG Measures	26,266	374,124	\$1,808,033	\$1,272,598	\$6,212,210	\$8.23	2.02
Low-Income Direct Install Initiative Other Fuels Measures	13,700	246,606	\$700,600	\$1,270,337	\$4,547,475	\$7.99	2.31
Home Energy Savings Program Other Fuels Measures	83,224	1,894,231	\$6,309,776	\$22,334,064	\$43,920,697	\$15.12	1.53
Renewables-Demonstration Projects			\$220,923				
Cross-Cutting Strategies All Fuels			\$170,894				
Administration - All Fuels			\$496,969				
<b>Total</b>	<b>191,258</b>	<b>3,633,797</b>	<b>\$12,957,266</b>	<b>\$34,124,801</b>	<b>\$74,555,598</b>	<b>\$12.96</b>	<b>1.58</b>

Table 30 and Table 31 report benefit-to-cost ratios based on adjusted gross and net savings for two different cost tests. Adjusted gross savings represent verified measure performance. Gross savings are adjusted based on evaluated program results, taking installation rates and in situ realized savings into account. Net savings estimate the amount of adjusted gross savings that can be directly and indirectly attributed to a program based on program participants' motivation. Participants who, in the determination of the evaluators, would have installed equivalent efficiency measures independent of the program and its incentives are considered "free-riders." To calculate net savings, the impacts of savings attributed to free-riders are excluded. By contrast, savings realized by program participants through the installation of additional efficiency measures due to program influences, even though no incentive or technical assistance was received ("spillover"), are added. The combined impacts of free-ridership and spillover relative to the adjusted gross savings are referred to as the net-to-gross ratio. Programs that have not yet been evaluated have a default net-to-gross ratio of 1.

Two different cost tests are used to assess a program's cost-effectiveness from the perspective of all utility customers (total resource cost test or TRC) and the perspective of the program administrator (program administrator cost test or PACT). The criteria for the two cost tests are defined below.<sup>21</sup>

**TRC: Perspective of all utility customers (participants and non-participants)**

Comparison of program administrator plus customer costs to utility resource savings. The TRC measures the benefits of the energy efficiency program for the service territory/region as a whole. Costs included in the TRC test are costs to purchase and install the energy efficiency measure, including the costs incurred by program participants and costs of running the energy efficiency program. The benefits included are the avoided costs of energy.

**PACT: Perspective of utility, government agency, or third party implementing the program**

Comparison of program administrator costs to supply-side resource savings. A positive PACT (greater than 1) indicates that an energy efficiency program is a lower-cost approach to meeting load growth than a wholesale energy purchase and new generation resources (including delivery and system costs). The PACT includes only costs incurred by the program administrator and not customer contributions. ■

**TABLE 30: BENEFIT-COST RATIOS: ELECTRIC PROGRAMS**

Programs	Adjusted Gross Benefit-to-Cost-Ratio			Net Benefit-to-Cost-Ratio		
	TRC	PACT	Last Evaluation	Net to Gross Ratio	TRC	PACT
Business Incentive Program Electric Measures	2.21	4.33	Note 2	0.71	1.83	3.08
Large Customer Program Electric Measures	2.09	3.62	Note 2	0.79	1.85	2.86
Small Business Initiative	1.93	2.32	Note 1	1.00	1.93	2.32
Consumer Products Program	1.60	4.61	2015	0.75	1.44	3.47
Home Energy Savings Program Electric Measures	3.54	4.61	Note 1	1.00	3.53	4.61
Low-Income Direct Install Initiative Electric Measures	1.01	1.01	Note 1	1.00	1.01	1.01
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.95</b>	<b>3.81</b>		<b>0.78</b>	<b>1.70</b>	<b>2.96</b>

TABLE 31: BENEFIT-COST RATIOS: ALL FUELS AND NATURAL GAS PROGRAMS

Programs	Adjusted Gross Benefit-to-Cost-Ratio			Net Benefit-to-Cost-Ratio			
	TRC	PACT	Last Evaluation	Netto Gross Ratio	TRC	PACT	
Business Incentive Program Natural Gas Measures	5.39	6.86	Note 3	0.66	3.48	4.51	Note 1 New program, not yet evaluated. Program evaluation of FY2016 anticipated with report published in 2017.
Low-Income Direct Install Initiative Natural Gas Measures	1.25	1.25	2014	1.00	1.25	1.25	
Home Energy Savings Program Natural Gas Measures	2.09	9.57	2011	1.00	2.08	9.57	Note 2 Currently being evaluated. Results are to be published in 2016.
Maine Advanced Building Program	1.52	2.95	Note 2	1.00	1.52	2.95	
Multifamily Efficiency Program	1.52	3.41	Note 3	0.90	1.44	3.06	Note 3 Evaluation not scheduled.
Maine Advanced Building Program	1.52	2.95	Note 1	1.00	1.52	2.95	
Business Incentive Program Other Fuels Measures	1.37	9.15	Note 3	1.00	1.37	9.15	
Low Income Direct Install Initiative Other Fuels Measures	2.31	6.49	Note 3	1.00	2.17	6.49	
Home Energy Savings Program Other Fuels Measures	1.53	6.96	Note 3	1.00	1.52	6.96	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.58</b>	<b>5.75</b>		<b>0.97</b>	<b>1.54</b>	<b>5.57</b>	

21. TRC and PACT defined in accordance with "Understanding Cost-Effectiveness of Energy Efficiency Programs: Best Practices, Technical Methods, and Emerging Issues for Policy-Makers, A Resource of The National Action Plan for Energy Efficiency" November 2008, <http://www.epa.gov/cleanenergy/documents/suca/cost-effectiveness.pdf>.

## APPENDIX B

TABLE 32: ELECTRIC PROGRAM EXPENDITURES

Program	Incentive	Delivery	Total
Business Incentive Program Electric Measures	\$15,642,304	\$1,520,601	\$17,162,905
Large Customer Program Electric Measures	\$6,439,194	\$544,245	\$6,983,439
Small Business Initiative	\$2,366,729	\$365,418	\$2,732,147
Consumer Products Program	\$8,809,467	\$2,007,860	\$10,817,327
Home Energy Savings Program Electric Measures	\$3,086,300	\$478,134	\$3,564,434
Low-Income Direct Install Initiative Electric Measures	\$1,105,121	\$127,252	\$1,232,373
Cross-Cutting Strategies Electric		\$863,415	\$863,415
Administration - Electric			\$2,136,542
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$37,449,114</b>	<b>\$5,906,924</b>	<b>\$45,492,581</b>



TABLE 33: NATURAL GAS AND ALL FUELS PROGRAM EXPENDITURES

Program	Incentive	Delivery	Total
Business Incentive Program Natural Gas Measures	\$170,847	\$72,144	\$242,991
Low-Income Direct Install Initiative Natural Gas Measures	\$62,304	\$13,834	\$76,138
Home Energy Savings Program Natural Gas Measures	\$275,207	\$32,530	\$307,737
Maine Advanced Building Program	\$51,500	\$62,234	\$113,734
Multifamily Efficiency Program	\$1,036,508	\$377,574	\$1,414,082
Business Incentive Program Other Fuels Measures	\$976,200	\$119,188	\$1,095,388
Large Customer Program GHG Measures	\$1,383,469	\$424,565	\$1,808,033
Low-Income Direct Install Initiative Other Fuels Measures	\$650,600	\$50,000	\$700,600
Home Energy Savings Program Other Fuels Measures	\$4,104,196	\$2,205,579	\$6,309,776
Renewables-Demonstration Projects	\$220,923	\$0	\$220,923
Cross-Cutting Strategies All Fuels		\$170,894	\$170,894
Administration - All Fuels			\$496,969
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$8,931,754</b>	<b>\$3,528,542</b>	<b>\$12,957,266</b>

## APPENDIX C

TABLE 34: EFFICIENCY MAINE TRUST FY2016 AMENDED BUDGET AS OF 9/30/2015

	EMT ADMIN FUND	RGGI FUND	ELECTRICITY CONSERVATION FUND	MPRP SETTLEMENT FUND	FORWARD CAPACITY MARKET FUND	NATURAL GAS FUND	RENEWABLE RESOURCE FUND
REVENUES AND FUNDING	1,511,993	20,268,157	28,804,406	4,193,773	6,289,324	2,333,981	367,487
EXPENDITURES							
Administration							
Board Meeting Expenditures	11,250						
Personnel Costs & Staff Support	959,309	48,324	139,185		13,934	6,564	
Office Rent & Operations	336,328	4,613	15,966		354	623	
Corp Dues	3,500				5,000		
Sponsorship & Dues	-		20,000				
Communications	182,856						
Travel	4,500		1,000				
Meals	1,250		350				
Technical Consultancy & Support	-		390,128		611,156	24,336	
Subtotal Administration	1,498,993	52,937	566,629		630,444	31,523	
Residential Programs							
Program Administration	-	82,802	138,318		11,929	9,467	
Low Income - Initiatives	-	587,983	2,948,637	1,056,053		274,661	
HESP	-	4,854,096	2,050,481	60,472	755,789	639,665	
Retail Initiatives	-	-	8,420,555	411,726	1,701,024	-	
Loan Loss Reserve	-	300,000					
Revolving Loan Support	-						
Subtotal Residential Programs	-	5,824,881	13,557,991	1,528,251	2,468,742	923,793	

	LONG TERM CONTRACTS	ARRA BETTER BUILDING FUND	SMALL BUSINESS REVOLVING LOAN FUND	SEI REVOLVING LOAN FUND	SEP REVOLVING LOAN FUND	FISCAL YEAR 2016 TOTAL BUDGET
REVENUES AND FUNDING	2,753,101	478,000	10,000	1,000	1,000	67,012,222

**EXPENDITURES**

<b>Administration</b>						
Board Meeting Expenditures						11,250
Personnel Costs & Staff Support		-				1,167,316
Office Rent & Operations		43,000	4,000			404,884
Corp Dues						8,500
Sponsorship & Dues						20,000
Communications		-				182,856
Travel						5,500
Meals						1,600
Technical Consultancy & Support						1,025,620
<b>Subtotal Administration</b>		43,000	4,000			2,827,526

<b>Residential Programs</b>						
Program Administration		-				242,516
Low Income - Initiatives						4,867,334
HESP		-				8,360,503
Retail Initiatives						10,533,305
Loan Loss Reserve						300,000
Revolving Loan Support		435,000		1,000	1,000	437,000
<b>Subtotal Residential Programs</b>		435,000		1,000	1,000	24,740,658

TABLE 34: EFFICIENCY MAINE TRUST FY2016 AMENDED BUDGET AS OF 9/30/2015 — CONTINUED

	EMT ADMIN FUND	RGGI FUND	ELECTRICITY CONSERVATION PROGRAM FUND	MPRP SETTLEMENT FUND	FORWARD CAPACITY MARKET FUND	NATURAL GAS FUND	RENEWABLE RESOURCE FUND
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>							
<b>Business Programs</b>							
Program Administration		59,309	184,924				
Business Incentive Program		1,156,902	6,663,828	270,331	8,512	4,257	
Large Customer Projects		7,595,690	4,653,917	2,353,191	1,917,798	923,394	
Maine Advanced Building		845,684				128,095	
Small Business Initiatives							
State House Energy Project			1,010,917				
Maine High Performance Schools		76,747	76,747				
Multifamily Retrofits			51,142				
Commercial Loan Support		1,603,276					
<b>Subtotal Business Programs</b>		<b>11,337,608</b>	<b>12,641,475</b>	<b>2,623,522</b>	<b>1,926,310</b>	<b>1,197,356</b>	
<b>Cross-Cutting Strategies</b>							
Program Administration		45,439	105,813				
Energy Education					23,601	4,609	
Training			100,594		64,948		
Innovation Pilots			164,202				
Research and Analysis		41,926	186,111				
Independent Program Evaluation		30,000	209,702		559,261		
<b>Subtotal Cross-Cutting Strategies</b>		<b>117,365</b>	<b>1,303,143</b>		<b>1,030,426</b>	<b>4,609</b>	

	LONG TERM CONTRACTS	ARRA BETTER BUILDING FUND	SMALL BUSINESS REVOLVING LOAN FUND	SEI REVOLVING LOAN FUND	SEP REVOLVING LOAN FUND	FISCAL YEAR 2016 TOTAL BUDGET
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>						
<b>Business Programs</b>						
Program Administration	-	-	-	-	-	257,002
Business Incentive Program						9,014,455
Large Customer Projects	2,753,101					19,401,792
Maine Advanced Building	-	-	-	-	-	845,684
Small Business Initiatives						1,010,917
State House Energy Project						153,494
Maine High Performance Schools						51,142
Multi-Family Retrofits						1,744,886
Commercial Loan Support			6,000			6,000
<b>Subtotal Business Programs</b>	<b>2,753,101</b>		<b>6,000</b>			<b>32,485,372</b>

<b>Cross-Cutting Strategies</b>						
Program Administration	-	-	-	-	-	179,462
Energy Education						165,542
Training						164,202
Innovation Pilots						787,298
Research and Analysis						522,318
Independent Program Evaluation						636,721
<b>Subtotal Cross-Cutting Strategies</b>						<b>2,455,543</b>

TABLE 34: EFFICIENCY MAINE TRUST FY2016 AMENDED BUDGET AS OF 9/30/2015 — CONTINUED

	EMT ADMIN FUND	RGCI FUND	ELECTRICITY CONSERVATION PROGRAM FUND	MPRP SETTLEMENT FUND	FORWARD CAPACITY MARKET FUND	NATURAL GAS FUND	RENEWABLE RESOURCE FUND
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>							
Alternative Energy							
Renewables-Demonstration Projects	-	-	-	-	-	-	331,437
Subtotal Alternative Energy	-	117,365	1,303,143	-	1,030,426	4,609	-
<b>Other Items</b>							
Payments to/for State Agencies	13,000	404,663	204,837	15,000	34,000	156,396	36,050
15% Rate fund		1,971,190					
InterFund Transfers Out		559,513	530,331	27,000	199,402	20,304	
Subtotal Other Items	13,000	2,935,366	735,168	42,000	233,402	176,700	36,050
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>1,511,993</b>	<b>20,268,157</b>	<b>28,804,406</b>	<b>4,193,773</b>	<b>6,289,324</b>	<b>2,333,981</b>	<b>367,487</b>

	LONG TERM CONTRACTS	ARRA BETTER BUILDING FUND	SMALL BUSINESS REVOLVING LOAN FUND	SEI REVOLVING LOAN FUND	SEP REVOLVING LOAN FUND	FISCAL YEAR 2016 TOTAL BUDGET
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>						
<b>Alternative Energy</b>						
Renewables-Demonstration Projects						331,437
<b>Subtotal Alternative Energy</b>						<b>331,437</b>
<b>Other Items</b>						
Payments to/for State Agencies	-					863,946
15% Rate fund						1,971,190
Interfund Transfers Out						1,336,550
<b>Subtotal Other Items</b>						<b>4,171,686</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2,753,101</b>	<b>478,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>67,012,222</b>

## APPENDIX D

TABLE 35: PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION ASSESSMENTS AND REVENUE COLLECTIONS

PLIC Assessments and Revenue Collections - FY 2015 System Benefit Charge (SBC)						
Assessment Quarter:	Apr-Jun 2014	July-Sep 2014	Oct-Dec 2014	Jan-Mar 2015	TOTAL — FY15	
Billing Date:	16-Jul-14	15-Oct-14	7-Jan-15	2-Apr-15		
Collected during the Quarter:	July-Sep 2010	Oct-Dec 2010				
NAME						
Central Maine Power Co	\$2,556,898.00	\$2,887,691.00	\$2,635,380.00	\$2,952,100.00	\$11,032,069.00	
Eastern Maine Electric Coop	\$32,884.00	\$33,436.00	\$32,332.00	\$38,796.00	\$137,448.00	
Emera (Bangor Hydro/MPS)	\$576,807.00	\$646,601.00	\$636,629.00	\$693,475.00	\$2,553,512.00	
Fox Island Electric Coop	\$3,191.00	\$4,102.00	\$3,431.00	\$3,610.00	\$14,334.00	
Houlton Water Co	\$23,264.00	\$22,961.00	\$24,193.00	\$29,641.00	\$100,059.00	
Kennebunk Light & Power	\$36,179.99	\$39,414.92	\$35,521.41	\$42,801.09	\$153,917.41	
Madison Electric Works	\$9,641.00	\$9,546.00	\$10,282.00	\$12,453.00	\$41,922.00	
Swan's Island Electric	\$668.00	\$907.00	\$709.00	\$743.00	\$3,027.00	
Van Buren Light & Power Co	\$4,751.75	\$4,531.23	\$5,270.64	\$6,475.13	\$21,028.75	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$3,244,284.74</b>	<b>\$3,649,198.15</b>	<b>\$3,383,748.05</b>	<b>\$3,780,094.22</b>	<b>\$14,057,317.16</b>	

STATE BUDGET PROJECTIONS	FY2015	FY2016
Central Maine Power Co	\$11,032,069	\$14,554,452
Eastern Maine Electric Coop	\$137,448	\$179,959
Emera (Bangor Hydro & MPS)	\$2,553,512	\$3,357,682
Fox Island Electric Coop	\$14,334	\$18,700
Houlton Water Co	\$100,059	\$130,212
Kennebunk Light & Power	\$153,917	\$204,622
Madison Electric Works	\$41,922	\$47,186
Swan's Island Electric	\$3,027	\$4,003
Van Buren Light & Power Co	\$21,029	\$3,183
		\$19,550,006



## PUC Assessments and Revenue Collections - FY 2015

## Natural Gas

Assessment Quarter:	Apr-Jun 2014	July-Sep 2014	Oct-Dec 2014	Jan-Mar 2015	
Billing Date:	16-Jul-14	15-Oct-14	7-Jan-15	2-Apr-15	
Collected during the Quarter:	July-Sep 2010	COLLECTED	0-Jan-00		
NAME					TOTAL — FY15
Northern Utilities – Unitil	\$248,385.73	\$169,871.27	\$294,292.46	\$419,790.18	\$1,132,339.64
Bangor Natural Gas	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Maine Natural Gas	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Summit Natural Gas	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
TOTALS	\$248,385.73	\$169,871.27	\$294,292.46	\$419,790.18	\$1,132,339.64
FY15 PROJECTION					\$1,913,941.00
FY16 PROJECTION					\$1,696,490.00

TABLE 36: ALTERNATIVE COMPLIANCE MECHANISM REVENUES

Alternative Compliance Mechanism (ACM)					
Assessment Quarter:	July '14-June '15				
Billing Date:	16-Jul-14				
NAME					TOTAL — FY15
Mint Energy, LLC	\$130.56	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$130.56
Con Edison Solutions, Inc.	\$3,680.04	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$3,680.04
TOTALS	\$3,810.60	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$3,810.60

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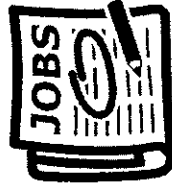
Total number of  
energy saving  
projects installed  
in businesses

5,835



Jobs created  
from 2015  
investments

544



Total amount  
loaned for home  
energy projects

\$4.67  
million

for 518 loans  
made in FY2015

In 2015  
Mainers saved  
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36,514

homes

NUMBER OF HEAT  
PUMPS INSTALLED  
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IN 2015

7,499

TOTAL NUMBER  
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## NewsWatch

### COLUMBUS

#### \$40M for transportation technologies

Columbus will receive a \$40 million grant from the federal government to integrate innovative transportation technologies such as self-driving cars, connected vehicles and smart sensors into the city's transportation network. Columbus will receive the grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation plus \$10 million from Vulcan Inc. after beating out six other cities in the federal agency's Smart City Challenge. Ohio's two U.S. senators confirmed the award Tuesday. The other finalists that competed against Columbus were San Francisco; Pittsburgh; Denver; Portland, Oregon; Austin, Texas; and Kansas City, Missouri.

### EAST CLEVELAND

#### Council president faces 2nd recall vote

East Cleveland voters will decide Tuesday, for the second time in about seven months, whether to recall Council President and Ward 3 Councilman Thomas Wheeler. On Dec. 8, with a turnout of about 7 percent of the 3,863 voters in his Ward 3, Wheeler survived the first recall vote, which cost the financially struggling city \$10,635. The Cuyahoga County Board of Elections expects Tuesday's election to cost the same amount for East Cleveland, which is considering filing for bankruptcy. Wheeler is heading the City Council's efforts to merge the city with Cleveland. Results from the election will be announced July 7.

### CLEVELAND

#### Retired teacher charged

A former middle school teacher accused of taking an "upskirt" recording of a woman in line for ice cream during Sunday's Cleveland Indians game has been charged. Cleveland police filed a complaint Tuesday charging Richard Abraham, 62, with tampering with evidence, a third-degree felony. Abraham, of Chardon, stuck his cellphone under the woman's dress and took either a photograph or a video without her knowledge, according to court records. A man in line ahead of the woman saw the act, and Abraham ran, records say. Abraham was trying to delete the recording when the man caught up with him, the complaint says. Abraham retired in 2013 from Kenston Middle School, where he taught for 35 years, the district said.

### CLEVELAND

#### Final gang member sentenced

The final member of the Cleveland gang "DTIO" arrested with more than 50 other people in an auto theft investigation was sentenced Tuesday to three years in prison. Ramon Laster, 19, was sentenced by Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Judge Nancy A. Fuert on charges of participating in a criminal gang, robbery and attempted receiving stolen property. The men charged in the November gang roundup participated in numerous West Side robberies and car thefts, according to prosecutors.

### CLEVELAND

#### Woman punched, choked outside store

A Cleveland Heights man is accused of punching and choking a woman after she refused to give him change outside a liquor store. Robert Adams, 39, is charged with aggravated robbery. He was being held in the Cuyahoga County Jail on \$100,000 bond after his first court appearance on Monday. The incident happened about 8:45 p.m. Thursday at the Collinwood Village Food Mart.

### Air race

## Two Golden Flashes take flight

### KSU duo joins an all-woman competition

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KENT — A pair of Kent State University pilots took off Tuesday for 2,716 miles across the country, to compete in the historic Air Race Classic.

They are among 55 teams from around the country competing in the 40th annual all-women cross-country race.

The teams took off in Prescott, Arizona, and the race ends Friday in Daytona Beach, Florida.

The competition is the oldest of its kind, with roots that can be traced back to the 1928 Women's Air Derby, in which Amelia Earhart and 19 other female pilots raced from California to Cleveland.

The Flying Flashes, Jalia Manga, a flight technology major, and Carissa Marlon, a Kent State flight instructor and graduate of the university, will follow a course through 12 states before ending in Florida.



Carissa Marlon, left, and Jalia Manga are in a cross-country air race.

Because planes travel at different speeds, each one receives a unique handicap. Instead of racing against each other, the teams are racing against their own best time.

Each team crosses a timing line at the start and finish of each leg of the race. At the end of the race, the team's overall speed is calculated based on those leg times and compared to the team's handicap.

The team that beats its handicap by the largest number wins.

There are nine to 10 pre-defined airports that the race team must fly to. Landing at each airport is optional. However, each team must land each night at a designated race stop. The race can be flown in one day or up to four days.

Prizes include \$15,500 in cash, medallions and trophies.

The Kent State team will fly in a Cessna Sky Hawk awarded to Kent State after receiving the distinction as a 2016 Top Hawk university and awarded a Cessna Sky Hawk to use for one year, the university said.

The aircraft is named NIKKI in celebration of the life of Nicole "NIKKI" Kukwa, a Kent State aeronautics student who helped establish The Flying Black Squirrel, which is a student chapter of the organization Women in Aviation, International. Kukwa died of leukemia during her junior year.

You can follow the progress of the Kent State team on Twitter using #NikkiTheTopHawk.

### Food stamp fraud

## Grocer wanted since '95 caught in Mideast

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A man who pleaded guilty in 1994 to a \$3.2 million federal food-stamp fraud case, only to flee to the Middle East, is back in the United States after being located by authorities overseas.

Najeh Otallah, 54, was arrested in Jerusalem May 25, U.S. Marshal Pete Elliott said. He said his office worked with law enforcement there and that two deputy marshals flew there last week and picked Otallah up.

He arrived in Cleveland on Thursday night and remains in custody.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Karrie Howard, who is assigned to Otallah's case, did not give specifics on how authorities found Otallah but said that he "popped up on a radar" of Israeli authorities. Otallah has been wanted on an arrest warrant since Oct. 26, 1995, when he did not show up for his sentencing in front of then-U.S. District Judge John Manos.

He pleaded guilty to three food stamp fraud-related charges, the first case brought in federal court in Cleveland that targeted the abuse of the anti-poverty program.

Manos granted the request, and Otallah, a U.S. citizen

the Quincy Eagle Super Market on Quincy Avenue. He, his brother Mahmud Otallah and the company that they owned were charged with illegally redeeming food stamps for cash and other violations.

Najeh Otallah faced between 21 and 27 months in prison, according to a plea agreement.

A motion from Aug. 25, 1994, said that he wanted to travel to Israel for two weeks to visit his wife's family in Beit Hanina, a Palestinian neighborhood in East Jerusalem.

Manos granted the request, and Otallah, a U.S. citizen

whose home was in Lakewood, never returned.

"He thought he could evade authorities by running as far as he can," Elliott said. "At the end of the day, he found how long our reach is."

Kent Minshall, Najeh Otallah's attorney, said of his client that "nobody ran him down." He said his client, like many in the Middle East, wanted to come back to the United States when he got older because he could receive better health care.

Mahmud Otallah, who owned a supermarket on Lee Road, was sentenced in November 1994 to 21 months in federal prison.

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Jeffrey Ryan, 39, (left) waits for a jury's decision, with his attorney David Per Due, on Tuesday morning in the courtroom of Ashtabula County Common Pleas Judge Thomas Harris. He was found guilty of aggravated murder in the May 6, 2015, shooting death of his father Thomas Ryan and sentenced to 30 years to life plus three years for a gun specification.

## RYAN: Conneaut man gets 30 years-to-life for killing father

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Harris said the magnitude of the crime merited the maximum sentence recommended by Ashtabula County Prosecutor Nicholas Iarocci.

A mandatory three years was added to the sentence because Ryan had used a firearm in the commission of a crime.

Harris cited Ryan's lack of "genuine remorse" and testimony he said showed the defendant "did hate his father."

The judge said he found testimony from Robert Stroud, friend and financial advisor to Thomas Ryan, "most troubling." Last week, Stroud told the jury that during a meeting with Jeffrey Ryan and his mother, Sandra, two weeks before the shooting, Ryan spoke the words "house" and "I'll shoot him."

Stroud also testified the elder Ryan had not been aggressive the day he was killed. "I absolutely believe the sentence is justified by the evidence presented," Harris said. "Crimes don't get any worse than aggravated murder."

Harris said he was also mindful of Ryan's relationship with father and son.

Ryan's attorney, David Per Due, asked Harris to consider a 20-year-to-life sentence, citing his lack of criminal history. Iarocci said Ryan's clean legal slate was not relevant. Thomas Ryan's reputation was "ma-

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igned" and "damaged" during the trial, Iarocci said.

The defense had argued Jeffrey Ryan was afraid of his father because of beatings he endured growing up and acted to save himself and his mother the day Thomas Ryan was moving out of the house he, Sandra and Jeffrey had shared at 488 Benjamin St. Thomas Ryan had formally moved out a few days earlier and their marriage was being dissolved.

Prior to sentencing, Jeremy Ryan, the defendant's older brother, read a statement to Harris urging a "punishment that fits the crime."

"Our father, my dad, is not a monster," he said, struggling with his emotions. "He loved his kids, he loved me and Jeffrey. He prayed for us on a daily basis. I forgive my brother Jeff for murdering our father. I forgive him of the acts, the lies, the betrayal. I forgive him for that. But that doesn't mean the sentence should be lessened. God loves my brother very much, as did our father. Because of that love, I can say

I forgive him. I do love my brother, my only brother."

The outcome brought mixed emotions, said Jeremy Ryan, who testified for the prosecution that Thomas Ryan had spanked, not beaten, his sons.

"The verdict made me somewhat happy and a lot of ways sad," he told Harris. "I lost my my father, my mother lost her husband, my brother has no father anymore."

Sandra Ryan sat with her back to her oldest son during his remarks. After the hearing, Sandra Ryan's brother, the Rev. William Halter, said she was "very disappointed in the verdict," adding defense evidence not allowed at the trial "would have affected the outcome."

"(Sandra Ryan) believes Jeffrey acted out in protection of her and in self-defense," Halter said.

Later, Sandra Ryan told reporters the defense was not permitted to introduce evidence regarding Thomas Ryan's character. "We weren't allowed to use any of that," she said. Called as a defense witness, Sandra Ryan said her husband had



Ashtabula County Prosecutor Nicholas Iarocci speaks during a sentencing hearing for Jeffrey Ryan was found guilty of aggravated murder on Tuesday morning.

been physically abusive in the past toward her and Jeffrey.

"I had to stay (in the house) to protect Jeff," she told reporters. Per Due declined comment afterwards expect to confirm they will be appeal. Jeffrey Ryan declined a chance to address the court before the sentence was announced.

Iarocci, after sentencing, said he was "disturbed" by the defense's depiction of the victim during the trial. He said jurors obviously found the attacks on Thomas Ryan's reputation, as well as the self-defense argument, to be "unfounded" based on the quick deliberation.

"The Conneaut Police Department did an 'outstanding job,' Iarocci said. "Many thanks to every officer involved, as well as (Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation) representatives who testified," he said.



David Pantoja works on a piece of wall art on Saturday in an alley off of Main Avenue in Ashtabula.

## ALLEY: Art draws city's attention

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Ginnard said Holiday has "a passion of what the city needs."

Artists Amanda Loga, Elisa Albrecht, Chris McBride, David Pantoja, Tessa LeBaron and Johnny Joo were part of the making of the mural.

They are a group of young adults who have met through art or music, Holiday said.

Staff writer Warren Dillaway contributed to this story.

## ROCK CREEK: Personnel shake up continues

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charges — investigators declined to comment on the active investigation — but Forristal said she hopes they will.

"I liked both of these employees a great deal; considered them personal friends," Forristal said. "So it has been pretty difficult. But we do what we have to do."

At a special meeting last week, council hired Pace's replacement, Sue Haehn. She has banking experience at Middlefield Bank, Huntington Bank and National City Bank and worked in accounting for 16 years at Crandall Ford in Madison.

"I was looking for a part-time job that would suit me and it's very close to home," Haehn said Monday. "I'm willing to give whatever it takes, but I still have small hours."

Haehn is working through a 90-day trial period right now, with a temporary salary of \$8,000. The village's fiscal officer and tax administrator positions are combined, and only require nine hours per week, Forristal said.

"I felt it was more important to have someone who could come into our office," she said. "Even though she doesn't have any municipal experience, she has enough background experience I think it'll be a good transition for her."

There are some issues where Haehn may need help, such as loan payments, and Forristal said Pace has been in the office helping Haehn adjust. She recommended a Monday meeting the village pay Pace as-needed to continue helping Haehn, but Solicitor David Mc-

Combs advised against it.

"The woman resigned under threat of being fired for her misuse of the books," he said.

Village officials also learned Monday the search for a permanent administrator will become more pressing, as Phillips tendered his resignation from the role, effective June 30.

"Our biggest dilemma is it is only a part-time position," but it requires a full-time mentality, Forristal said last week. "I need someone who can be there physically with us every morning."

"Most people simply cannot afford to only work part-time unless they have another part-time position."

While Forristal said the ideal candidate doesn't need water or sewer licensing, she expects them to be willing

to undergo the process. The administrator would be expected to work from 7:30 a.m. to noon.

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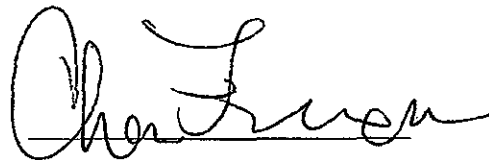
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KAYLEE REMINGTON — THE MORNING JOURNAL

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Check out the full photo gallery at [media.news-herald.com](http://media.news-herald.com)

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## CLEVELAND

# RNC protest rules in line with other conventions

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Cleveland says in a court filing that its rules for protests and marches during the upcoming Republican National Convention are similar to those in other convention cities where federal courts upheld challenges.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio sued the city in federal court last week on behalf of two groups that claim rules and restrictions on pro-

tests within the event zone covering downtown Cleveland would infringe on people's free speech rights. Cleveland responded Monday by saying rules that prohibit some items in the event zone and security zones established by the Secret Service won't infringe on freedom of expression. The secure zones include areas surrounding the convention arena and a media center.

A hearing on the ACLU's lawsuit is scheduled for Thursday in Cleveland.

## PIKE COUNTY

# Investigators plug away on family deaths

By Kaitalee Franko  
The Associated Press

LONDON, Ohio — More than two dozen investigators are focused on solving the slayings of eight relatives who were found shot in southern Ohio two months ago, officials overseeing the top-priority investigation said Tuesday.

In terms of the manpower and resources devoted to the case, it's shaping up to be the biggest in the history of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Attorney General Mike DeWine told The Associated Press.

"We're here for the duration, whatever that is," DeWine said.

Authorities have reviewed about 700 tips and 100 pieces of evidence and relocated the four mobile homes where the bodies were found to preserve the crime scenes, but they refuse to reveal how much closer they might be to identifying any suspects or a motive, saying they don't want to jeopardize the chance to catch and convict whoever's responsible.

Seven adults and a 16-year-old boy from the Rhoden family were found dead April 22 at four properties near Pike County. A newborn, another baby and young child

weren't harmed. A coroner determined all but one of the victims had been shot repeatedly, and some had bruising.

"You can't be in those scenes or meet with the family members and not be impacted," bureau Superintendent Tom Stokroth said Tuesday in a joint interview with DeWine and Pike County Sheriff Charles Reader at the bureau offices in London.

Reader said he has spent nearly \$150,000 on the case so far, including staff overtime and expenses for moving the four mobile homes to a secure site to help preserve them. But, he added: "We can't put a price on eight bodies."

The victims were 40-year-old Christopher Rhoden; his ex-wife, 37-year-old Dana Rhoden; their three children, 20-year-old Clarence "Frankie" Rhoden, 16-year-old Christopher Jr., and 19-year-old Hanna; Frankie Rhoden's fiancée, 20-year-old Hannah Gilley; Christopher Rhoden Sr.'s brother, 44-year-old Kenneth Rhoden; and a cousin, 38-year-old Gary Rhoden.

DeWine said it's difficult to explain the massive amount of information investigators are sorting through as they try to unspool how the victims lived for clues to why



JOHN MARCHILLO — THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Authorities on April 22 set up roadblocks at the perimeter of one of four properties near Piketon, where seven adults and a 16-year-old boy from the Rhoden family were found shot to death, at the intersection of Union Hill Road and Route 32 in Pike County, Ohio. Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine and Pike County Sheriff Charles Reader said Tuesday that more than two dozen investigators are focused on solving the slayings.

they died. Investigators say they have stayed in touch as needed with surviving family members, who haven't responded to messages seeking comment through the county's victim advocate.

Authorities said marijuana-growing operations were found at three of the crime scenes. That's not uncommon in the area, but it fueled rumors that the slayings are drug-related — one of numerous theories that have circulated.

"Right now, it really does feel like they don't have a handle on who might've done that, but that may not be true," said Michael Benza, who teaches criminal law and procedure at Case Western Reserve University. "Part of that is just what you do in the investigation. If you're not ready to go make an arrest, you don't want everybody to know you're getting close, because then they're going to run."

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## Big names in Britain are urging a pro-EU decision

Prime minister tells voters to think about future generations

By Danica Mirka and Jill Lawless  
Associated Press

LONDON: From the prime minister to sports and pop icons David Beckham, supporters of Britain staying in the European Union urged voters Tuesday to think about future generations when they cast ballots in a referendum that has divided the nation.

With the black door of 10 Downing St. offering a statesman's backdrop, Prime Minister David Cameron appealed directly to EU-wary older voters, saying that leaving the bloc would risk the country's economic security — and younger generations would have to live with the consequences.

"Do think about the hopes and dreams of your children and grandchildren," he said. "They can't undo the decision we take," he said. "If we vote out, that's it. It's irreversible."

The plea came as the already heated campaign moved into its final days. Opponents said the statement outside the prime minister's residence betrayed Cameron's worry that the referendum he called to settle Britain's place in Europe could end with the country walking away from the bloc.

Steve Hilton, a former Cameron adviser who now backs a "leave" vote, said Cameron had been "wheeled out by rather panicky spin doctors."

Cameron seemed to direct his appeal at those who grew up in the after-shadow of Britain's imperial period, in a nation that had stood against Nazi tyranny during World War II. Polls suggest these voters, many of them Conservatives, are more likely than younger Britons to reject the pan-European EU project.

Cameron tried to assure them that Britain remains a great country — even if it is part of a 28-nation bloc — and that being in the EU allows the country to promote the values it holds dear.

The "remain" camp also got a boost from more popular and populist figures when soccer star David Beckham and his designer wife Victoria added their voices to the EU cause.

"For our children and their children, we should be facing the problems of the world together and not alone," he said.



Orlando mayor Buddy Dyer (left) and Attorney General Loretta Lynch view a memorial Tuesday at city hall of 49 wreaths, one for each victim of the Pulse nightclub mass shooting in Orlando, Fla. [JOHN RACON/Associated Press]

## No 'magic bullet' against jihadist hype, AG warns

Lynch visits Orlando still shaken by shootings that killed 49 at gay nightclub

By Eric Tucker and Mike Scheekel  
Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla.: The Orlando massacre at a popular gay nightclub shows no one yet has "found the magic bullet" to prevent Americans from being inspired to violence by jihadist propaganda on the Internet, Attorney General Loretta Lynch said Tuesday as she visited a city still shaken by the shootings.

Countering the narrative of radical extremism continues to be a challenge for the government, Lynch said in an interview with the Associated Press.

"How do we break that chain? How do we counter this extremist ideology that's online, knowing that the Internet has to remain free and open?" she said. "What can we get out there that's a counter-message to that?"

At the scene of the carnage, workers removed a temporary fence that was erected around the Pulse nightclub. State officials wondered how they would pay for resources drained by the June 12 massacre, and investigators kept probing for gunman Omar Mateen's motives for the rampage, in which 49 people were killed and dozens more wounded. Mateen died in a gunbattle with police.

Lynch said investigators may never pinpoint a single motive and have not ruled out witness reports suggesting Mateen might have been at Pulse before or had gay interests.

"While we know a lot more about him in terms of who he was and what he did, I do not want to definitively rule out any particular motivation here," she said, later adding, "It's entirely possible that he had a singular motive. It's entirely possible that he had a dual motive."

In a 911 call from the club, Mateen pledged solidarity with the Islamic State group, and Lynch said there's no doubt,

based on evidence gathered during the investigation, that he had read and absorbed extremist propaganda on the Internet.

"We believe that is certainly one avenue of radicalization, but we want to know if there are others," she said in the interview. "We want to know everything he did in the days, weeks and months leading up to this attack."

"We still do believe that this was an act of terrorism and an act of hate," she added.

Speaking to reporters later, she called the rampage a "shattering attack" — on our nation, on our people and on our most fundamental ideals. She also directly addressed the LGBT community, saying, "We stand with you to say that the good in the world far outweighs the evil ... and that our most effective response to terror and hatred is compassion, unity and love."

While in Orlando, Lynch visited a memorial, praised the actions of first responders and met with victims' relatives. Her remarks at a news conference followed meetings with U.S. Attorney Lee Bentley and other law enforcement officials, including prosecutors assigned to the investigation.

Lynch's meeting with first responders came as Orlando police faced continued questions about their response.

On Monday, police Chief John Mina said that if any fire from responding officers hit victims at the club, Mateen bears the responsibility. "Those killings are on the suspect, on the suspect alone in my mind," he said.

Lynch said the Justice Department will provide Florida \$1 million in emergency funds to help with response costs. Florida's Republican Gov. Rick Scott had complained that Washington had turned down his request for \$5 million to help pay for the state's response.

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## Small drone usage OK'd for takeoff

Commercial operators can fly without need for special permission

By Joan Lowry  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON: Routine use of small drones by real estate agents, farmers, filmmakers and countless other commercial operators was cleared for takeoff by the Obama administration Tuesday, after years of struggling to write rules that would both protect public safety and free the benefits of a new technology.

The Federal Aviation Administration announced the creation of a new category of aviation rules designed specifically for drones weighing less than 55 pounds. The long-anticipated rules mean commercial operators can fly drones without special permission.

Industry and government officials describe commercial drones as the biggest game-changing technology in aviation since the advent of the jet engine.

"This is a watershed moment in how advanced technology can improve lives," said Brendan Schulman, a vice president at DJI, the world's largest civilian drone-maker.

Jason Miller, an Obama economic adviser, said the rules are the first step toward full integration of drones in the national airspace system. Until now, commercial operators have had to apply for a waiver from rules that govern manned aircraft, a process that can be time-consuming and expensive.

Since 2014, the FAA has granted more than

6,100 waivers and another 7,600 are waiting for approval. Many more small companies have been using drones without FAA permission, say industry officials.

Unless those operators make a serious mistake that brings them to the FAA's attention, there's not a lot the agency can do to track them down. The new rules would provide an easier way for those businesses to operate legally.

The rules also would effectively lift the lid on flights by other potential operators who have held out using the technology — ranchers who want to count cattle, research scientists, and companies that inspect infrastructure like bridges, oil platforms and smokestacks, to name a few.

Under the new rules, operators would register their drones online and pass an aviation knowledge exam for drone pilots at an FAA-approved testing center. That's a big change since operators currently have to have a manned aircraft pilot's license.

Operators also would have to follow many of the rules that apply to model aircraft hobbyists like keeping drones within sight at all times and not flying over people or higher than 400 feet.

Other important limitations also remain in place. Drone flights will be permitted only during the day and at twilight. Operators could still seek waivers to such restrictions.

What's missing from the rules is an enforcement mechanism. Sarah Kreps, a Cornell University professor, said it is hard to see how the [FAA] actually can ensure that these rules are followed," she said.

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## ISLAMIC STATE IN IRAQ

# Militant presence persists in Fallujah

Susannah George  
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Only a third of Fallujah has been "cleared" of Islamic State militants, the U.S.-led coalition said Tuesday, days after the Iraqi government declared victory in the city west of Baghdad, which was held by the extremists for more than two years.

Other parts of the city are "contested," said U.S. Army Col. Christopher Garver, the Baghdad-based spokesman for the coalition, with clashes underway between Iraqi forces and Islamic State fighters. Most of the cleared terrain is in the south of the city and "clearing operations continue outward from the city center," Garver added.

Iraqi forces pushed into the center of Fallujah on Friday, retaking a government complex and the central hospital. That evening Brig. Gen. Haider al-Obaidi, with Iraq's special forces, told The Associated Press his troops controlled 80 percent of the city.

Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi said Friday that Fallujah had "returned to the embrace of the nation," and that remaining Islamic State pockets would be "cleaned out within hours."

But in recent days there have been persistent clashes between Iraqi forces and Islamic State fighters holed up in dense residential neighborhoods along the city's northern edge.

"What it looks like is (an Islamic State) defensive belt around the city with not as stiff defenses inside," Garver said, explaining that as Iraqi forces move out from the city center they may encounter additional pockets of stiff resistance.

"That could be their toughest fighting," Garver added.

Iraqi commanders on the ground say their forces continue to make progress and have

## Fleeing Fallujah

Fallujah is the last Islamic State bastion in the sprawling Anbar province. Islamic State controls pockets of territory in Iraq's north and west, including Mosul, the country's second-largest city.

More than 3.4 million Iraqis have fled their homes since the Islamic State swept across northern and western Iraq in the summer of 2014, according to U.N. figures. More than 40 percent of the displaced are from Anbar province.

The U.N. refugee agency said Tuesday that more than 85,000 people have fled Fallujah and the surrounding area since the recent offensive began. A U.N. spokeswoman said she expected that thousands more "could still be planning to leave the city" and appealed for more aid donations.

killed hundreds of militants.

Iraqi special forces backed by U.S.-led airstrikes have taken control of the neighborhoods of al-Shurta and al-Jughail, al-Obaidi told the AP on Tuesday. He said Iraqi military engineers were clearing the streets and buildings of leftover bombs.

The top special forces commander for the Fallujah operation told local al-Sumaria TV late Monday that the offensive killed 2,500 Islamic State fighters. Lt. Gen. Abdul-Wahab al-Saadi offered no evidence to back up his claim. Iraqi troops have not disclosed their losses in Fallujah, though the Islamic State group claims to have killed dozens.

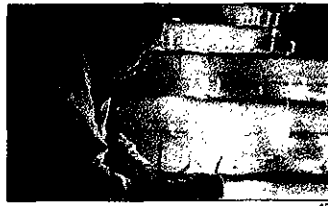
# Jordan seals Syria refugees' last entry point after blast

Kerli Leub and  
Mohammed Daraghmah  
The Associated Press

AMMAN, Jordan — Jordan sealed its last entry point for Syrian refugees Tuesday after a cross-border suicide attack killed six members of Jordanian security forces, wounded 14 and exposed the pro-Western kingdom's growing vulnerability to spillover from conflict next door.

The closure raised questions about the fate of tens of thousands of Syrian refugees who are stranded in remote desert along the border, many of them for months, and depend on daily deliveries of food and water from the Jordanian side, Jordan said its security comes first. Government spokesman Mohammed Momani said Jordan had warned for months that militants, including those from the Islamic State group, are mingling with refugees in the two rapidly expanding encampments on the border and pose a serious security threat.

"The border will be closed," Momani told reporters. "We will not allow the crossing of people or vehicles through that



Jordanians light candles at a vigil for six soldiers killed in a suicide bombing on their border with Syria on Tuesday.

area." King Abdullah II said in a statement that Jordan will "respond with an iron fist" to anyone harming its borders or security, but did not lay out specifics.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the assault, the third against Jordanian security installations in seven months.

Tuesday's attack was launched at dawn near Ruqban, the larger of the two border camps.

The assailant drove a truck packed with explosives at high speed through an opening in

the border, said Momani. "It reached our side of the border and it ended up exploding with the driver inside," he said.

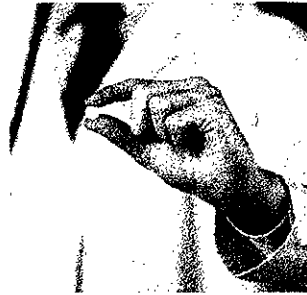
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A Ruqban resident said he saw a pickup crashing through a Jordanian border gate. Seconds later, a blast went off, followed by the sound of shooting, said the resident, who spoke to The Associated Press over the phone from the area.

He spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of repercussions from the authorities.

# Doctors Develop What Experts are Calling the Ultimate Digestion "Poop" Pill

Helps solve the problem of constipation, gas and bloating. No dangerous drugs, cleansers or harsh laxatives.



By Stephan K. Roth  
Health editor

If you're one of the millions tortured by constipation, the news just got a lot worse. Even if you suffer with terrible cramping, or the painful pushing, straining and endless bathroom visits associated with constipation, it turns out, it could be just the beginning of your problems.

According to Dr. Michael Steelman, world famous bariatric doctor, "If you don't get your constipation under control your system may be overloaded with waste. The longer the waste remains in your system, the more opportunity there is for deadly toxins to escape into your bloodstream, resulting in fatigue, pain and worse."



When you're constipated fecal matter sits much longer than it should in your system. That "toxic gunk" clings to your colon walls and decays.

The longer the waste is in your system, the worse it is.

But now, a small company out of Florida has come up with a solution to help end even the worst constipation problems.

And its discovery has doctors so excited they're recommending it to their patients. And it's even helping people who have suffered for years. People who sit in agony daily... pushing, straining, and praying for relief. But until now, relief never seemed to come.

Laxatives can make things WORSE.

That's because drugstore remedies aren't enough. You may get temporary relief but it turns out those over-the-counter laxatives and stimulants you rely on, with prolonged use, can intensify your constipation problems!

Finally, a Breakthrough But now there's breakthrough science that uses one simple trick to end the agony of constipation once and for all. It's called H2Go, an ingenious new mini-tablet that's guaranteed to work and could change your life forever. You won't ever have to sit in your bathroom praying for relief again.

"Thankfully with H2Go you can END your constipation and be Regular Again without gas, without bloating and without pain... guaranteed to work, backed by

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# County set to accept gas bid

Elizabeth Dobbins | The Gazette  
Medina County officials say a change to the pricing structure of the county's gas aggregation program would guarantee savings for residents.

County commissioners are considering a bid for a two-year contract from the program's supplier, Pickerington-based Volante Energy Services.

The bid would continue the gas aggregation program that was approved by voters in May 2014. The program was created to allow commissioners to shop for the best rates,

which, by buying in bulk, would create savings on residential gas bills. However, the aggregate struggled when the county agreed to a fixed-rate price shortly before the cost of natural gas dropped.

"Last year's program we locked into a fixed rate and it was a bad time to lock in," Commissioner Adam Friedrick said during the board's weekly meeting Tuesday.

In the 2014 contract, the county agreed to a fixed price of \$5.26 per 1,000 cubic feet for Columbia Gas of Ohio customers and \$4.79 for Dominion East Ohio customers.

The new bid stipulates the price of gas always will be a set amount lower than that paid by residents not in the aggregation.

Friedrick and county Administrator Scott Miller said this setup would mean less risk for the consumer.

"One of the reasons why we chose the percentages is because it guarantees savings for residents," Miller said. "We had a fixed price the last two years and as soon as we entered those contracts, prices plummeted. We had people dropping out of the program."

"But this will guarantee a savings for individuals. Regardless of what the market does, they will save money."

The bid guarantees customers of both companies will pay at least three cents less per 1,000 cubic feet.

Columbia customers also are guaranteed 10 percent off the standard rate until the end of May 2017.

Community Energy Advisors, a consultant hired by the county, estimated Columbia customers will pay \$4.39 per thousand cubic feet and those from Dominion East Ohio will pay \$3.92 under the proposed contract.

The agency recommended Volante Energy Services' offer over two other bids from Constellation Energy Services and the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council.

County Commissioner Tim Smith said the decision came down to the price.

"They just couldn't match the price," he said.

About 13,500 households across the county's 17 townships are eligible for the program, which residents auto-

matically are enrolled in unless they opt out. Currently, 5,549 households are participating, according to Dustin Rowles, who represented the consultant at the Tuesday meeting.

"If those individuals have entered another contract, they may be bound by that contract to remain for a given period of time, but I believe the value proposition of this type of product will entice people to join it," Rowles said.

Commissioners are expected to accept the bid next Tuesday. If approved, opt-out notices will be mailed at the beginning of September and the new rates would start Nov. 1.

Contact reporter Elizabeth Dobbins at (330) 721-0002 or edobbins@medina-gazette.com.

## Back-to-back festivals coming to Brunswick

Hale Heinemann  
The Gazette

Two Brunswick festivals are gearing up to provide entertainment and fun for the community this month.

The St. Ambrose Summer Festival begins Thursday and continues through Sunday. It will be followed by the Brunswick Summer Celebration that runs June 29 through July 4.

"We're really excited that the two festivals being back-to-back will create an economic drive for Brunswick and make Brunswick the place to be over that time," said David Hoover, head of communications and marketing at St. Ambrose Parish.

The St. Ambrose Summer Festival will be at the church, 929 Pearl Road, and the Brunswick Summer Celebration will be at the Brunswick High School campus, 3553 Center Road.

St. Ambrose will provide homemade food, a beer garden, carnival rides and games, a casino, live entertainment, a basketball auction and a raffle.

At 8:30 p.m. Sunday, there will be a raffle drawing for prizes including a new car from Brunswick Auto Mall, a Disney vacation for four, a Cub Cadet riding lawn tractor, a two-minute shopping spree at Merc's, and a \$4,500 new home away from home.

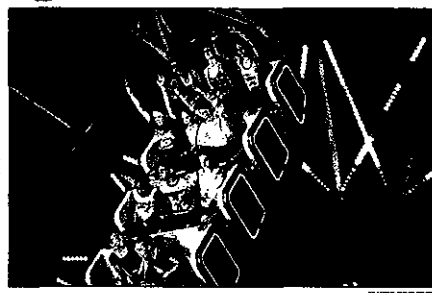
If present, the grand-prize winner also will receive \$2,000 in cash.

Tickets are available at six for \$25 and can be purchased at [www.stambrose.us/get-festival-tickets](http://www.stambrose.us/get-festival-tickets).

The Brunswick Summer Celebration will offer vendors, a royalty payment and two stages of live music. The celebration will have contests including cutesy baby photos, talent show, poach pageant, karaoke, lip sync battle and pit-eating contest.

New this year to the Brunswick Summer Celebration is the parade of ride bikes that are available for \$15, compared with \$17 when purchased at the festival, and are valid all day.

Hoover said both of the festi-



Visitors to the 2016 St. Ambrose Summer Festival in Brunswick enjoy a ride.

### ENTERTAINMENT

#### St. Ambrose Summer Festival

on Thursday 7 p.m. and Friday 6 p.m. at St. Ambrose Parish, 929 Pearl Road, 6-10 p.m. at Friday: The Diamond Project, 6-11 p.m. at Saturday: Tony Rio & Polaris, 6-11 p.m. at Sunday: SHOUT, 6:30-10 p.m.

#### Brunswick Summer Celebration

at June 28: Coko Blue Stone (10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 3:00-6:30 p.m. at RPM Stage, The Element Band (top 40/alt), 7:30-8:30 p.m. and 9:30-10:30 p.m. at Giant Eagle Stage.

at June 29: Schen (classic rock), 6:30-7:30 p.m. and 8:30-9:30 p.m. at RPM Stage, The McCarthey Project (tribute to Paul McCartney, Wings and The Beatles), 7:30-8:30 p.m. and 9:30-10:30 p.m. at Giant Eagle Stage.

at July 1: Bobby Ray and Night Train (classic rock and blues), 6:30-7:30 p.m. and 8:30-9:30 p.m. at RPM Stage, The Speed (rock tribute band), 7:30-8:30 p.m. and 9:30-10:30 p.m. at Giant Eagle Stage.

at July 2: WQV 1280 (oldies from 1960s and '70s), 2-3 p.m. and 8:30-9:30 p.m. at RPM Stage, Brunswick Community Band, 3-4 p.m. and 4:30-5:30 p.m. at Giant Eagle Stage, Neighborhood (classics from the 1960s and '80s), 6:30-7:30 p.m. and 8:30-9:30 p.m. at RPM Stage, Chris Higgins (country), 8-10:30 p.m. at Giant Eagle Stage, Reworth (at 10:30 p.m.).

at July 3: Parade at 2 p.m. Haynes (country), 2-3 p.m. and 8:30-9:30 p.m. at RPM Stage, Renaissance (classic rock), 3-4 p.m. and 4:30-5:30 p.m. at Giant Eagle Stage, Yearbook Party (music from 1980s to '90s), 6:30-7:30 p.m. and 8:30-9:30 p.m. at RPM Stage, Ocean Inferno, 7:30-8:30 p.m. and 9-10 p.m. at Giant Eagle Stage.

at July 4: The Band in capella duo-wop 1950s, 3-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Giant Eagle Stage, The Bandits (British invasion, Beatles tribute), 3-4 p.m. and 5-6 p.m. at RPM Stage, Chardon Polka Band, 4-5 p.m. and 6-7 p.m. at Giant Eagle Stage.

val's committees worked both running a festival, we have different goals and timeframes," said Caryn Kish, treasurer for the Brunswick Summer Celebration.

"Despite the fact that we're

Kish said she fears the two celebrations being close together will cause families to make the decision to choose to attend one or the other, but not both.

"There's only a certain amount of discretionary income that a family has," Kish said. "You're taking two festivals within eight days—they're either going to be able to go to one or the other but not both."

Hoover, however, said the festivals being close together will be no problem, but rather keep the energy going for two weeks in Brunswick.

"People don't get tired of going to festivals. It's something that people go to multiple times in the summer because it's part of enjoying the season," Hoover said. "It's a firm believer that momentum will keep going having these festivals back-to-back."

The St. Ambrose event has free admission. Information is at [www.stambrose.us/festival](http://www.stambrose.us/festival).

Admission to the Brunswick Summer Celebration is \$3 but free for children age 2 and younger. Information is at [www.summer-celebration.com](http://www.summer-celebration.com) or call (330) 223-1111.

The Brunswick Summer Celebration is a member of the Ohio Events Festival Association.

Contact reporter Hale Heinemann at (330) 721-4012 or [hheinemann@medina-gazette.com](mailto:hheinemann@medina-gazette.com).

## Medina Schools to repave some of its parking lots

The Medina Board of Education recently approved a bid for a repaving project to Carron Asphalt Paving Inc. in the amount of \$341,870.75.

"It was a very competitive bidding," said Jon Durbin, the board's director of business affairs. "We're pleased with the results."

The Solon company will repave parking lots at the high school, two at the Medina Community Recrea-

tion Center and another at Garfield Elementary. The project is expected to start next month.

The lots that will be repaved are B, Lower B Drive near to Ken Doherty Stadium, the concession and utility shed area at the stadium, and parking lots D, E and F behind the high school. Lots G and H also will be fixed at the recreation center.

— from staff reports

## PARDONS

From A1

Call it a parade pardon from work.

Jack Murray, owner of Star Metal Products in Westlake, said his roughly 50 employees are getting an extra vacation day. All are welcome to use it today. Some will and some won't, he said.

"It's for the year. I told them they can use it (today) or save it for another time," Murray said. "We will work with whatever employees we have, and everyone else can take the vacation time."

Murray said Tuesday he hasn't decided if he will go to the parade.

"You know, it's all about transportation, how will you get there, get back, and I wonder if there will be a guarantee to see the team. But with that many people, I probably won't," Murray said.

Murray has a way of being in the wrong place at the wrong moment.

During the home court Game 6 win, he was in Manhattan, LaSalle, Calif. During Game 7, he was flying back home. When his plane stopped over at Los Angeles International Airport just after the epic ending and his phone exploded, he knew he missed history.

"It was so painful," he said. "Today I think I will just head to Winking Lizard and watch it all with a beer in my hand."

Need another reason to skip work? Think of today as a

## Senators to settle bet

WASHINGTON — Following the Cleveland Cavaliers' decisive NBA Finals victory, U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown, D-Cleveland, and Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., will settle their wager on the championship series.

According to the agreement, Boxer will wear a LeBron James jersey and hand over beer from California's 21st Amendment Brewery to Brown today at the Hart Senate Office Building. The exchange will mark the Cavaliers' historic victory over the Golden State Warriors.

— from wire reports

## boxider

It officially is after Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson signed a proclamation Tuesday declaring today a local holiday.

"Whereas the City of Cleveland is proud to celebrate the Cleveland Cavaliers' Championship Parade and Rally in honor of the team's historic season and Cleveland's first NBA Championship," the proclamation reads. "The strength and determination displayed throughout the season, postseason, and championship game is truly the embodiment of our city and its people."

Contact reporter Lisa Robinson at (330) 721-4012 or [lrobinson@medina-gazette.com](mailto:lrobinson@medina-gazette.com).

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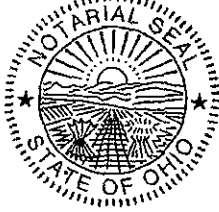
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## PIKE COUNTY

## Investigators plug away on family deaths

By Marlene Franklin  
The Associated Press

LONDON, Ohio — More than two dozen investigators are focused on solving the slayings of eight relatives who were found shot in southern Ohio two months ago, officials overseeing the top-priority investigation said Tuesday.

In terms of the manpower and resources devoted to the case, it's shaping up to be the biggest in the history of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Attorney General Mike DeWine told The Associated Press.

"We're here for the duration, whatever that is," DeWine said.

Authorities have reviewed about 700 tips and 100 pieces of evidence and relocated the four mobile homes where the bodies were found to preserve the crime scenes, but they refuse to reveal how much closer they might be to identifying any suspects or finding a motive, saying they don't want to jeopardize the chance to catch and convict whoever's responsible.

Seven adults and a 16-year-old boy from the Rhoden family were found dead April 22 at four properties near Pike County.



JOHN MINGOLLO — THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Authorities on April 22 set up roadblocks at the perimeter of one of four properties near Pike County, where seven adults and a 16-year-old boy from the Rhoden family were found shot to death, at the intersection of Union Hill Road and Route 32 in Pike County, Ohio. Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine and Pike County Sheriff Charles Reader said Tuesday that more than two dozen investigators are focused on solving the slayings, but refused to reveal how much closer they might be to identifying suspects or a motive, saying they don't want to jeopardize the chance to convict whoever's responsible.

born, another baby and young child weren't harmed. A coroner determined all but one of the victims had been shot repeatedly, and five, saying they don't want to jeopardize the chance to catch and convict whoever's responsible.

"You can't be in those scenes or meet with the family members and not be impacted," bureau Superintendent Tom Stickle said Tuesday in a joint interview with DeWine and Pike County Sheriff Charles Reader at the bureau offices in London.

Reader said he has spent nearly \$150,000 on the case so far, including staff overtime and expenses for moving the four mobile homes to a secure site to help preserve them. But, he added: "We can't put a price on eight bodies."

The victims were 40-year-old Christopher Rhoden; his ex-wife, 37-year-old Dana

Rhoden; their three children, 20-year-old Clarence "Frankie" Rhoden, 16-year-old Christopher Jr., and 19-year-old Hanna; Frankie Rhoden's fiancée, 20-year-old Hannah, Ohio; Christopher Rhoden Sr.'s brother, 44-year-old Kenneth Rhoden; and a cousin, 38-year-old Gary Rhoden.

DeWine said it's difficult to explain the massive amount of information investigators are sorting through as they try to unspool how the victims lived for clues to why they died.

Investigators say they have stayed in touch as needed with surviving family members, who haven't responded to messages seeking comment through the county's victim advocate.

Authorities said marijuana dealing operations were found at three of the crime scenes. That's not uncommon in the area, but it fueled rumors that the slayings are drug-related — one of numerous theories that have circulated.

"Right now, it really does feel like they don't have a handle on who might've done that, but that may not be true," said Michael Benz, who teaches criminal law and procedure at the Case Western Reserve Uni-

versity. "Part of that is just what you do in the investigation. If you're not ready to go make an arrest, you don't want everybody to know you're getting close, because then they're going to run."

Investigators are maneuvering along a fine line, working to get answers for a concerned community while racing an invisible clock and knowing that as time passes, fewer clues will turn up and the likelihood of the case going cold increases, Benz said.

Still, it's uncommon for a mass killing to go unsolved, whether it involves a family or unrelated victims.

Having multiple crime scenes complicates the investigation because there's more space to search and more evidence to process, but it could benefit law enforcement because there are more places where useful clues might be found, Benz said.

In and around Pike County, people seem to feel safe — "almost normal" now, longtime Pike County Commissioner Harry Rider said. But he said many remain more alert about their surroundings, watching who's around or checking more closely when someone pulls into the driveway, just in case.

## LORAIN

## Jevon Terance fashion show to be held July 9

Staff report

Local fashion designer Jevon Terance will have his annual fashion show July 9 at Lakeview Park Rose Garden.

Seating will begin at 4 p.m. and the show will start at 4:30 p.m.

The Lakeview Park Rose Garden will initiate the Versailles Palace in France.

Terance said his latest collection, "Paris to Lorain," shows him weaving French culture and style into his new designs. This collection was inspired by his trip to Paris for fashion week in fall 2015.

The audience will get the feeling of being in Paris, Terance said.

Tickets are available in Terance's store at 615 Broadway in Lorain or at jevonterance.com.

If it rains, the fashion show will be in the Lorain Palace Theater's Marble Lobby.

Tickets for the show are \$21. Tickets for the VIP section are \$26.



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Lorain fashion designer Jevon Terance poses for on the runway in Paris during his trip there Sept. 27 to Oct. 6, 2015. Terance was one of a dozen designers tapped to show in Paris this fall and the trip has inspired his collection for fall-winter 2016.

## CLEVELAND

## City: RNC protest rules in line with other conventions

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Cleveland says in a court filing that its rules for protests and marches during the upcoming Republican National Convention are similar to those in other convention cities where federal courts upheld challenges.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio sued the city in federal court last week on behalf of two groups that claim rules and restrictions on protests within the event zone covering downtown Cleveland would infringe on people's free speech rights.

Cleveland responded Monday by saying rules that prohibit some items in the event zone and secure zones established by the Secret Service won't infringe on freedom of expression. The secure zones include areas surrounding the convention area and a media center.

A hearing on ACLU's lawsuit is scheduled for Thursday in Cleveland.



Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson speaks during a media walk-through April 6 at Quicken Loans Arena for the upcoming Republican National Convention. Listening is Steve King, chairman of the RNC's Committee on Activities.

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## VERMILION

## Lighthouse to receive repairs, new lens

Staff report

The Vermilion Lighthouse Preservation Committee is \$5,000 away from raising enough funds to replace the Fresnel Lens in the lighthouse.

The Fresnel Lens was in the structure and removed almost three years ago by the Inland Seas Maritime Museum. The committee has been formed by residents who share the love of the lighthouse.

The Lighthouse Preservation Committee, a Main Street Vermilion Inc. committee, formed in September 2014. The purpose of the committee is to replace the Fresnel Lens, provide maintenance of the lighthouse and educate the public about the lighthouse and its history.

The \$5,000 needed will cover incidental expenses that have come up in order to install and light the new lens.

It already has been ordered and will be delivered to the end of the check Vermilion at the end of August. Work that needs to be done before the lens can be installed in-

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cludes repainting and updating the electrical system, painting the lighthouse and repairing the plaque on the lighthouse.

The committee is asking for help in raising the last bit of money by July 1. A lighting ceremony is tentatively planned for September with an exact date to be announced later.

Those who want to donate are asked to make checks payable to Main Street Vermilion, 685 Main St., Vermilion, and mark "Lighthouse" in the memo line of the check. For more information, call 440-963-0772. All donations are tax deductible.

## Local briefs

## Urban League hosting job fair

The Lorain County Urban League is hosting a Health Care and Wellness Job Fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., June 24, at 200 Middle Ave., Suite 200, in Elyria. Individuals who attend should bring a resume and be prepared to talk about their talents. Job seekers are invited to learn what full time and part-time opportunities are available in the areas of health care and wellness from a number of companies including Express Employment Professionals, Mercy Medical Center, UH Elyria Medical Center, Kendall at Oberlin, Wesleyan Village Senior Living, World Gym and Lake Pointe Health Center in Lorain County.

In addition, attendees will have the opportunity to learn about the career resources offered in Lorain County and current opportunities including medical assistant, patient care assistant, pharmacy tech, dietary/nutrition services, environmental services, transport, clerical/registry, nurses aides and home health care.

Employers interested in participating in the Health Care and Wellness Job Fair, should call 440-323-3064 ext. 31 or email the Urban League at outreach@lcul.org.

## Program looks at healthy eating

Lorain Public Library System's Main Library, 351 W. Sixth St. in Lorain, will host "Healthy eating for children and teens — What's a parent to do?" from noon to 1:30 p.m., June 28.

Presented by a Cleveland Clinic caregiver, this program will review the special challenges and importance of good nutrition for the childhood years, according to a press release. This is part of a series of summer programs at the library about making informed food choices for a healthier future.

Pre-registration is required and is available online at LorainPublicLibrary.org or by calling the Main Library at 440-244-1192 or 1-800-322-READ.

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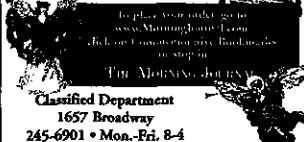
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# White House gives OK to small, commercial drones for takeoff

WASHINGTON (AP) — Routine use of small drones by real estate agents, farmers, filmmakers and countless other commercial operators was cleared for takeoff by the Obama administration Tuesday, after years of struggling to write rules that would both protect public safety and free the benefits of a new technology.

The Federal Aviation Administration announced the creation of a new category of aviation rules designed specifically for drones weighing less than 55 pounds. The long-anticipated rules mean commercial operators can fly drones without special permission.

Industry and government officials describe commercial drones as the biggest game-changing technology in aviation since the advent of the jet engine.

"This is a watershed moment in how advanced technology can improve lives," said Brendan Schulman, a vice president at DJI, the

world's largest civilian drone-maker.

Jason Miller, an Obama economic adviser, said the rules are the first step toward full integration of drones in the national airspace system.

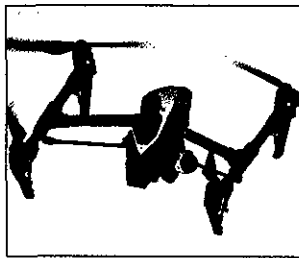
Until now, commercial operators have had to apply for a waiver from rules that govern manned aircraft, a process that can be time-consuming and expensive.

Since 2014 the FAA has granted more than 6,100 waivers and another 7,600 are waiting for approval. Many more small companies have been using drones without FAA permission, say industry officials.

Unless those operators make a serious mistake that brings them to the FAA's attention, there's not a lot the agency can do to track them down. The new rules would provide an easier way for those businesses to operate legally.

The rules also would effectively lift the lid on flights by other potential operators who have held off using the technology — ranchers who want to count cattle, research scientists, and companies that inspect infrastructure like bridges, oil platforms and smokestacks, to name a few.

Under the new rules, operators would register their drones online, pass an aviation knowledge exam for drone pilots at an FAA-approved testing center and then they're good to go. There's a big change since operators currently have to have a manned aircraft pilot's license.



A drone captures videos and still images of an apartment building in Philadelphia on April 14. Routine commercial use of small drones was cleared for takeoff by the Obama administration Tuesday after years of struggling to write rules that would both protect public safety and free the benefits of a new technology.

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# Clinton, Trump evenly split in Ohio, poll finds

By MARG KONAC  
Review Capital Bureau

COLUMBUS — Democrat Hillary Clinton and Republican Donald Trump are evenly split among Ohio voters, with the billionaire businessman losing ground to the former first lady in the past month.

Clinton and Trump also are statistically tied in Pennsylvania, though Clinton leads Trump in Florida.

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ter, and in the case of Florida much better, among Democrats than Trump is among Republicans. Traditionally, GOP presidential candidates score better on this party loyalty test."

A majority of Ohio voters questioned believe Clinton is better prepared to be president (57 percent), versus 33 percent for Trump), has higher moral standards (45 percent-37 percent) and is more intelligent (53 percent-36 percent).

But Trump was viewed as more honest and trustworthy (44 percent-37 percent), more inspiring (46 percent-40 percent) and a stronger leader (49 percent-41 percent).

And half of Ohio voters said they would rather invite Trump to a backyard barbecue, versus 36 percent who said the same of Clinton.

"One reason why Trump may be doing better in Ohio, and for that matter in Pennsylvania as well, is that both states have small Hispanic populations, compared to Florida. Brown said, "Given Trump's comments on immigration and descendants of immigrants, the much larger Hispanic population in Florida is obviously a boost there for Hillary Clinton."

Marg Kovac is the DC Capital Bureau chief. Email him at mkovac@dcicomm.com or on Twitter at OhioCapitalBlog.

# UK's prime minister urges pro-EU vote

LONDON (AP) — From the prime minister to sports and pop icons David and Victoria Beckham, supporters of Britain's place in the European Union urged voters Tuesday to think about future generations when they cast ballots in a referendum that has divided the nation.

With the black door of 10 Downing St. offering a statesman's backdrop, Prime Minister David Cameron appealed directly to EU-wary older voters, saying that leaving the bloc would risk the country's economic security — and younger generations would have to live with the consequences.

"Do think about the hopes and dreams of your children and grandchildren," he said. "They can't undo the decision we take," he said. "If we vote out, that's it. It's irreversible."

The plea came as the already heated campaign moved into its

tense final days. Opponents said the statement outside the prime minister's residence betrayed Cameron's worry that the referendum he called to settle Britain's place in Europe could end with the country walking away from the bloc.

Steve Hilton, a former Cameron adviser who now backs a "leave" vote, said Cameron had been "wheeled out by right-wing Tory spin doctors" to appeal for votes.

Cameron seemed to direct his appeal at those who grew up in the after-Shadow of Britain's imperial period, in a nation that had stood against Nazi tyranny during World War II. Polls suggest these voters, many of them Conservatives, are more likely than younger Britons to reject the pan-European EU project.

Cameron tried to assure them that Britain remains a great country — even if it is part of a 28-nation bloc

— and that being in the EU allows the country to promote the values it holds dear.

"Boris don't quit," he said. "We get involved, we take a lead. We make a difference. We get things done."

Cameron acknowledged that many Britons didn't vote for him and don't like him. "Not everyone has been happy with what I have done," he said. "But of this I am convinced — Britain is better off inside the EU than out on our own."

The "remain" camp also got a boost from more popular — and populist — figures when soccer star David Beckham and his designer wife Victoria added their voices to the EU cause.

"For our children and their children, we should be facing the problems of the world together and not alone," he said.

Former Spice Girl Victoria Beckham later

registered her view by posting the symbol of the "Stronger In" campaign on her Instagram page.

The "Leave.EU" group had suggested that Victoria Beckham was a supporter of their side based on a 1994 interview with the Spectator in which she was quoted as deriding Brussels bureaucrats and saying that "we must keep our national individuality."

Both sides in the referendum were trying to keep things positive, wary that negative campaigning would turn off voters.

Former London Mayor Boris Johnson expressed disapproval of a controversial poster showing a column of non-white migrants massed at a European border alongside the words "BREAKING POINT" — underscoring a deepening rift among campaign leaders promoting Britain's exit from the bloc.

# Trump's campaign spends \$6 million with Trump companies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Donald Trump is one of the wealthiest people to ever run for president, but his campaign appears to be flat broke. What's more, fundraising reports show he's used about \$6 million in campaign money to pay his own companies and family members.

The billionaire businessman's financial moves were enough to inspire the mocking Twitter hashtag "TrumpSo-Poor" on Tuesday and, far more seriously, give already reluctant donors a fresh batch of reasons to withhold their money.

Trump's campaign expenses are hardly inspiring confidence among people whose money he's pursuing. The spending includes a \$423,000 May payment to Mar-a-Lago, the private club in Florida that serves as his vacation home, and enough Trump-branded bottled water to fill a bathtub.

Democratic rival Hillary Clinton ribbed Trump on Tuesday, tweeting to followers: "What is Trump spending his meager campaign resources on? Why himself, of course."

A presidential campaign is expensive — about \$1 billion in recent years. That money pays for crucial candidate outreach, including costly television advertising and identifying, persuading and getting voters to the polls in November.

Trump began this month with \$1.3 million

in the bank, less campaign cash than many congressional candidates and even behind several of the Republican presidential candidates he defeated. The \$3 million he collected in May donations is about one-tenth what Clinton raised.

Trump waves off criticism of his fundraising, saying he only began in earnest May 25 despite having become the presumptive nominee weeks earlier. He largely dismisses his successful primary bid through

personal loans but now is leaning heavily on the Republican National Committee for help.

"To date, the campaign's fundraising has been incredible, and we continue to see a tremendous outpouring of support for Mr. Trump and money to the Republican Party," his campaign said in a statement Tuesday.

Both Trump and the party say he can write checks to campaign donors. But there are signs he is taking fundraising more seriously.

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Boeing Co	1.04	22	37.75	+22	+16.0		Boysen	.28	11	11.63	+30.1
Amgen Inc	.5	15.47	-97	-15.3			Chico	.308	27	133.04	+16
AEP	2.24	23	68.77	+22	+14.8		Loews	1.40	22	78.35	+26
Apple Inc	2.28	11	65.81	+81	+4.9		Marathon	.20	-	15.09	+61
Applied	.40	22	23.83	+20	+27.6		Medtronic	.356	24	122.03	+79
Ariston	1.20	21	41.84	+51	+14.3		MetLife	1.64	27	92.25	+11
BP PLC	2.40	-	34.15	+73	+4.2		Monocorp	1.44	30	51.19	+12
BWV Tech	.36	-	35.89	+40	+13.0		Norfolk	.76	24	48.51	+10
Boji	.20	10	13.82	+88	+1.1		NSource	.66	32	25.30	+21
Boji	1.85	25	36.39	+31	+2.7		Oracle	.89	19	36.99	+26
Boji	1.52	50	71.25	+28	+9.6		Penn	.1	-	6.56	+12
Coca	1.04	14	26.77	+33	+6.8		Pepco	.265	28	37.5	+2.5
Coca	3.08	26	133.10	+78	+4.9		Pfizer	1.20	16	34.75	+25
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Exxon	.1	14.72	-14	+34.5			Sealed	.1	-	14.06	+10
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Exxon	1.44	12	33.54	+20	+5.7		Tenneco	1.01	14	71.81	+33
Exxon	.80	13.22	-20	-4.2			Texas	1.04	15	32.26	+70
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# Council mulls over bike path signage request

By JIM BREWER  
TG Correspondent

LOUDONVILLE — Village council members spent about 15 minutes discussing a request from the Loudonville Bike Path Committee to install signage along the section of the bike path that runs along Ohio 3, south from Wally Road to the village limits.

In the end, they took no action.

In a note to council from Bike Path Committee member Chris Tuttle, the committee requested that village maintenance crews in-

stall signs on the bike path, including a stop sign at each side of every driveway along the bike path, which includes South Mount Vernon Avenue and seven commercial driveways.

"That seems excessive to me," Council member Tracy Cooper said. "Bikers would have to stop, in places, every 50 feet or so. I could see them ending up ignoring the signs."

"In addition, this request could be very labor intensive for the village," she added, with council member Troy Wilson saying "our maintenance department is extremely busy

right now. I can't see them getting to this until the fall."

After discussion of the number of signs, Mayor Steve Stricklen commented, "If I were doing this, I would place a sign at each end of the path advising bicyclists to use caution on the bike path, particularly at intersections and driveways."

Law director Thom Gilman said that bike path signs are not enforceable because they do not involve a public street. "Our bike path is an entirely private venture, built and funded by a private committee and donations," he explained.

"Really, the village has nothing to do with it."

Village administrator Curt Young said work involved in installing the signs would not take that long, but locating where to place them and ensuring that there are no utility lines underneath them would be a major issue. It could take days to finish the job.

After hearing this, Gilman suggested that he and Young discuss the request with the bike path committee and possibly with the Ohio Department of Transportation, on whose property the path is located, to

come up with a less labor-intensive suggestion than what has been proposed.

In other business, council approved a utility committee recommendation to purchase a new sewer inspection camera system.

Young reported the East Bustle Street improvement project, funded by the state Safe Routes to Schools program, should be completed the first week in July. He also said the bid opening for the Wally Road and North Winder Street improvement project is 11 a.m. June 30 in village offices.

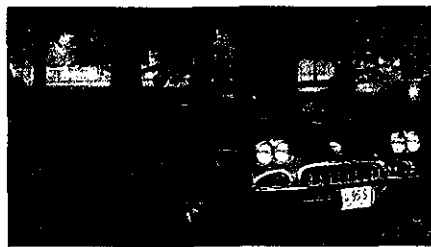
Cooper reported extremely tall weeds at the

rear of an East Main Street property with a for sale sign in its front. Young will investigate the property owner and, if necessary, order the grass be mowed at the owner's expense.

Council approved use of Central Park by the Mohican Area Community Fund for its Health and Agency Kick-off Program Friday, July 15, and approved giving a \$200 donation to the Loudonville Fireworks Fund.

It approved an additional appropriations ordinance providing more funds for the police department, swimming pool and theater operations.

## First cruise-in at Lyn-Way



Times-Gazette photo/Joe Pelletier

A Corvette is parked under the foliage of Cahn Grove Park during the Lyn-Way Cruise-In on June 15. The next two summer cruise-ins will be July 20 and Aug. 17. Registration is free. There will be a percent discount and whole pie drawings for cruisers. For more information, call 419-291-8911.



Classic cars park on the grass of Cahn Grove Park during the Lyn-Way Cruise-In on June 15.

## Group resubmits petition to allow prayer in public schools

By MARC KOVAC  
Dix Capital Bureau

COLUMBUS — A group that wants to amend the state constitution to allow prayer in public schools has resubmitted its petition language to the attorney general, three years after that office rejected an earlier version of the proposal.

The Coalition to Return Prayer to Our Public Schools submitted its petition paperwork last week, along with 1,400-plus initial signatures.

The group's "Amendment to Return Prayer to

Our Public Schools" would add language to the Ohio Constitution ensuring citizens' rights to "express their religious beliefs."

The amendment reads, "school children have the right to pray and/or acknowledge their religious beliefs voluntarily in their schools." It also would require public schools to display the Bill of Rights.

Comparable paperwork was submitted by the group in 2013, but Republican Attorney General Mike DeWine rejected it, saying that the petition did not

meet all state requirements — namely that the amendment language and summary and the circulator's signature were not included on initial petitions.

Pending review by the attorney general and the state Ballot Board, the group would have to collect more than 300,000 signatures to qualify for the ballot.

Marc Kovac is the Dix capital bureau chief. Email him at mkovac@ohio.com or on Twitter at OhioCapitalBlog.

## PET OF THE WEEK

Ashland County Dog Shelter's dog of the week is a 2 1/2-year-old female coonhound and Rhodesian ridgeback mix named Lizzy.

She and other dogs and puppies are ready for adoption at the shelter at 1710 Garfield Ave., Ashland.

All dogs and puppies, unless otherwise stated, are vaccinated and wormed once and given a Bordetella vaccination. Each comes with a current license, microchip, collar and leash.

Adoption fee is \$100. Adoption hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

The shelter is accepting donations of soft treats, biscuits, small or medium — and laundry soap.

For more information, call 419-289-1455 or visit [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com) and look under Ashland County Dog Shelter.



Times-Gazette photo/Tom E. Puskar

Lizzy is this week's Pet of the Week from the Ashland County Dog Shelter.

## Village of Mifflin kicks off its bicentennial celebration Saturday

The village of Mifflin's 200th birthday celebration is scheduled noon-4:30 p.m. Saturday.

Come downtown for food, games, live music, pie and cake auction and more. A parade going through town will kickoff the celebration.

All proceeds will benefit Ohio Valley Teen Challenge and The Starfish Project of Huron County.

Stone Evangelical Lutheran Church invites the community to attend Worship in the Woods at 5:30 p.m. Sunday at the church.

Come out for a free event that includes a light meal, campfire and s'mores fol-

lowing the outdoor worship. Special guest Tyler McKinney will sing and play guitar. Be sure to dress casual and bring your own lawn chairs.

If the weather doesn't permit, the event will move indoors. The church is located at the corner of Ohio 511 and County Road 1754.

Hayesville United Methodist Church's Vacation Bible School, Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love, started Monday and will continue through Friday from 9 to 11 a.m.

United Methodist and Trinity Lutheran churches in Jeromesville invite all

kids ages 3-11 years old to attend Vacation Bible School 9-11 a.m. July 18 through July 21.


This year's theme is Barren Ground, learning how Jesus brings people to him through Psalm 23.

Registration forms are available at either church or online at <http://vbs-mate.com/events/JUMC/5045>. Meet at Jeromesville United Methodist Church for a week of fun and learning.

To submit items to Hillside Happenings, contact Kristi Schweitzer at 419-281-6581, ext. 237, or [kachweitzer@times-gazette.com](mailto:kachweitzer@times-gazette.com), by 1 p.m. Monday.

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## NIH begins study of pregnant women in Zika-hit areas

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Researchers are beginning a study of up to 10,000 pregnant women in Puerto Rico, Brazil and other Zika-hit parts of Latin America and the Caribbean, to better understand the virus' threat.

The U.S. National Institutes of Health announced the study Tuesday, saying researchers will enroll participants starting in the first trimester and compare the birth outcomes of those who become infected with Zika and those who don't.

Zika, spread mainly by mosquitoes, causes only mild symptoms in most people. But during pregnancy, it can cause fetal death and severe birth defects.

## End of California nuke era: Last plant to close by 2025

California's last nuclear power plant will close by 2025 under an accord announced Tuesday, ending three decades of safety debates that helped fuel the national anti-nuclear power movement.

The state's largest utility, Pacific Gas & Electric Co., and environmental groups reached an agreement to replace production at Diablo Canyon nuclear plant with solar power and other energy sources that do not produce climate-changing greenhouse gases.

The facility supplies 9 percent of the state's power.

## Lynch: No 'magic bullet' against jihadist propaganda

ORLANDO, Fla. — The Orlando massacre at a popular gay nightclub shows no one yet has "found the magic bullet" to prevent Americans from being inspired to violence by jihadist propaganda on the internet, Attorney General Eric Lynch said Tuesday as he visited a city still shaken by the shootings.

Countering the narrative of radical extremism continues to be a challenge for the government, Lynch said in an interview.

"How do we break that chain? How do we counter this extremist ideology that's online, knowing that the internet has to remain free and open?" she said. "What can we get out there that's a counter-message to that?"

At the scene of the carnage, workers removed a temporary fence that was erected around the Pulse nightclub. State officials wondered how they would pay for resources drained by the June 12 massacre, and investigators kept probing for gunman Omar Mateen's motives for the rampage, in which 49 people were killed and dozens more wounded.

## U.S.-led coalition says only one-third of Fallujah free of IS

BAGHDAD — Only a third of Fallujah has been "cleared" of Islamic State militants, the U.S.-led coalition said Tuesday, days after the Iraqi government declared victory in the city west of Baghdad, which was held by the extremists for more than two years.

Other parts of the city are "contested," said U.S. Army Col. Christopher Garver, the Baghdad-based spokesman for the coalition, with clashes underway between Iraqi forces and IS fighters. Most of the cleared terrain is in the south of the city and "clearing operations continue outward from the city center," Garver added.

Iraqi forces pushed into the center of Fallujah on Friday, retaking a government complex and the central hospital. That evening Brig. Gen. Haider al-Obaidi, with Iraq's special forces, said his troops controlled 80 percent of the city.

# Governor OKs \$617M Detroit schools bailout

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LANSING, Mich. — Michigan's governor signed a \$617 million bailout and restructuring plan for Detroit's public schools on Tuesday, two years after the state committed money to help end the city's bankruptcy.

The debt-ridden Detroit Public Schools has been managed by the state for seven years, yet has continued to face plummeting enrollment, deficits and this year, teachers calling out sick in protests that closed numerous schools for several days.

This marks a new day for Detroit families, with DPS free from debt and strong accountability measures for all schools in the city that promise a brighter future for all of Detroit's children. Republican Gov. Rick Snyder said in a written statement, nearly two weeks after the plan narrowly cleared the GOP-controlled Legislature.

Democrats, the teachers union and others opposed the plan, saying it won't do enough for the district's roughly 46,000 students and nearly 100 schools.

Under the new laws, the district will be divided on July 1, similarly to how Detroit-based General Motors was split into two companies after bankruptcy. The existing district will stay intact for tax-collection purposes to retire \$617 million in debt over 8 1/2 years, including \$150 million for transitional startup costs to launch a new district and to ensure it has enough cash flow to operate.

The new district, which will receive the \$617 million infusion of money to cover the lost tax revenue, will educate students. A new school board will be elected in November, and a commission of state appointees that oversees city budgets will also review the schools' finances.



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Jordanians hold candles at a vigil for six Jordanian soldiers killed in a suicide bombing on their border with Syria, in Amman, Jordan, on Tuesday.

## Jordan seals last entry point for Syria refugees after blast

ASSOCIATED PRESS

AMMAN, Jordan — Jordan sealed its last entry point for Syrian refugees Tuesday after a cross-border suicide attack killed six members of the Jordanian security forces, wounded 14 and exposed the pro-Western kingdom's growing vulnerability to spillover from conflict next door.

The closure raised questions about the fate of tens of thousands of Syrian refugees who are stranded in remote desert areas along the border, many of them for months, and depend on daily deliveries of food and water from the Jordanian side.

Jordan said its security comes first. Government spokesman Mohammed Momani said Jordan had warned for months that militants, including those from the Islamic State group, are mingling with refugees in the two rapidly expanding enclaves on the border and pose a serious security threat.

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THE HAGUE, Netherlands — The International Criminal Court on Tuesday sentenced Congolese former vice president Jean-Pierre Bemba to 18 years in prison for murders, rapes and acts of pillaging committed by his troops in the neighboring Central African Republic in 2002 and 2003.

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In this photo provided by the Courtesy British Antarctic Survey, Rothera, the British Antarctic Survey station is seen from the air. A daring South Pole medical rescue is underway. An airplane left a British base in Antarctica Tuesday for the 1,500-mile trip to evacuate a sick person from the U.S. station.

## Plane lands at South Pole in daring medical rescue

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — After flying through dangerous dark and cold, a rescue plane landed Tuesday at the South Pole to evacuate a sick worker from a remote U.S. science station, federal officials said.

The plane arrived at the South Pole after a daring 1,500-mile, nine-hour trip from a British base on the Antarctic peninsula, according to the National Science Foundation, which runs the polar outpost.

The plane's crew — a pilot, co-pilot, flight engineer and medical worker — will rest and wait for at least 10 hours. Then if weather conditions are favorable, the plane will refuel and return to Rothera, said agency spokesman Peter West. After that the sick worker will be taken out of Antarctica for treatment.

"It went all according to plan," West said from Arlington, Va.

A second worker is also ill, but officials have yet to decide whether that patient will also fly out, West said. The science foundation will not identify the workers, who are employees of Lockheed Martin which handles logistics at the station, nor their medical conditions.

There have been three emergency evacuations from the Amundsen-Scott station since 1999. Workers at the South Pole station are isolated from February through October, the coldest and darkest months when it's too risky for routine flights.

The latest mission is pushing the limits of what is acceptable, said Tim Stockings, operations director at the British Antarctic Survey in London. He said being prepared is key.

"The air and Antarctica are punishing environments and punishing any sickness very hard," Stockings said. "If you are complacent it will take you."

## Great Lakes states approve thirsty Wis. city's water plea

ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — A suburban Milwaukee city won a hard-fought battle Tuesday to draw its drinking water from Lake Michigan in the first test of a compact designed to safeguard the Great Lakes region's abundant but vulnerable fresh water supply.

A panel representing governors of the eight states adjoining the lakes unanimously approved a proposal from Waukesha, Wis., which is under a court order to find a solution to radium contamination of its groundwater wells. The city says the project will cost \$207 million for engineering studies, pipelines and other infrastructure.

Waukesha is only 17 miles from the lake but just outside the Great Lakes watershed. That required the city of about 72,000 to get spe-



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The Fox River flows through downtown Waukesha, Wis., in 2013. Representatives of the eight states in the Great Lakes region approved the city's request to tap Lake Michigan as its drinking water source on Tuesday.

cial permission under the compact, which prohibits most diversions of water across the watershed boundary.

The 2008 pact established a potential exception for communities within counties that straddle the line. Waukesha is the first to request water under that provision.

"There are a lot of emotions and politics surrounding this issue, but voting yes — in cooperation with our Great Lakes neighbors — is the best way to conserve one of our greatest natural resources," Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder said.

## EU OKs extending Russia sanctions

ASSOCIATED PRESS

BRUSSELS — European Union nations have agreed in principle to extend sanctions against Russia for six more months to keep pressure on Moscow to respect the peace agreement in Ukraine.

EU diplomats confirmed Tuesday that the 28-nation bloc's ambassadors had agreed to prolong the sanctions, imposed over Russia's 2014 annexation of Crimea.

However, at least one country must first have the move endorsed by its parliament, so it cannot go ahead until that is done, probably by the end of next week, the

diplomats said. Some nations want the measures discussed at a summit of EU leaders.

French President Francois Hollande said Tuesday that sanctions would be maintained for now, but could be gradually lifted if further progress is made on a peace deal for Ukraine.

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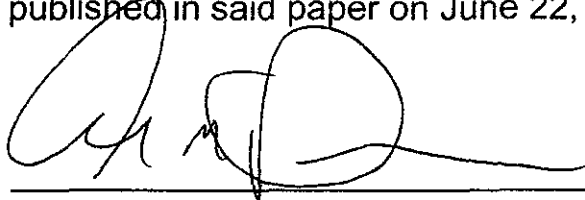
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## Crime/accidents

## NORWALK FIRE

**Monday:**  
2:30 p.m.: Provided basic life support for a patient at 90 Benedict Ave. Returned to station at 2:38.  
3:28 p.m.: Responded to a vehicle vs. pole accident at 29 N. West St. Firefighters assessed the occupants for injuries and found none. The crew established a safe area around the severed pole and stood by until Ohio Edison repaired or replaced it. Returned to station at 4:29.

**Tuesday:**  
4:45 a.m.: Provided basic life support for a patient at 4696 Whittlesley Road. Returned to station at 4:56.

## NORWALK PD

**Monday:**  
5:44 a.m.: A West Main Street resident reported a suspected drug offense.  
8:39 a.m.: Jennifer L. Irey, 32, of Oberlin, was arrested on a warrant. She was charged with failing to appear for Norwalk Municipal Court trial on driving with a suspended license. An officer escorted her to the courtroom for a hearing.

10:48 p.m.: Checked on the well-being of an East Washington Street resident.  
11:10 p.m.: Received a request to check on the well-being of a man at a Benedict Avenue fast-food restaurant.

## SHERIFF

**Monday:**  
12:23 a.m.: The Norwalk Police Department reported making an unspecified warrant arrest.

9:28 a.m.: The Elyria Police Department reported making a local, unspecified warrant arrest.

12:11 p.m.: Made an unspecified warrant arrest on Ohio 113, Bellevue.

12:38 p.m.: A Lyon Road, Willard, resident reported a disturbance.  
4:25 p.m.: Made an unspecified warrant arrest on South Wilks Street, Mansfield.  
5:51 p.m.: Received the report of an undisclosed party

death at a South Ohio 99, Willard, business.  
6:27 p.m.: Made an unspecified warrant arrest on Woodlawn Street, Sandusky.  
8:42 p.m.: Provided undisclosed assistance for another agency on North Butler Road, Wakarusa.  
10:25 p.m.: An East U.S. 28, Wakarusa, resident reported a disturbance.

## BELLEVUE PD

**Monday:**  
10:55 a.m.: Transported Danielle M. Davis, 29, of 238 E. Center St., Bellevue, to the Huron County Jail. She was charged with possession of drug abuse instruments and criminal mischief.

11:18 a.m.: Dispatchers received a 9-1-1 call about a fight in the 800 block of West Main Street. The call was transferred to the Sandusky County Sheriff's Office.

3:33 p.m.: Corbin W. Clark, 36, of 623 Castalia St., Bellevue, was arrested on a Sandusky County felony non-support warrant at his residence. He was transported to the Sandusky County Jail.

5:35 p.m.: Received the report of a suspected drug deal on West Main Street. The suspect told in a burgundy truck which went down Lawrence Street. Police checked the area, but were unable to locate the vehicle.

6:05 p.m.: A Union Street resident reported someone broke into his home while he was gone.

7:29 a.m.: Shanie N. Price, 23, of Toledo, was charged with speeding during a traffic stop at the intersection of East Main Street and Franklin Road.

7:34 p.m.: Troy D. Riedy, 46, of 117 Rodwood Drive, Bellevue, was charged with driving with a suspended license during an Ohio 113 traffic stop.

**Tuesday:**  
12:14 a.m.: Rodney A. Lewis, 51, of 880 W. Main St., Bellevue, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia in connection with a West Main Street traffic stop. An officer warned him about having a license plate light out.

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By CARY ASHBY  
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A Willard man pleaded guilty Monday to his role in assaulting a local man.  
Andrew T. Jordan, 23, most recently of 412 W. Tiffin St., also was convicted of intending to sell marijuana. He remains out

on bond and will be sentenced Aug. 3 for one separate charge each of aggravated assault and trafficking in marijuana.

As part of Monday's plea deal, prosecutors dismissed one count each of possession of criminal tools, felonious assault and robbery.  
On Dec. 5, Jordan was a passenger in a vehicle stopped by the state Highway Patrol. Huron County Prosecutor Daivis Kasper said a trooper smelled raw marijuana in the vehicle and removed Jordan, who admitted to having drugs in a black baggie. She said a search netted "a couple jars of marijuana" and inside of a black bag were some baggies containing dope.

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Jordan

victed of a June 29 assault. One of his co-defendants, Christopher S. Kessler, 23, of 316 Park St., Willard, pleaded guilty June 7 to one count each of felonious assault and robbery and will be sentenced July 27.

A third suspect, Gregory Montgomery, 46, most recently of 2354 Peru Center Road, Willard, goes to trial Aug. 8 in Huron County Common Pleas Court. He is charged with felonious assault and robbery.

Huron County Prosecutor Daivis Kasper said the trio tracked down a Willard-area man, who may have owed one of the men's employers some money.

The Willard Police Department received a 9-1-1 call. Kasper has said the caller reported "two or three guys were beating up someone and trying to kill him" and urgently requested officers respond.

Upon arrival, police found the 44-year-old man with "blood all over his head," the prosecutor added.

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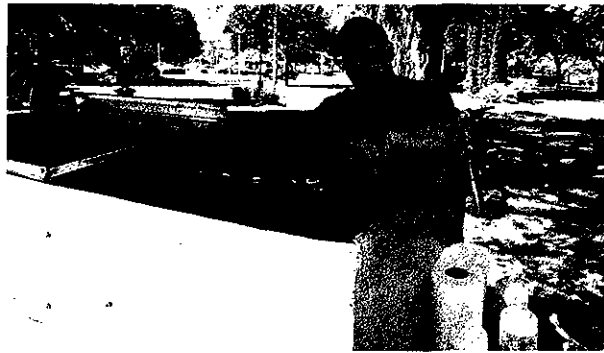
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David Kluding serves up a hot dog at the Gyo Stand on Columbus Avenue in downtown Sandusky. It is the 23rd year for the three-generation family stand.

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## DUI convictions

**NORWALK** — The following people recently were convicted of drunken driving in Norwalk Municipal Court:

Matthew D. Paydock, 29, 13 1/2 S. Garden St., Norwalk. Violation date: April 15. Conviction date: June 1. Sentence: \$750 fine, \$75 cost, six-month license suspension and three days in jail credited with \$250 and three days in jail time upon completion of alcohol intervention program (AIP); defendant shall have limited driving only on proof of an otherwise valid license, insurance and occupation from June 1 to Oct. 15.

Tawny L. Orwig, 38, 201 Spino St., Norwalk. Violation date: April 24. Conviction date: June 8. Sentence: \$750

fine, \$75 cost, six-month license suspension and three days in jail credited with \$250 and three days in jail time upon completion of AIP; defendant shall have limited driving only on proof of an otherwise valid license, insurance and occupation from June 8 to Oct. 24.

Justin W. Davis, 29, 2948 Neal Zick Road Lot 18, Willard. Violation date: May 15. Conviction date: June 1. Sentence: \$750 fine, \$100 cost, six-month license suspension and three days in jail credited with \$250 and three days in jail time upon completion of AIP; defendant shall have limited driving only on proof of an otherwise valid license, insurance and occupation from June 1 to Nov. 15.

Derek M. Castillo, 24, 64 Simpson Ave., Norwalk. Violation date: April 24. Conviction date: May 27. Sentence: \$750 fine, \$75 cost, six-month license suspension and 180 days in jail, 177 days suspended; credited with \$250 and three days in jail time upon completion of AIP; defendant shall be placed on intensive supervision probation for a period of two years; defendant shall abide by laws and have no convictions for two years; defendant shall follow all directives of the probation officer; defendant shall pay intensive supervision fees as directed by the probation officer; defendant shall consume no alcohol or drugs of abuse for two years; defendant

shall attend counseling as directed by the probation officer; defendant shall have limited driving only on proof of an otherwise valid license, insurance and occupation from May 27 to Oct. 24.

Cynthia L. Jenkins, 46, 1224 Peru Otis Road Lot 39, Norwalk. Violation date: March 5. Conviction date: June 2. Sentence: \$750 fine, \$89.20 cost, eight-month license suspension and three days in jail credited with \$250 and three days in jail time upon completion of AIP; defendant shall have limited driving only on proof of an otherwise valid license, insurance and occupation from June 2 to Nov. 5.

## Court news

## Assault accomplice also guilty of selling marijuana



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## Clinton: Trump would plunge US into recession

**The Associated Press**

**COLUMBUS** Hillary Clinton said Tuesday that Donald Trump would send the U.S. economy back into recession, warning his "reckless" approach would hurt workers still trying to recover from the 2008 economic turbulence.

Clinton's address in Ohio, one of the most important battleground states, sought to define Trump as little more than a con man, whose ignorance and ego would tank the global economy, bankrupt Americans and risk the

country's future.

"Every day we see how reckless and careless Trump is. He's proud of it," the Democratic presidential candidate said. "Well, that's his choice. Except when he's asking to be our president. Then it's our choice."

The speech was similar to one earlier this month in San Diego in which Clinton tried to undercut the Republican candidate's foreign policy credentials. This time, at an alternative high school in Columbus, she questioned whether Trump has the temperament to guide

the economy and repeatedly pointed to his business record as evidence of how he would treat small businesses and working families.

"Just like he shouldn't have his finger on the button, he shouldn't have his hands on our economy," Clinton said. Her speech included stinging one-liners, including a take-down of Trump's best-selling books.

"He's written a lot of books about business. But they all seem to end at Chapter 11," she said, in an allusion to the U.S. bankruptcy code.

Trump responded on

Twitter as Clinton delivered her address, writing in one tweet: "How can Hillary run the economy when she can't even send emails without putting entire nation at risk?" He appeared to be referring to Clinton blending her personal and official emails on a homebrew server in her house, while she was secretary of state.

The businessman later appeared to embrace one of Clinton's attack lines, writing: "I am 'the king of debt.' That has been great for me as a businessman, but is bad for the country. I made a fortune

off of debt will fly U.S. 7

Republican National Committee chairman Reince Priebus said Clinton was "the last person qualified" to talk about improving the economy, pointing to "eight years of disastrous Obama policies."

Clinton used Trump's

own statements to undercut his economic credentials, citing remarks he made that that U.S. could sell off assets, default on its debt and that wages are too high. She also repeated a comment he made that pregnant employees are an "inconvenience."

## Two months in, investigators plug away on Ohio family deaths

The Associated Press

**LONDON, Ohio** More than two dozen investigators are focused on solving the slayings of eight relatives who were found shot in southern Ohio two months ago, officials overseeing the top-priority investigation said Tuesday.

In terms of the manpower and resources devoted to the case, it's shaping up to be the biggest in the history of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Attorney General Mike DeWine told The Associated Press.

"We're here for the duration, whatever that is," DeWine said.

Authorities have reviewed about 700 tips and 100 pieces of evidence and relocated the four mobile homes where the bodies were found to preserve the crime scenes, but they refuse to reveal how much closer they might be to identifying any suspects or a motive, saying they don't want to jeopardize the chance to catch and convict

whoever's responsible

Seven adults and a 16-year-old boy from the Rhoden family were found dead April 22 at four properties near Piketon. A newborn, another baby and a young child weren't harmed. A coroner determined all but one of the victims had been shot repeatedly, and some had bruising.

"You can't be in those scenes or meet with the family members and not be impacted," bureau Superintendent Tom Stickrath said Tuesday in a joint interview with DeWine and Pike County Sheriff Charles Reader at the bureau offices in London.

Reader said he has spent nearly \$150,000 on the case so far, including staff

overtime and expenses for moving the four mobile homes to a secure site to help preserve them. But, he added: "We can't put a price on eight bodies."

DeWine said it's difficult to explain the massive amount of information investigators are sifting through as they try to unspool how the victims lived for clues to why they died.

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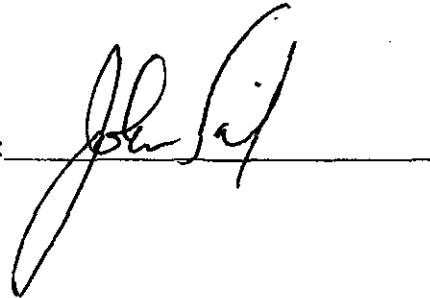
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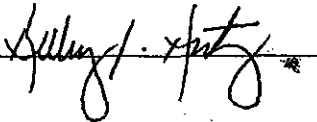
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# Valley schools slated to receive more than \$2M in grants

By DENISE DICK  
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More than \$2 million in state dollars is headed to the Mahoning Valley to fund education initiatives.

The Straight A Governing Board recommended \$14.5 million in 23 grants to 90 schools. The state controlling board, which meets Aug. 8, must approve the grants.

The Mahoning County Educational Service Center is recommended for \$990,048 for its Mahoning Valley Prepared for Success project.

"The Mahoning Valley Prepared for Success project will make a

stronger connection between education and economic development in the Valley," said Ron Jarussel, superintendent of the ESC and Mahoning County Career and Technical Center. "It's based around college and career readiness."

Austintown, Campbell, Canfield, Columbiana, Poland, Springfield and Southern schools and the career and technical center are participants.

Campbell City Schools are the lead applicant for the \$915,603 grant for the North East Ohio Literacy Consortium. Participating schools are Austintown, Beaver, Brookfield and West Branch schools, Newbury Schools in Geau-

ga County, Windham Schools in Portage County and Youngstown Community School. MCCCTC also is participating with Marion Schools in Lucas County to implement a simulated work place. That grant would be for \$623,606.

Jarussel said the Prepared for Success program includes a component to prepare students who don't want to go to college to be job-ready. That would include students earning industry credentials in high school.

It also will get students who want to go to college prepared, he said. The literacy consortium for which Campbell schools is the lead

applicant is for professional development and training of staff to implement the Literacy Collaborative in the respective schools.

Literacy Collaborative is a pathway created by Ohio State University to bolster students' reading. "Literacy Collaborative is a proven framework that if implemented with fidelity yields positive results for all students," said Matthew Bowen, Campbell superintendent.

Kim Davis, director of teaching and learning at the Mahoning County ESC, said the difference in the Literacy Collaborative and other literacy programs is meeting students at the skill level where they are.

"It really is individualized," Davis said.

The \$23,606 grant for simulated workplace would teach students "soft skills" along with the hard skills to do the job.

Soft skills including arriving to work on time, making eye contact, communicating with others and working with others.

Community business representatives have told educators that young people lack these skills when they enter the workforce.

Gov. John R. Kasich created the Straight A Fund in 2013, and the state budget signed last summer included \$30 million for a two-year continuation.

## Administrator reflects on 41 years with village

By SARAH LEHR  
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LOWELLVILLE

When Bill Meehan, who soon will retire as village administrator, joined the Lowellville fire department in 1975, the firefighters would ride to blazes by clinging to the truck's tailboard.

"It was just like you see in the movies," Meehan remembered.

Though Meehan acknowledged today's method of having firefighters ride inside the truck is "a lot of safer," he admits to taking a nostalgic look back at the excitement and freedom of those days.

Meehan, who began his service to the village as a volunteer firefighter, will retire July 31. His replacement, Richard Day, is training for the job.

Meehan became fire chief in 1980 and made the transition to part-time administrator, his current position, in 2007.

During his 41-year tenure, Meehan has served four mayors and says he's seen vast improvements in safety technology. Before the village joined a 911 system, Meehan said local dispatchers would run the emergency lines from their homes.

"There would be a few ladies who would answer the phones, and they had a red emergency button at their



Lowellville Administrator Bill Meehan will retire this summer after 41 years with the village. Before he became administrator, Meehan spent 27 years as fire chief.

houses," Meehan recalled. He graduated from Lowellville High School and attended Youngstown College before being drafted into the Army in 1966.

"Thankfully, they didn't send us to Vietnam," Meehan said. "We were in Germany."

The Lowellville native is president of the St. Vincent DePaul Society and a mem-

ber of the Lowellville Business Association. Apart from his time with the military, Meehan has never lived outside Lowellville. He said there's something special about the 1,000-person Mahoning Valley hamlet nestled between hills.

"Everybody knows everybody," Meehan said. "It's like one big family, I guess."

in prison, followed by three years of supervised release, and a \$250,000 fine.

However, the judge said the guideline sentencing range for someone such as Natale, who has no prior criminal record, would be 21 to 27 months in prison.

By law, Natale will have to reimburse police, fire and HazMat departments for the cost of their on-scene response, said Justin Seabury Gould, the assistant U.S. attorney prosecuting the case.

Gould said he didn't yet have itemized costs from the emergency responders, but he broadly estimated the total would be between \$1,000 and \$5,000.

Although the powder caused a scare, lab tests found it to be harmless, Gould said.

Natale's lawyer, Desirae D. DeFero, told the judge it was her understanding Natale had resigned Monday as city auditor.

However, Alan Shaker, deputy director of the Trumbull County Board of Elections, said shortly after 3 a.m. Tuesday that the board had not received a resignation letter from Natale.

Under these circumstances, the board normally receives a letter of resignation

from the officeholder and notifies Dan Polivka, county Democratic Party chairman, Shaker said.

The judge agreed to temporarily suspend Natale's electronically monitored house arrest as a condition of his \$20,000 unsecured bond because he recently fell and seriously injured his right knee.

Natale's physician recommended an MRI of that knee, which would require removal of the ankle monitoring bracelet. Natale's motion to halt electronic monitoring said.

Natale used crutches at Tuesday's hearing.

Judge Pearson asked numerous questions during the 72-minute hearing to ascertain that Natale was knowingly and voluntarily waiving his right to a jury trial, admitting his crime and acknowledging the consequences of his guilty plea.

The judge also warned Natale not to communicate with his victims. "You don't drive by. You don't call," she said.

If Natale violates conditions of his bond, the judge warned she'll revoke the bond, resulting in Natale's being locked up pending sentencing.

## NATALE

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porary successor, and Warren's Democratic precinct committee members will meet in five to 45 days to select a replacement.

Because the vacancy is occurring more than 40 days before the Nov. 8 elections, candidates will be able to run in that election for the three remaining years in Natale's term.

The federal indictment accused Natale of sending an envelope containing white powder to his former employer, American Business Center, 7677 South Ave., Boardman, Nov. 10, 2014, after being fired from his job there.

The powder fell out of the envelope onto an employee, causing panic that the powder might be a toxin, such as anthrax, and leading to an evacuation; a police, fire and HazMat team response; and a two-day closure of the business.

Natale became Warren auditor Jan. 1, after winning election last year upon the retirement of longtime auditor David Griffing.

The maximum penalty Natale could face is five years

## Project Breathe brings pet equipment to Springfield

Staff report

NEW MIDDELTON Township Fire Department received pet oxygen mask kits to save pets from smoke inhalation.

Invisible Fence of Eastern Ohio donated three kits to the department as part of its Project Breathe program.

According to a news release issued by Springfield Township trustees, "Proj-

ect Breathe was established with the goal of equipping every fire station in America and Canada with pet oxygen masks."

The masks help firefighters and emergency medical service staff give oxygen to pets suffering from smoke inhalation when rescued from fires.

Invisible Fence donated more than 12,400 masks to fire stations all over the U.S.

and Canada.

The news release said although the number of pets that die in fires isn't a national statistic, an estimated 40,000 to 150,000 die in fires each year — most due to smoke inhalation. The donated masks have saved more than 150 pets.

For more information about Project Breathe visit [www.invisiblefence.com/O2](http://www.invisiblefence.com/O2).

## CAMPAIGN 2016

# Clinton calls Trump the 'King of Debt'

By MARC KOVAC  
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COLUMBUS

Presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton lashed out at her likely Republican opponent, painting a picture of Donald Trump as a thin-skinned, bankruptcy-prone businessman more interested in lining his own pockets than in what is best for the country.

She called Trump reckless, careless and the "King of Debt."

"He's written a lot of books about business. They all seem to end in bankruptcy," Clinton joked. "And over the years, he intentionally ran up huge amounts of debt on his companies and then he defaulted. He bankrupted his companies not once, not twice, but four times. Hundreds of people lost their jobs. Shareholders were wiped out. Contractors, many of them small business, took heavy losses. Many went bust. But Donald Trump, he came out fine."

During an address Tuesday in Ohio's capital city that focused on economic policy, Clinton contrasted her ideas for lowering the national debt and bolstering the national economy with comments made by Trump. "He makes over-the-top promises that if people stick



Clinton Trump

ON AIO

Donald Trump is one of the wealthiest people to ever run for president, but his campaign appears to be flat broke.

with him, trust him, listen to him, put their faith in him, he'll deliver for them," Clinton said. "He'll make them wildly successful. And then everything falls apart, and people get hurt. Those promises you're hearing from him at his campaign rallies? They are the same promises he made to his customers at Trump University, and now they're suing him for fraud."

She added, "The same people he's trying to get to vote for him now are people he's been exploiting for years, because it's not just other investors, other rich people, that he took advantage of. It was working people."

Clinton spoke for about 45 minutes before several hundred supporters at a Columbus school career center, with the event's stage set up in an auto shop.

The midday speech set off a flurry of emails from Trump's campaign spotlighting what the presumptive Republican nominee called a "catastrophic economic record under Clin-

ton-Obama policies."

On economic policy, Trump's campaign noted, "While the Obama-Clinton economy has produced wages for many workers lower than 1970s wages and produced a record 94 million people outside the labor force, Donald Trump has proposed a series of reforms that will create trillions in wealth for our workers."

Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus and Ohio Republican Party Chairman Matt Borges also issued statements critical of Clinton's economic record.

"The closest Hillary Clinton has come to business success was putting her face at the State Department up for sale to foreign donors and special interests," Priebus said.

Borges added, "Hillary Clinton has promised to do two things that will worsen our economy: increase spending and increase taxes. It's no surprise Ohio voters don't trust her to create jobs."

## New poll: Trump loses ground to Clinton in Ohio

By MARC KOVAC  
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COLUMBUS

Democrat Hillary Clinton and Republican Donald Trump are evenly split among Ohio voters, with the billionaire businessman losing ground to the former first lady in the past month.

Clinton and Trump also are statistically tied in Pennsylvania, though Clinton leads Trump in Florida.

Those were the results of a new swing state poll released Tuesday by the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute, the Connecticut-based group that regularly gauges the opinions of voters in Ohio and other states on candidate and issues.

The latest survey included 971 Ohio voters, 975 Florida voters and 950 Pennsylvania voters.

The results have a margin

of error of about 3 percentage points.

The Pennsylvania results were in line with a May 10 poll, but Clinton gained ground in Ohio and Florida.

"Secretary Hillary Clinton is pulling ahead in Florida, but the pictures in Ohio and Pennsylvania are much less clear," Peter Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac Poll, said in a released statement.

"The at-times bitter verbal battles between Trump and some Republican leaders is showing in these numbers. In these three key states, Clinton is doing better, and in the case of Florida much better, among Democrats than Trump is among Republicans. Traditionally GOP presidential candidates score better on this party loyalty test," Brown said.

A majority of Ohio voters

questioned believe Clinton is better prepared to be president (57 percent, versus 33 percent for Trump), has higher moral standards (45 percent-37 percent) and is more intelligent (53 percent-36 percent).

But Trump was viewed as more honest and trustworthy (44 percent-37 percent), more inspiring (46 percent-40 percent) and a stronger leader (49 percent-41 percent).

"One reason why Trump may be doing better in Ohio, and for that matter in Pennsylvania as well, is that both states have small Hispanic populations, compared to Florida," Brown said.

"Given Trump's comments on immigration and descendants of immigrants, the much larger Hispanic population in Florida is obviously a boost there for Hillary Clinton."

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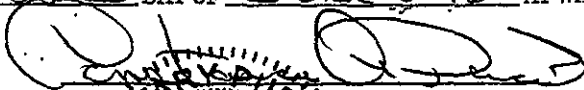
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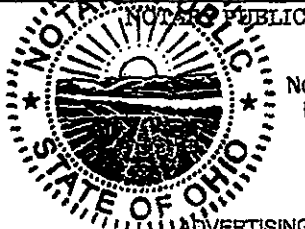
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## County Sheriff

—Elen Woods, state Route 558, Leetonia, reported at 9:24 a.m. Monday her 17-year-old grandson stayed up playing X-Box all night and when she went to get him up, he became upset and started hitting his head into the wall. He already calmed down before deputies arrived.

—A deceased woman at a home on state Route 7, Lisbon, was reported by the West Point Fire Department at 1:40 p.m. Monday. The woman was found by her niece at the bottom of the basement steps, where she had apparently fallen.

—Deputy Luke Skidmore was outside the county jail at 8:43 p.m. June 10 when he heard a gunshot and a split second later heard a projectile traveling through the lightly wooded area southeast of the jail, within 40 yards of the jail. Skidmore then heard a second shot from the same direction, but did not hear a second projectile. Deputies and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources checked the area and found Edward J. Deville II, U.S. Route 30, and Michael Clunen, Depot Street, Lisbon. Both said they were on Devil's property discharging a Smith and Wesson M&P 9-millimeter toward a wooded area to the west. However, deputies explained one of their projectiles did not travel west, it went northeast toward the jail and they were warned about shooting if they do not know where the rounds are going.

—Matthew Hoopes, Westville Lake Road, Belpre, reported at 1:05 p.m. Monday he was notified about two charges on his debt card from a store in Michigan, both made within 10 minutes of each other on June 18 and totaling \$580.

—Battman Smytha, Shady Lane Road, Lisbon, reported an assault occurred at a party at 9:27 p.m. Sunday. The victim, Andrew Shaffer, was intoxicated and had an injury to his left ankle. He went to SRMC for treatment for his injuries and was not making any sense when deputies were speaking to him. The matter is under investigation.

—Mary Shroades, Dutchtown School Road, Rogers, reported at 9:20 a.m. Saturday, her ex-boyfriend, Sean Adams, was harassing her, sending her texts, coming to her workplace and following her when she leaves her home. She also suspects he has been inside her home through a window in the recent past. She was in the process of getting a protection order in December, but then she stopped when they reconciled. She wanted to know if she could get one now.

## Highway Patrol

—James Cameron Wain, 18, Maple Drive, East Liverpool, was westbound on Panake Clark Road in Middleton Township at 2 a.m. Friday and turned right onto Union Ridge Road and went off the left side into a ditch and a utility pole. He was cited for failure to control.

—Morgan Rae Hardy, 19, Belpre, was northeast on Georgetown Damascus Road in Knox Township at 10:30 a.m. Sunday and went off the left side into a ditch and overturned. She was cited for failure to control.

## Lisbon

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Morning Journal/Tom Olenick

## That's fine

Lisbon Police Chief Mike Abraham is shown with one of the 10 yellow boxes he plans to be placed around town for people to drop off their parking tickets rather than go to the police station. The metal boxes, which were made by Helm Sheet Metal of Lisbon for \$1,992, will be affixed to existing poles in the downtown parking district that have signs explaining the village's parking times and fees. A second sign will feature a sign instructing motorists to drop the parking ticket envelope and payment into the box if they would rather not go to the police department.

Libert denied having any of Rudder's belongings and even gave the officers permission to search his domicile. Rudder was advised nothing he listed was found there.

—A caller reported there were several youths riding bicycles on North Market Street near Pine Street at 9:21 p.m. June 14. Police found the youths at the Circle K and were told to confine their bicycle riding to the sidewalks.

—Denise L. Kastner, Sunset Drive, reported backing into a trash can and water faucet while at the cemetery on Sunday, denting the SUV bumper and breaking a taillight cover. Cemetery officials said there was no property damage.

## Columbiana

—Police found a tree down on Old Route 14 at 7:47 a.m. Monday and notified the township.

—Ty Allison, 38, Columbiana, was arrested on an active warrant through the sheriff's office at 9:16 a.m. Monday on West Park Avenue and taken to the county jail.

—Juanita Duval, Manor Drive, reported at 9:22 a.m. Monday her daughter took her rings and was refusing to return them.

—Joan Beatty, Bittersweet Drive, reported at 6:48 p.m. Monday she received a scam letter from someone claiming to be from the Publisher's Clearing House.

—Police checked on a report of a tractor trailer driving recklessly on state Route 14 at 6:17 a.m. Tuesday. Police found the vehicle and did not see any impairments.

## East Liverpool

—Officers were called to Woodland Hills on Wilbert Avenue for a man, identified as Tyrone B. Foster, aka, Coles, 41, Heights Manor, walking around with his private parts hanging out. When officers explained why they were there Foster immediately

became angry and began making racial slurs at them, officers reported. He was issued a criminal trespass notice for Columbiana Metropolitan Housing Authority property, prohibiting him from being on it, and officers transported him to a friend's house on Ambrose Avenue. Foster showed up at the police department some time later, highly intoxicated, and continued the aggressive behavior he had shown at Woodland Hills and was charged with disorderly conduct, according to reports.

—Vehicles driven by David B. McCoy, 73, Rodgers Road, Chester WVA, and Richard L. Moore, Queens Way, East Liverpool, both were stopped in the intersection of Jackson Street and the state Route 11 on-ramp Monday afternoon. Having arrived first, Moore began to travel south when McCoy also moved into the intersection, striking the van driven by Moore, which was driven by Presswell Cleaners, state Route 170. No injuries or citations were reported.

## Liverpool Township

Officers responded Monday morning to a woman walking along the roadway, acting strangely, where they found Brenna K. Rawson, 21, McKee Road, Wellsville. They said she was staggering and had fallen, striking her head on a mailbox and said she had been dropped off by her friends and left. She was weaving her head as though unable to understand the officer when asked why they would leave her, according to reports. Lifeline paramedics arrived and transported her to the hospital.

—Mary Ann Davis, Lang Street, reported she was called by someone posing as her grandson, who said he was in jail and needed money to be bailed out. Another person identifying himself as Sergeant Robinson advised Davis to purchase six \$500 Tuna gift cards and release the activation codes to him and her grandson would be released. She purchased the gift cards. Police notified the store manager, who contacted the corporate offices and had the gift card codes deactivated.

—Gary Bonnell, Broadway Circle, reported his mailbox broken off and, in viewing a video from his property security camera, he determined it was the newspaper carrier who struck the box. According to reports, Bonnell contacted The Review and the matter was resolved.

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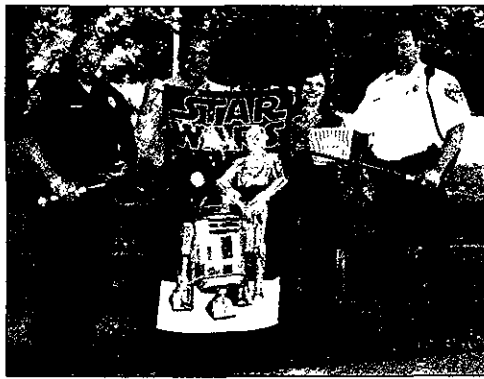
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Submitted Photo

## Movie night

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## Salem

—A dog was reported at large in the area of South Union Avenue and Maple Street at 5:27 a.m. Tuesday. An officer assisted the caller in retrieving the dog.

—An alarm activation was reported at a business in the 300 block of South Broadway Avenue.

—A well-being check was requested at 12:34 a.m. Tuesday in the 400 block of South Elmworth Avenue where a woman said they had not been able to make contact with a person the past day.

Officers attempted contact, but were unsuccessful.

—Police responded to a security alarm at 10:38 p.m. Monday at Super USA, 168 S. Lincoln Ave., where police found a broken window and found two game machines inside had glass shattered on the front panels. About \$200 to \$250 cash was stolen from the game machines.

The keyholder responded and the interior of the building was cleared. A witness saw a suspect fleeing from the rear of the building prior to officers arriving. The incident is under investigation.

—Officers were called at 8:47 p.m. Monday to the 200 block of West Wilson Street for a verbal dispute between several people known to each other. Each said the other had provoked the incident and witnesses said the same. All parties were told to avoid contact with each other and keep to themselves.

—A woman in the 1100 block of East Third Street called at 7:14 p.m. Monday to request officers remove her intoxicated husband from the residence. She was told he couldn't be removed since he lived there. She then decided she would leave for the night and stay with a relative. The male was told not to contact his wife and to stay home due to his intoxication. Both were advised of domestic violence laws.

—A woman in the 100 block of Highland Avenue came to the station at 6:50 p.m. Monday to report her roommate moved out when she was not home and he took her firearm. Officers

attempted to contact the roommate at his new residence, but he was not home. The firearm was entered into the law enforcement data base, with the theft under investigation.

—Police were asked to respond to the 300 block of Roosevelt at 5:13 p.m. Monday for a report of juveniles climbing the water towers. No one was found.

—A security alarm was reported at 4:41 p.m. Monday in the 100 block of Jennings Avenue. The exterior was found secure. The keyholder responded and the interior was checked, with everything in order.

—A clerk at Smith Oil, 968 E. State St., reported at 3:32 p.m. Monday that the driver of a black Chevy Silverado left without paying for \$18.50 in gas.

—An asset protection associate at Walmart, 2875 E. State St., reported at 11:50 a.m. Monday that a female in a pink tank top left the store with multiple cosmetics merchandise in her purse without paying. The associate attempted to stop the female, but she continued to the parking lot and left in a gold sedan driven by a male. The shoplifting incident is under investigation.

—The manager of an apartment complex in the 1300 block of South Lincoln Avenue reported at 7:59 a.m. Monday that someone told him the window was open in the apartment of a tenant who was recently deceased.

Officers entered the apartment to check for possible intruders, but the apartment was empty.

—Perry Township

—Police responded at 8:34 p.m. Monday to the 1400 block of West State Street for a disabled vehicle. A Chrysler Concorde had been sitting off the north side of the road partially blocking a driveway for over 24 hours. Davidson's Towing removed the vehicle which was causing a potential traffic hazard.

—While on patrol in Salem Acres in the 1100 block of Prospect Street at 2:05 p.m. Monday, an officer was stopped by a resident, Joseph Messenger, who advised of a possible burglary at his apartment sometime between Sunday and Monday. He wasn't sure what items were missing and was told to compile a list for the police.

—Amanda Stout, of the 1100 block of Prospect Street, reported at 10:31 a.m. Monday that sometime overnight, her white Chevy Impala was struck on the back rear passenger bumper, causing moderate damage. The car had been parked in front of her apartment at Salem Acres. She wanted a report to give to her insurance company.

—Scott Lodge Jr., of the 1700 block of Painter Road, reported at 8:25 a.m. Monday that a brick was thrown through the back window of a black 2013 Mazda 3 on the property sometime overnight.

## OVI checkpoint

State Highway Patrol will be conducting an OVI checkpoint sometime this week. The patrol plans to announce the county location of the checkpoint the day before and the location the morning of. "If you plan to consume alcohol, designate a driver or make other travel arrangements before you drink. Don't let another life be lost for the senseless and selfish act of getting behind the wheel impaired," the patrol said in a press release. Operational support for the sobriety checkpoint will be provided by local law enforcement agencies.

Another resident, Keith Whorley, reported a brick was also thrown through the back window of a 2012 white Mazda 3 on the property.

—Steven McSwiney, 54, of Valleyview Court, Salem, was charged with failure to control after a single-vehicle accident near the eastbound on-ramp of U.S. Route 62 at 7:04 p.m. Sunday. He told police he fell asleep while driving southbound on the overpass of U.S. Route 62. A witness reported seeing the vehicle travel left of center into the northbound lane, strike the guardrail and continue until it traveled off the road down the embankment near the eastbound on-ramp until coming to a stop. The vehicle was towed by Sinsley's Towing.

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## FIRE CALLS

## Lisbon

—Three firefighters responded to an alarm at the county jail at 3:55 p.m. Monday which turned out to have been set off when an inmate broke a sprinkler head, which is a common occurrence.

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## Cavaliers postseason

AMERICAN LEAGUE				NATIONAL LEAGUE				2016 Cleveland Cavaliers Postseason																		
East Division				West Division				REGULAR SEASON																		
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Baltimore	20	30	.571	-	Washington	43	38	.528	-	James	21	38.1	21.4	17.7	5.2	3.0	0.4	0.2	8.2	14.1	5.2	16.3	4.1	2.3	1.0	0.3
Boston	22	28	.438	1 1/2	New York	45	36	.556	-	LeBron	21	35.8	22.0	21.7	7.1	11.1	0.7	0.1	7.9	16.8	7.8	17.8	5.2	4.1	1.0	0.2
Toronto	30	34	.334	2 1/2	Minnesota	34	34	.500	1 1/2	Lowe	26	20.2	9.9	6.2	1.1	1.1	0.1	0.1	4.1	5.1	1.1	2.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
New York	24	36	.400	6	Philadelphia	36	42	.461	3 1/2	Smith	21	34.8	18.5	15.9	6.1	15.1	0.1	0.1	13.1	21.1	6.1	14.1	2.1	1.1	0.1	0.1
Cleveland	31	33	.485	8	San Antonio	37	34	.519	2 1/2	Jefferson	17	14.0	14.0	5.0	2.0	4.0	0.1	0.1	6.7	8.7	1.7	6.7	1.7	2.7	0.7	0.7
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Detroit	36	38	.483	2	Portland	37	37	.500	1 1/2	Williams	19	15.5	7.5	4.5	1.5	1.5	0.1	0.1	10.5	10.5	1.5	4.5	1.5	0.5	0.1	0.1
Kansas City	36	38	.483	2	St. Louis	37	37	.500	1 1/2	McDonald	21	17.5	2.5	2.5	1.5	1.5	0.1	0.1	11.5	11.5	1.5	4.5	1.5	0.5	0.1	0.1
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Memphis	38	40	.487	3	Orlando	37	38	.489	1 1/2	James	21	34.8	18.5	15.9	6.1	15.1	0.1	0.1	13.1	21.1	6.1	14.1	2.1	1.1	0.1	0.1
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Chicago Bulls 7, Tampa Bay 6	San Antonio Spurs 103, Boston 1, 1st round
Orlando Magic 7, Dallas 7	
Orlando 6, Seattle 7, 12th round	
Los Angeles Lakers 104, 1st round	
Houston 10, LA Angels 7	
Tuesday's Games	
San Diego 8, Baltimore 3	San Francisco 10, Philadelphia 1
LA Clippers 101, NY Yankees 4	San Francisco 105, Pittsburgh 4
Atlanta 4, Toronto 2	Atlanta 4, Toronto 2
Chicago Bulls 97, Cleveland 1	Chicago Bulls 97, Cleveland 1
Cleveland 5, Tampa Bay 2	NY Mets 2, Kansas City 1
Orlando 4, Seattle 2	Omnireads 1, Phoenix 2
LA 4, Mets 2, Kansas City 1	St. Louis 4, Chicago Cubs 3
LA 4, Mets 2, Kansas City 1	LA 4, Mets 2, Kansas City 1
Houston 3, LA Angels 2	LA 4, Mets 2, Kansas City 1
Minnesota 14, Philadelphia 10	LA 4, Mets 2, Kansas City 1
Wednesday's Games	
Columbo (Gry 4-3) at NY Yankees	LA 4, Mets 2, Kansas City 1
(Santana 4-1), 125 runs	LA 4, Mets 2, Kansas City 1
Kansas City 7, NY Yankees 1	LA 4, Mets 2, Kansas City 1
(Santana 4-1), 110 runs	LA 4, Mets 2, Kansas City 1
LA Angels 10, Philadelphia 7	LA 4, Mets 2, Kansas City 1
(Nelson 4-3), 210 runs	LA 4, Mets 2, Kansas City 1
Minnesota 8, Boston 5	LA 4, Mets 2, Kansas City 1
(Nelson 4-3), 210 runs	LA 4, Mets 2, Kansas City 1
Atlanta 7 (4-5) at Toronto (Happ 8-3), 407 runs	LA 4, Mets 2, Kansas City 1
Chicago White Sox 4 at Baltimore, 720 runs	LA 4, Mets 2, Kansas City 1
San Diego Padres 3 at Oakland 5	LA 4, Mets 2, Kansas City 1
at Boston (Riderman 4-2), 720 runs	LA 4, Mets 2, Kansas City 1
LA Angels 10, Philadelphia 7	LA 4, Mets 2, Kansas City 1
(Cleveland 4-3), Detroit 7	LA 4, Mets 2, Kansas City 1
Tampa Bay (Archer 4-6) at Cleveland (Baker 4-2), 710 runs	LA 4, Mets 2, Kansas City 1
Cleveland 5 (4-3) at Texas (Hamm 7-1), 835 runs	LA 4, Mets 2, Kansas City 1
LA Angels 10, Philadelphia 7	LA 4, Mets 2, Kansas City 1
(Cleveland 4-3), Detroit 7	LA 4, Mets 2, Kansas City 1
Oregon 4-3, 810 runs	LA 4, Mets 2, Kansas City 1
Philadelphia 7, Tampa Bay 6	LA 4, Mets 2, Kansas City 1
LA Angels 10, Philadelphia 7	LA 4, Mets 2, Kansas City 1
Seattle 4, Detroit 7	LA 4, Mets 2, Kansas City 1
Chicago White Sox at Boston, 125 runs	LA 4, Mets 2, Kansas City 1
Oakland 4, LA Angels, 1035 runs	LA 4, Mets 2, Kansas City 1

## Results

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## College baseball

### NCAA College World Series

All TD Attendance paid, Omaha, Neb.

(Double elimination; 3<sup>rd</sup> necessary)

First round, Saturday, June 18

UC Santa Barbara, 5; Arizona, 2

Arizona, 5; Miami 1

Florida, 10; Texas, 18

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Ohio State, 2; Arizona 0

Tuesday, June 20

Texas Tech, 3; Florida, 2; Central

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A roundup of sports in  
region and across the nation  
Send your sports letters

### Busy summer at Safem Community Center

**SALEM** — The Salem Community Center is hosting the following upcoming events:

- Marathon training at 8 a.m. Friday.
- Kayaking Beaver Creek will be leaving at 10 a.m. July 10. Cost is \$30 with own kayak or \$65 with a rental.
- A 3-on-3 basketball tournament for boys and girls in grades 3-12 and adults. July 23. Cost is \$60 per team if registered by July 5 and \$80 after that.
- Basketball clinic open gym nights from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursdays from June through Aug. 11. Cost is \$5 per day.

### Salem Motorcycle Club shootout

**LSBON**—The Salem Motorcycle Club is holding a Sunoco MX Shootout Sunday at Skyline Raceway along Mattis Road.

Gates open at 7 a.m., with signups at 7:30 a.m., practice at 9 a.m. and racing at 10 a.m. For more information, call (330) 332-9465.

**Columbiana QB camp continues today**

**COLUMBIANA**—The 13th annual Columbiana County Quarterback Camp times today for boys in grades 9-12 at Firestone Park.

Twenty-four boys in grades 9-12 from Beaver Local, Columbiana, Crestview, Tionna, Sellers, South Range and Wellsville attended the camp Monday and Tuesday.

The high school camp will be held from 8 to 12:30 p.m. today and Tuesday. American International should show up by 8 a.m., today. Cost is \$50.

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**Dr. Joyce to speak in East Liverpool**  
**EAST LIVERPOOL**—East Liverpool graduate Dr. Joyce H. Head basketball at Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary High School, will speak at a free program sponsored by the Sheridan AME Church.  
 Retirement will be served prior to the program, which is scheduled to start at 4 p.m. in the Bair Auditorium at the East Liverpool Area Community & Learning Center, located at 110 Main Blvd., next to East Liverpool High School.  
 Joyce also will be signing his book, "Beyond Championships," following the program. The book is a collection of articles written by Joyce and other athletes from the Cleveland Cavaliers who wrote the forward. Joyce is a member of the Cleveland Cavaliers.  
 "There are lots of principles in this book that have become the cornerstone of my life."

**Southern cooks volleyball coach**

**SALINEVILLE**—Southern Local is seeking junior high volleyball coach this upcoming season. Anyone interested, contact the superintendent's office (330) 579-2305.

## BIENVENUE

**11 a.m. (3, 5, 8, 19, STO) NBA:** Cleveland Cavaliers champion parade and rally.

**11:30 a.m. (ESPN)** Soccer: European Championship, Hungary vs. Portugal.

**11:30 a.m. (ESPN2)** Soccer: European Championship, Iceland vs. Austria.

**2:30 p.m. (ESPN)** Soccer: European Championship, Italy vs. Austria.

**4:30 p.m. (ESPN2)** Soccer: European Championship, Sweden vs. Belgium.

**7 p.m. (ROOT)** Baseball: Giants at Pirates.

**7 p.m. (STO)** Baseball: Rays at Indians.

**7 p.m. (ESPN)** College baseball: World Series, UC Santa Barbara vs. Arizona.

**7 p.m. (NBCSN)** NHL: Awards at Las Vegas.

**8 p.m. (FS1)** Soccer: Copa America Centenario semifinal, Chile vs. Colombia.

**8 p.m. (Chicago)** U.S. Olympic Trials, men's springboard.

**8 p.m. (Chicago)** U.S. Olympic Trials, men's springboard women's platform synchronized finals.

**10 p.m. (ESPN)** Baseball: Nationals at Dodgers.

**10 p.m. (FS1)** Mixed martial arts: Ultimate Fighter 23 (tapout).

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# PARTY

FROM 1B

Airport on Monday, hours after their dramatic 93-89 win in Game 7.

The city will be well prepared, and the humongous crowd will serve as a perfect dress rehearsal for next month's Republican National Convention, which will be held at the Orleans and Casino. The Orleans now undergoing a makeover.

Other parallels like a popular one on St. Patrick's there hasn't been a parade of this magnitude since 1995, when the Irishans were honored for their first appearance in the World Series since 1954.

Former Cleveland Indians owner, and the owners are looking to find a way to stay as down as possible. Hotels are sold out. Officials are urging anyone heading into the city to use mass

## LEGAL NOTICE

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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This hearing will be held pursuant to Section 4928.66 of the Ohio Revised Code. Pursuant to PRC 4928.66(C)(1), the Commission shall hold a public hearing on July 25, 2016, at 10:00 a.m., at the PUCO, 180 E. Broad Street, 11th Floor, Hearing Room 11B.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43260-1502 or by calling the PUCO hotline at 1-800-586-7286; or by visiting the website at [www.puco.ohio.gov](http://www.puco.ohio.gov), selecting DIS, and clicking on "Public Notice".

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CSC CORP	0.72	2.69	12.85	27
CS&A T&L P	1.1	5.46	22.04	56.17
CULTURE INC	2.16	7.87	16.7	21.52
DTT ENERGY	2.82	3.09	24.14	80.91
EMERSON ELEC	1.9	3.42	18.2	53.36
FORTINET	1.44	4.2	30.81	33.74
FURNITURE	0.08	3.26	15.85	26.8
GEN ELECT	0.6	1.2	6.12	12.74
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GOODYEAR	0.28	1	27.81	27.56
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KEYCORP	0.42	1.18	15.13	34.71
MACDONALD	3.56	2.91	23.56	122.42
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## Plymouth man granted judicial release in 2011 drunk driving fatality

AL LAWRENCE  
CORRESPONDENT

A Plymouth man has been granted judicial release after serving 80 percent of a five-year prison term for aggravated vehicular homicide.

Richland County Common Pleas Judge James DeWeese took the action after hearing oral arguments Tuesday from 27-year-old Zachary Montgomery.

Montgomery pleaded guilty in May of 2012 to a second-degree felony charge of aggravated vehicular homicide and was sentenced to five years in prison for a crash that killed Cassandra Elliott of Shelby. Montgomery was operating his father's motorcycle on July 31, 2011, when it crashed on Miller Road in Cass Township.

Elliott was thrown from the motorcycle at 60 mph and died several hours later at MedCentral/Mansfield Hospital. Montgomery had partied after an ox roast and was legally drunk with a blood alcohol level of 0.16. He also was under the influence of marijuana.

During Tuesday's hearing, Montgomery told

Judge DeWeese he is confident he will not return to prison because of the numerous programs he successfully completed while serving time. "I learned a lot about myself," he said. "You have to grow up and be an adult. That's part of life."

He also said he has a job in Sandusky lined up if he is released.

Elliott's mother, Katrina Gurney, supported the request for judicial release, saying that while it has been a long four years, she believes Montgomery has come a long way and has paid his debt. "I talked with him several times and shared some stuff and left it at that," she said. "I wish him all the best."

A family friend gave

Montgomery the benefit of the doubt even though she has seen Elliott's family suffer and go through the various stages of grief. "I hope he seriously learned from this about alcohol and makes good choices," she said.

In granting judicial release, DeWeese ordered Montgomery to serve four years of community control, to personally meet with him several times per month, maintain employment, seek continued drug and alcohol treatment and be subject to random testing. He also agreed to a prosecution request to continue a lifetime driver's license suspension and to pay Elliott's family \$5,000 in restitution for funeral expenses.

## Ohio Right to Life: Should we endorse Trump?

ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS - Ohio's oldest and largest anti-abortion group is surveying supporters about whether it should endorse Donald Trump.

Ohio Right to Life emailed the survey ahead of its president's meeting Tuesday with the presumptive Republican presidential nominee.

It marks the latest sign of anxiety among political conservatives in the battleground state over Trump's candidacy.

The letter said the group is analyzing his policy positions on its priority issues, which include abortion, adoption and euthanasia — some of which have changed over time.

The survey gave three choices: endorse Trump, remain neutral or choose "unsure."

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## 2016 Harding girls track



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## Martin

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formation available from Lake Erie Shores and Islands at 800-255-3743.

### Trumpeter swans coming back in Ohio

Trumpeter swans are huge, majestic birds that were once almost extinct, but are coming back due to the implementation of an Ohio Swan Management Plan. Trumpeter swan surveys conducted by the Division of Wildlife showed a 44 percent increase in the number of pairs and 37 percent increase in cygnet (young swans) production compared to last year. The total number of cygnets increased to an all-time high of 142

in 2015, due in part to a reduction of invasive mute swans that created more areas of suitable habitat.

### Fishing without a license doesn't pay

This spring State Wildlife Officer Adam Smith was on patrol at Indian Lake when he saw two men sitting by the lake, one fishing. Smith contacted the men and the one not fishing said he was just there to observe. The other man had a valid fishing license so Officer Smith left, but didn't go far. Watching the pair with binoculars, the man who didn't have a license was seen fishing, so Smith went back. The unlucky man was issued a summons for fishing without a license, and later paid a \$106.50 fine

and \$93.50 in court costs.

### Ducks Unlimited supporting conservation projects

Ducks Unlimited is a well-known advocate of conservation programs, restoring drained wetlands in Ohio and elsewhere, and promoting duck habitat and duck hunting across the nation. Last year alone, DU invested \$1.65 million in conserving 1,351 acres among 289 project locations. Over the last 30 years the organization has conserved more than 85,000 acres of land for ducks. This year, DU is at Cedar Point National Wildlife Refuge reconnected a 1,400-acre wetland to Lake Erie which will drastically improve the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's ability to manage water levels.

And help nesting ducks.

Dick Martin is a retired biology teacher who has been writing outdoor columns for 30 years. You can reach him at richmart@neo.rr.com.

## Ward

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She'll have higher aspirations and she'll want to get up on the podium, and maybe if she improves enough, compete for a state championship."

She's already making plans for a return trip.

In the offseason, Ward will travel to Bellevue to train in Shawn Beamer's Altitude Headquarters twice a week. The former gymnast and competitive cheerleader also has plans to train in a gymnastics gym on other days.

Over the next year I'm going to be eating, breathing and sleeping pole vault," Ward said.

"It's a lot of technique. Right now my technique isn't the best, so that's why getting in the gym and drilling so much will help a ton. Form plays a huge role.

Your speed can only get you so far. Form plays a big role in it."

Once the form is cleaned up, she has bigger accomplishments to obtain in 2017.

"This is a big goal," she said, "but I really want to get to 12 during my school season. That's far from where I am now, but if I work on my form, it will rocket me up more."

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# LOCAL

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## Croghan Street has undergone many changes in the last seven decades



**FREMONT FLASHBACK**  
ROY WILHELM

We've occasionally looked back 50, 60, 70 years or more at the downtown area and sparked some memories while seeing how much things have changed. Well, today, we move a few blocks away to an area that has changed greatly in 70 years.

Croghan Street, west of Park Avenue, contains many buildings that stood seven decades ago, but there are many differences.

The old jail, of course, is now the home of the Sandusky County commissioners, and the popular 818 Club was replaced by a new building after a disastrous fire.

But there are many other differences.

In 1946, the beautiful old Stahl building on the south side of Croghan across from the courthouse was home to the

offices of Dr. Edwin Baker as well as the law firm of Stahl, Stahl and Stahl and the versatile operation of Edward Buchman, insurance agent and justice of the peace. Also in the building were the Farmers Mutual Relief Association and Stahl Printing Company along with four apartments.

But, it was the next block that looked much different than it does today. Where St. Joseph Central Catholic High School stands today was the St. Joseph's Hall, and across the street, where a parking lot is often full of cars for activities at the school or church, was the Schuck and White gas station. Many may recall that about a decade later that was Jerry's Pure Oil Service, run by G.J. Gabel.

Next to the hall was the St. Joseph's rectory with St. Joseph's High

While the times and names may have changed, many of the old occupants of those buildings on Croghan are well-remembered by longtime residents of the area.

School in the recently closed elementary school building. The elementary school? That was between the gas station (and an adjacent duplex) and the church on the south side of the street, the old city directory says.

Across Wood Street to the west was the Reliable Upholstering Co. on the north side, followed by Schwartz's grocery, Fremont Used Goods, the Sher's Beauty Salon with the B & B Restaurant, operated by L.P. Scanlon, at 818 Croghan.

On the south side of the 800 block, mixed in with private residences were the East Ohio Gas

Co. and some offices of the Howard Zink Co. Just across Wayne Street on the north side of Croghan were the Ohio Bell Telephone Company and, after a private residence, the Horn Floral Co.

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Roy Wilhelm started a 40-year career at The News Messenger in 1965, as a reporter. Now retired, he is writing about the history of Sandusky County and Fremont.

## History Spotlight



This picture shows Front Street looking south from State Street in the 1940s. It's a busy day on Front Street in this mid-20th century photograph that shows shoppers, old street lights, and parking meters along the curbs. J.C. Penney was on the northeast corner of Croghan Street with the Republican Headquarters located upstairs, and Woodward's was across Croghan on the southeast corner. At the far right can be seen Grund Drug, which was then in the old Buckland Block on the southwest corner of front and State. All of the buildings north of Croghan are now gone, but those beyond in the center of the picture, some dating back to the 1850s, still form the core of the downtown shopping district.

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## BRIEFS

### Bellevue's Tremont House to be honored

The Bellevue Historical Society will host the dedication of an Ohio Historical Marker honoring the Tremont House on Saturday at 1 p.m. Built in 1846, this three-story Greek Revival building has housed many different businesses on the ground floor.

The ceremony will be held on the west side of the Tremont House where the marker will be installed. North West Street between North Street and Main Street will be closed for a short time.

### Guadalupe society plans taco dinner

FREMONT - The Society of Our Lady of Guadalupe of St. Joseph Church will hold a taco dinner from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at 709 Croghan St., Fremont. Dinners are \$8 and burritos will be \$2.50 each. For more information call Amelia Reyna at 419-680-4223.

### Tax collections go on the road

FREMONT - Irma Celestino, Sandusky County treasurer, will be at the following locations from 10 to 11:30 a.m. to collect property taxes for the second half of 2015 for persons who

wish to pay in person:  
■ Four County Young at Heart, 699 Flat Rock Rd., Bellevue on June 28  
■ The Woodville Fire Hall, 321 E. Main St., Woodville, on June 29.  
Taxpayers are asked to pay with check or money order only. Real estate taxes are due by 4:30 p.m., July 8. For more information call 419-334-6234.

### Municipal Court to close July 4

FREMONT - The Fremont Municipal Court will be closed July 4 due to the national holiday. Arraignments will be held on July 5 at 9 a.m. for incarcerations.

### Solomon Lutheran offers addiction help

WOODVILLE - Fam-

ilies Recover Too, a group to aid families and friends who have been affected by addiction and alcoholism, will hold weekly meetings at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays beginning July 7 at Solomon Lutheran, 305 W. Main St., Woodville. For information call 419-262-2436.

### Pinochle Card Club lists May winners

FREMONT - The Pinochle Card Club reported its May winners. The first place team was Kenneth Avers and Barb Kocsis, 814; second place were Amy Carpenter and Pat Lehmann, 777; and third place went to Flossie Swint and John Swint, 724.

### United Way honors Sandusky County senior volunteers

FREMONT - High school seniors around Sandusky County were recognized and presented \$100 each recently by the United Way of Sandusky County for their volunteerism.

The 2016 Senior Volunteer Award recipients are: Bellevue High School, Holly Warner; Clyde High School, Erica Gonzales; Fremont Ross High School, Sarai Perez; Gibsonburg High School, Soren Sondergeld; Lakota High School, Miranda Cox; St. Joseph Central Catholic High School, Christian Smith; and Vanguard-Sentinel Career Center, Taylor Shock.

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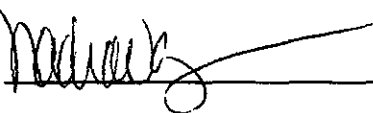
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ELECTION 2016

## Trump's paltry fundraising efforts alarm GOP leaders

Candidate criticizes party brass for not rallying around him.

By Mattes Gold and Philip Rucker  
Washington Post



Of the \$63 million Donald Trump's campaign spent through May, more than \$6 million went to pay Trump properties or reimburse Trump and his family for expenses. There is also growing scrutiny of his heavy use of Trump-owned companies as vendors. (AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

As top Republicans expressed astonishment and alarm over Donald Trump's paltry campaign fundraising totals, the presumptive nominee blamed party leaders Tuesday and threatened to rely on his personal fortune instead of helping the GOP seek the cash it needs.

New campaign finance reports showing that Trump had less than \$1.3 million in the bank heading into June — as compared to Hillary Clinton's \$42 million — ignited fears that the party will not be able to afford the kind of national field effort that the entire Republican ticket depends on.

The real estate mogul responded by going on the offensive, saying GOP fundraisers have failed to rally around his campaign. “I’m having more difficulty, frankly, with some of the people in the party,” Trump said on NBC’s “Today,” adding, “They don’t want to come on.”

“If it gets to a point,” he said, “what I’ll do is just do what I did in the primaries, when he lent his presidential campaign more than \$43 million.”

In another how quickly he could access the hundreds of millions needed to finance a national campaign. In May, Trump suggested that to do so, he would have to “sell a couple of buildings.”

If he did tap his wealth

to finance his bid, it would effectively amount to abandonment of the Republican National Committee and the rest of the GOP ticket, which relies on the presidential nominee to help fund a national field organization for the fall elections.

GOP strategist and fundraiser Austin Barbour said that if Trump’s fundraising does not pick up, it “could have a devastating impact” on the Republican Party.

“If they don’t fix this in a massive way, it’s going to have widespread implications down the ballot,” Barbour said. “We’re not raising hundreds of millions of dollars, there are gubernatorial races, Senate races, congressional races, attorney general races, you name it, that will be impacted.”

Those races are dependent upon get-out-the-vote efforts from the RNC and the presidential campaign.

The Trump campaign released a statement touting

its fundraising as “incredible,” saying there has been “a tremendous outpouring of support” since the candidate held his first finance event May 25. It joint fundraising committee with the RNC is expected to bring in at least \$20 million in June, with \$6 million coming from a high-dollar dinner in New York on Tuesday night, according to a person familiar with the figures.

The vast share of the money will go to the national party committee.

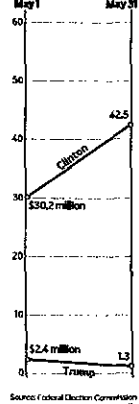
But top Republicans said the party already has nearly 500 field staffers deployed around the country and noted that the RNC has outraised its Democratic counterpart by \$46 million during this cycle.

But top Republicans said Trump squandered the month of May by neglecting to capitalize on clinching the nomination to build and activate a grassroots fundraising base.

There is also growing scrutiny of his heavy use of Trump-owned companies as ven-

### Campaign cash

Cash on hand, in millions



Source: Federal Election Commission

dors. Of the \$63 million his campaign spent through May, more than \$6 million — close to 10 percent — went to pay Trump properties or reimburse Trump and his family for expenses.

That includes \$4.6 million paid to his private jet company, TAG Air, and \$423,000 that went just last month to his Mar-a-Lago Club in Palm Beach, Fla.

The Trump campaign did not respond to questions about the payments.

U.S. ECONOMY

## Yellen hints that Fed may hold back on raising rates

Weak growth, slow employment gains encourage caution.

Nelson D. Schwartz  
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WASHINGTON — Weak economic growth in the United States could force the Federal Reserve to hold off on any imminent interest rate increases, Federal Reserve Chairwoman Janet Yellen told Congress on Tuesday.

While Yellen said that the U.S. economy’s long-term prospects remain favorable, she signaled that headwinds, including slower employment gains in recent months, weak productivity growth and the persistence of a sluggish pace of inflation, have prompted the Fed to adopt a more cautious stance.

“The latest readings on the labor market and the weak pace of investment illustrate one downside — that domestic demand might falter,” Yellen said in testimony before the Senate Banking Committee.

Yellen’s overall message on Capitol Hill echoed her comments at a news conference last week after the Fed’s decision to hold rates steady. But her tone suggested that there was little chance of an increase in the benchmark federal funds rate at the central bank’s next meeting, in July, and that a move when policymakers meet again in September is hardly guaranteed.

“Proceeding cautiously in raising the federal funds rate will allow us to keep the monetary support to economic growth in place while we assess whether growth

is returning to a moderate pace,” she said.

Noting the habit of Fed leaders going back decades, Yellen hedged her bets, emphasizing her positive outlook for the years ahead, if not the coming quarter or two. But she acknowledged influential voices in academia and elsewhere who have warned that long-term growth could be substantially below the pace achieved in the decades before the Great Recession.

“Although I am optimistic about the longer-run prospects for the U.S. economy, we cannot rule out the possibility expressed by some prominent economists that the slow productivity growth seen in recent years will continue in the future,” she said.

In the question-and-answer portion of the hearing, Yellen termed recent productivity growth “disappointing,” and pointed out that business investment had been similarly weak during the recovery.

She added that the productivity issue was something Congress needs to address by improving policies for workforce training and other issues.

Yellen’s appearance is part of two days of testimony before Congress that the Fed leader is required to present twice each year. Another session is scheduled today before the House Financial Services Committee.

For all her caution about the outlook for the economy, Yellen said she did not see a recession on the horizon. “The odds of a recession are low,” she said. “I remain quite optimistic.”

## Schools

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property nearby.

The entire project is now expected to be completed about 3 to 4 months later than originally anticipated, he said.

### First steps to construction begin

The new high school will be built on the same property as the old one, 500 Washington Avenue, Urbana. Classrooms in a wing of the current school have been emptied in preparation for excavation of the building this summer, Thiel said, and demolition of the wing is planned for the fall.

“It’s the first real signal that something’s changing,” Thiel said. “It’s good to be able to see the physical process.”

Construction on the new high school is planned for late winter of 2017, he said, and is intended to be completed by spring of 2018.

High School students and 8th graders will be transferred to other wings of the building during construction, he said, and 6th and

7th graders, who also attend school on the property, will be housed at the Urbana Local School, 2408 Ohio St.

“We’re trying to reduce that impact for our students,” Thiel said.

Students in sixth and seventh grade who want to participate in music programs will go to the high school building in the mornings for those classes, he said. Students who participate in after school sports will also go to the high school building to use its facilities.

“That’s probably the biggest change,” he said.

Investigating new site

After problems with the district’s planned building site for the pre-kindergarten-through-eighth-grade building, Thiel said, it’s looking to purchase a piece of land on U.S. 68 North of Campground Road, outside the city limits.

The school board intended to build on a piece of property purchased in 2004, he said, near Champion Family YMCA on Community Drive. But the district was notified by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency it would

have to install expensive gas monitoring systems in the building, Thiel said, because of concerns with methane gas contamination from a closed landfill nearby.

That and the city’s request the district build streets at the site caused the district to look elsewhere, he said.

The district will save roughly \$1 million in construction costs by moving the site, he said, and about \$300,000 in work that would have been needed to level the property.

An investigation into the new site to determine if it will fit the district’s needs is ongoing, he said. The district is working with officials from the city of Urbana, Urbana Twp. and the Ohio Department of Transportation, he said, to determine traffic needs on U.S. 68 should the school be built on the site.

Traffic needs will have to be addressed on the busy road for the safety of the children, Urbana resident Charles Williams said.

“That might be troublesome for walking kids,” Williams said. “Because a lot of kids walk to school.”

But Williams believes the

district is on the right track. “I think it’s a brilliant idea to put [the school] on the edge of town,” he said.

### Annexing into city

For the pre-kindergarten-through-eighth-grade building to use the city of Urbana’s water and sewer services on the U.S. 68 property, it will have to be annexed into the city, Urbana Community Development Manager Doug Crabill said.

The school district wants to annex into the city, Thiel

said, so it won’t have to build its own water and sewer treatment plant.

“We really are not opposed to annexation,” he said. “We just want to make sure that it doesn’t impede our process.”

The annexation process will likely take about six months, Crabill said, and the district may have to wait until then to get its building permits for the site.

The Urbana City School Board, Urbana Twp. and the City of Urbana will meet on

Monday to discuss annexation options, Crabill said.

“We’ll talk through those issues and how we can move forward and not cause any delay in construction,” Crabill said.

Construction on the pre-kindergarten-through-eighth-grade building is now intended to be completed around fall of 2016, Thiel said.

Contact this reporter at 927-328-0371 or email Katherine.Collins@comcast.com.

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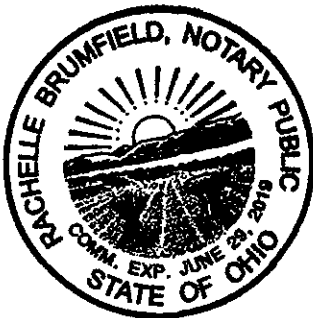
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# Reign as queen gives countess memories

Skylar Stewart  
2015 London Strawberry Festival Queen

Hello everyone, my name is Skylar Stewart and I am the 2015 London Strawberry Festival Queen.

I have seen and learned so much throughout my travels as a representative of London and the Strawberry Festival. I have made new friends, ate exotic food, won several goldfish and am able to say that I've seen pretty much the entire state of Ohio.

I cannot believe the year has already passed, it seems like yesterday that I was that nervous quiet girl going through the entire pageant process—the constant "Should I?" "Can I?" Picking out the perfect dress, so lastically tearing apart every dress store, finally deciding that I'm going to do it and attending the informational meeting, the scary but fun interview, and the stage portion of my judging when I was nervous and anxious awaiting the crowning. Every moment was nerve-wracking but I wouldn't have changed it for the world. Those seconds of everyone staring and listening to you, your family yelling out your name and you feeling like you can do anything, are some of my most cherished memories that I have, especially when I was crowned and given the opportunity to travel with an amazing court.

My reign started with a crown but ended with countless memories. I began traveling right away. Here are some of my favorite festivals I attended this year: Miami Valley Stearn Show, Jackson County Fair, West Lafayette Homecoming, Laureville Fireman's Old Time Festival, Annie Oakley Festival, Lexington Blueberry, Obetz Zucchini Fest, Ohio Swiss, Indian Mound, Circleville Pumpkin Show and the Avon Duct Tape Festival. Each court welcomed the Strawberry Festival Royalty with the utmost respect and kindness.

I never knew waking up early and riding in the car for countless hours would be this fun. But it



2015 London Strawberry Festival Queen Skylar Stewart

turns out it was all worth it. I got to travel with my number one fans my mom and my little brother Jaxson. There are a lot of people I would like to thank for making this year the best. First I would like to thank the London Strawberry Festival Board for all their hard work and the Strawberry Festival for giving me this incredible opportunity. Next, I would like to thank all of our sponsors for their contributions. I want to thank Holly and Kevin Stockham for their dedication to the pageant and the court. I would also like to thank Clara Bierbaugh and the court parents for their continuous support throughout the year to make the festival better. My court consists of some amazing young ladies and I wish you all the best. The Fryers: Dan, Ethan and Emily, thanks for letting me ride Chief in the parade and for being my second family.

Last but not least I want to thank my family for supporting me in all of my endeavors. My family: Grandma Leslie, Grandma and Grandpa Chapin, mom, dad, Salena, Savannah, Jaxson, Aunt Brandy, Aunt Angie and my cousins. Thank you all for helping me achieve all of my goals as queen. Mom and dad, you put up with my grumpy attitude, bought me tons of dresses (even when dad wasn't always on board), drove me all over and took care of everything that was needed. Salena and Savannah my two favorite sisters, thank you for being my role models throughout the years. You inspired me to try out as queen and always helped when I needed a hand. I am so proud to call you both my

sisters. To my little brother Jaxson, thanks for waking up early and not minding staying in a car seat for hours upon end. Thank you Grandma Leslie for doing my hair and coming to see me whenever you could. Grandma Chapin you are a superhero. There is nothing you can't do! Aunts, uncles, and cousins thank you for cheering me on and spending countless hours making memories, as you made my hunches possible. To my grandpa up in heaven, although you didn't see my year through, I know you were always there looking down on me. Thank you for always being there and supporting me in every aspect of my life. I'll never forget everything you did for me. I will be eternally grateful for such a fantastic and supportive group of family and friends who always encouraged me.

For my future, I plan to graduate from Madison Plains High School in two years and continue my education into a university majoring in animation and minoring in art. I would like to work at Disney or DreamWorks one day creating movies that will shape the world.

I would like to end my reign with a Walt Disney quote: "Around here, however, we don't look backwards for very long. We keep moving forward, opening up new doors and doing new things, because we are curious...and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths. Keep moving forward." —Walter Elias Disney.

Thank you for the memories and for the last time I am Skylar Stewart the 2015 London Strawberry Festival Queen.

## LONDON STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

### Wednesday, June 22

4 or 5 p.m. — Streets close and food vendor set up begins  
6:30 p.m. — Junior and Miss interviews at London City Council chambers  
6:30 to 7:15 p.m. — Contest registration and check in: toy building, window/house/yard decorating, story and poetry, coloring, art, photogenic, cake and cookie decorating, at London City Council chambers

### Thursday, June 23

7 a.m. — Non-food vendors and tents set up  
10:30 a.m. to noon — Contest registration and check in: toy building, window/house/yard decorating, story and poetry, coloring, art, photogenic, cake and cookie decorating, at London City Council chambers

11 a.m. — Opening Ceremony: National Anthem by William Smith and Paul Ericson; festival opens and all vendors open

11:10 a.m. — Stage practice for Shortcakes, Little, Young, Junior and Miss contestants, be sure to sign in

5 to 8 p.m. — Karaoke prelims on Activities Stage

6 p.m. — Simba Jordan, Main Stage

6 to 6:10 p.m. — Check in for Shortcake, Little and Young contestants, Main Stage

6:20 p.m. — Shortcake, Little Miss and Young Miss contests, Main Stage

6:30 to 7:30 p.m. — Check in for Junior Miss and Queen contestants, Main Stage

7 p.m. — Junior and Miss contests, Main Stage (after Young Miss competition); Miss Photogenic announced; followed by Simba Jordan

9 a.m. — Karaoke Prelim at Ottie's in Hilliard

10:30 p.m. — Close

Shortcake Tent will be open daily. Unclaimed and lost items will be available for pick up at the Information Booth.

50/50 raffle tickets will be sold at the Information Booth.

### Friday, June 24

11 a.m. — Festival opens and all vendors open

1 to 6 p.m. — American Red Cross Blood Mobile Blood Drive

3 to 4:45 p.m. — Highway 40

4:45 to 5:15 p.m. — Thunderfoot Karate

5 p.m. — Strawberry Cruise In

5:15 to 6 p.m. — Cierra Bierbaugh

6 to 8 p.m. — Riddlestix

7 to 8 p.m. — Strawberry food check in at Information Booth

7:30 p.m. — Kiddie Tractor Pull at Huntington Bank; prizes awarded immediately and photos taken

7:30 to 9:30 p.m. — Karaoke finals on Activities Stage

8 to 8:15 p.m. — Strawberry food judged in private

8:30 p.m. — Strawberry food released  
8:30 to 10 p.m. — Karaoke finals on Activities Stage

11 p.m. — Close; remaining strawberry food contest items will be discarded

### Saturday, June 25

8:50 to 9 a.m. — Baby contestant check in, Main Stage

9 a.m. — Baby contest, Main Stage; winners photos immediately following contest; all vendors open

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. — London AC COBRA Car Show, courthouse square

10 a.m. — 5K run, Roberts Bike Path on Maple Street, water and granola bars will be provided along the route. entry fee is \$25 for adults, under 12 is \$10

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. — Ride special Noon to 2 p.m. — Second Chance Band

1:30 to 3:30 p.m. — Queen's luncheon, London Elementary School

3 to 5 p.m. — Through The Red

4 p.m. — Parade line up, Cowling Park

5 p.m. — Grand Parade followed by festival introductions and crowning of the 2016 queen at Main Stage

5 p.m. — Grand Marshall recognized

5 p.m. — Contest awards presented and photos taken: toy building, window/house/yard decorating, story and poetry, coloring, art, cake and cookie decorating, strawberry food, best strawberry themed unit, best 4-H themed unit, best band, pet contest, decorated bike, child's vehicle and wagon contest, Miss Photogenic and Best Queen's Float; Queen's Float award sponsor is Star Trophy 4H Unit; award sponsor is Canaan Pathfinders 4H Club

5 p.m. — Karaoke winners perform

5 p.m. — Motorcycle show

5 p.m. — End of crowning

5 p.m. — Smokin Ham

6 p.m. — 50/50 raffle winner announced

9:10 p.m. — Pick up contest entries at info booth

11 p.m. — Rides and festival closes

### Monday, June 27

6 p.m. — New Royalty photos and meeting

### Tuesday, June 28

By appointment only, pick up remaining contest entries

### Wednesday, June 29

By appointment only, pick up remaining contest entries

### Thursday, June 30

All entries left will be discarded.

## Kiddie Tractor Pull slated for Friday

Staff report

A Kiddie Tractor Pull will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, June 24 during the London Strawberry Festival at the Huntington National Bank parking lot, 61 S. Main St., London.

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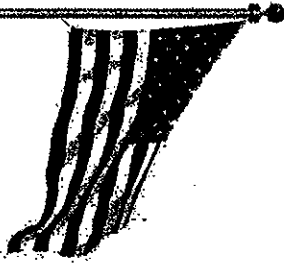
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## COMMUNITY

## Sounds of the summer

## BRIEFS

## Melissa Miller talks campaign finances at Kiwanis meeting

Campaign finances in the modern era is the program topic at Thursday noon's Bowling Green Kiwanis meeting at Stone Ridge Golf Club.

Dr. Melissa Miller, an associate professor in the Bowling Green State University department of political science, will present the program entitled "Inside the Money Machine." Miller has taught at BGSU for 11 years and has degrees from Cornell University, Harvard University and Northwestern University.

## Father's Day dance is Friday

HOLLAND — A Father's Day celebration is the theme of the Glass City Singles Dance on Friday at Holland Gardens, 6530 Angola Road.

Doors open at 7 p.m. and the dance goes until 11.

For more information visit [www.tolodosingles.com](http://www.tolodosingles.com) or call 734-856-8963.

## Cake decorating contest opens at Way in honor of Bicentennial

PERRYBURG — Way Public Library announce its 3rd Annual Cake Decorating Contest. Contestants can check out a cake pan from the library's Baker's Way cake pan collection and submit a 5 x 7 color photo of their decorated cake.

Cakes can be baked and decorated any time from now until the photo entry submission deadline of July 11. Cakes can be for any occasion (birthday, graduation, Memorial Day, Father's Day, summer, Fourth of July, etc.). Photos of the cakes will be on display in the library from July 14-30, and patrons can vote for their favorite cake.

Prizes will be awarded in five different categories: adult, family, teen, youth and, new this year, Perryburg's Bicentennial. There will also be a Judges' Choice award, chosen by a panel of guest judges. Winners will be announced at a reception at the library at 2 p.m. on Aug. 3.

Visit the library, or check the website at [waylibrary.info](http://waylibrary.info) for more information, contest rules, or to submit an entry online.

## Ride a train in Findlay

FINDLAY — A family fun day will be held Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Northwest Ohio Railroad Preservation Inc., 12505 CR-99.

There will be train rides, children's games, a food tent, gospel music groups, vendors and baked goods.

Proceeds benefit the Hancock Gospel Pavilion at the Hancock County Fair.

For more information call 419-423-1725 or email [Kimber44@aol.com](mailto:Kimber44@aol.com).

## Enjoy Sharing Hands meal

LUCKEY — Sharing Hands will serve the monthly free meal on Monday at the American Legion Post 240, 335 Park Drive, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Carryout meals are available, as are home-delivered meals.

For home delivery, call Tresa Wikker at 419-308-0536 or the Legion Hall at 419-833-3581 by 6 p.m. on the evening of the meal.

Everyone is invited.

## Are you prepared for disaster?

PERRYBURG — Way Public Library, 101 E. Indiana Ave., welcomes Sam Marsh on Monday at 7 p.m. for a presentation on disaster preparedness.

Marsh will lead a program that educates the public on being prepared in the event that an emergency or disaster strikes an individual, family, or community.

Marsh is the current Community Preparedness Educator for the four-county region of the American Red Cross of Northwest Ohio. The four counties he serves are Lucas, Wood, Sandusky and Ottawa. His service is under the umbrella of AmeriCorps.

Admission and refreshments are free of charge.

## Men's coffee group meets

LUCKEY — A men's coffee group will meet at the library, 228 Main St., every Monday at 9:30 a.m. No registration is required; just show up for some coffee and laughs.

Shoot the Bull goes until 10:30 a.m.



Catherine Lewis gives a cue to the BG Community Band during a "Wizard of Oz" medley at a concert held in City Park on June 12. Sunday's show will feature Kerry Patrick Clark & Band, starting at 7 p.m. on the Needle Hall stage.

## When it comes to topography ... flat is where it's at

One of the absolute perks of summer in northwest Ohio is sky gazing. Unlike states with those intrusive mountain views or metropolitan skylines, in our little corner of Ohio there is nothing between us and a gorgeous sunrise or sunset.

"Honey," the wife said to me as we sat on the patio the other night, "will you look at that sunset? The confluence of oranges and reds, the brilliant crimsons converging with pinks and purples, the majestic cumulous clouds connecting with the colorful horizon creates amazing color as far as the eye can see, don't you agree?"

"Yep," I burped. "Flat is where it's at. That's what I always say. I need another beer."

"I can always count on you to share these special God-given moments with your pearls of wisdom. 'Flat is where it's at.' ...



seriously? Are you kidding me? That is all you have to say about this spectacular sunset we are incredibly privileged to see?"

"No," I corrected. "I also said I need another beer."

As she so often does at my poignant comments, the wife rolled her eyes and clicked her tongue in my general direction.

"Before you judge me any further with your facial ticks and tongue-clicks, 'flat is where it's at' is a perfect commentary on your sentimental soliloquy. Admit it, if there was a big fat mountain to the west of us there

would be no converging of nothin'. Your reds and oranges would run smack dab into solid granite. Your crimsons and pinks would collide upside a limestone wall. And your cumulous clouds would crash into metamorphic rock preventing you from seeing the glorious display you see before you... ergo, FLAT IS WHERE IT'S AT."

We sat in a moment of silence as the wife pondered my observation. During that time a flock of Canada geese flew north across the colorful horizon (probably to beat the post-election ruck) in a scene that almost took your breath away.

"Gorgeous, right?" I said to the wife. "And just imagine if there was a big fat mountain there..."

"I know. I know ... splat times 12," she conceded. "Goose liver pate for everyone."

"Do you remember years ago we had a friend move here from the hills of Pennsylvania and for weeks she cried because she missed her mountain home. But then summer came and she witnessed our amazing colorful, confluencing, converging sunsets and she fell in love with our vertically challenged terrain."

"I remember. She said that first sunset was like a sign that it was going to be okay to live here."

Again we sat in silence and watched the oranges turn to reds, the reds turn to purple, and the Canada geese honk "Go Maple Leafs!" as the sun dropped below the horizon.

"What are you thinking," I asked the wife.

Looking at me smiling she said, "Flat is where it's at..."

"Awesome!" I said. "Now who wants a beer?"

## Bike to the Bay pedals off at Owens

PERRYBURG — The public is invited to join more than 1,000 cyclists on Saturday and Sunday during the Bike MS Bike to the Bay cycling event.

The Bike to the Bay event is a two-day ride devoted to helping people who are living with multiple sclerosis, a chronic and unpredictable disease of the central nervous system.

The Bike to the Bay ride begins at Owens Community College on

Saturday. There are route options of 35, 50, 75 and 100 miles so riders of any age (12 and over), experience and ability level can register to ride.

Two-day riders stay overnight in Port Clinton and receive a Jet Express ticket to Put-In-Bay before making the return trip to the college on Sunday.

"Bike MS is more than a ride," said Janet Kramer, president of the National MS Society's Ohio Buckeye Chapter. "It pro-

vides hope to people living with MS and raises funds for local programs, services and MS research."

Registration is \$75 and riders are responsible for meeting a \$300 fundraising minimum.

First-time riders are encouraged to sign up and receive free registration with the discount code NEWRIDER2016.

The goal of the Ohio Buckeye Chapter's three Bike MS rides being held this summer is to raise \$2

million. Interested cyclists are also welcome to participate in the Bike MS Central Ohio Challenge on July 9 and the Bike MS Buckeye Breakaway on Aug. 6-7.

All rides are fully supported along the way with rest stops, bike shops and medical personnel.

For more information about riding or volunteering at Bike MS, visit [MSohiobike.org](http://MSohiobike.org) or call 655-372-1331.

## BLOTTER

## SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Theft of a generator was reported June 13 in the 1000 block of Interstate 75 northbound, North Baltimore.

A brush pile on fire was reported in the 2000 block of Fostoria Road, rural Fostoria.

A credit card fraud incident was reported by a rural Perryburg resident.

A breaking and entering incident was a forced entry into a property was reported in the 500 block of North Main Street, Bloomdale.

Three boys reportedly rang the doorbell of a residence in the 10000 block of East First Street, Rudolph, and threw a "smoke bomb." Damage was reported to the door.

## Women vets invited on special Honor Flight

Honor Flight Columbus is looking for a few good women veterans — about 80 of them — for the first all-women veterans' flight from Columbus.

The one-day trip to Washington, D.C., is free to the veterans as a thank you for their service and is an opportunity to "Honor, Share, and Celebrate" their contributions.

The flight is on Sept. 10 from Port Columbus.

The All Women Veterans' Flight will honor our nation's senior veterans — World War I, Korean and Vietnam — and is made possible by the efforts of the Westerville Honor Flight Committee.

Applications are available at [www.HonorFlightColumbus.org](http://www.HonorFlightColumbus.org) or click on "Veteran Application" or call the HFCol office at 614-284-4987.

Application deadline for this special flight is July 11 and the applications will be processed in the order received.

Selected veterans will be notified by July 30. Applications by non-Veterans and Korean veterans are not guaranteed to be selected on this or future flights.

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Christopher Cullis

Christopher Cullis

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of June, 2016.

Erica A. Thompson Notary Public

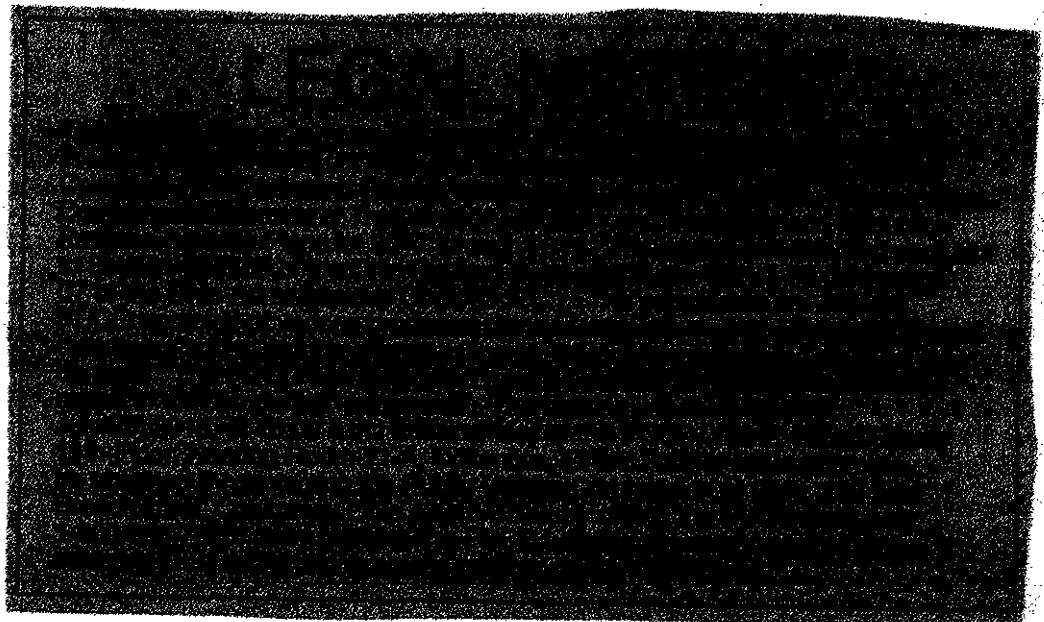
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## OBITUARIES

Garnett L. Smith  
(1923 - 2016)



Garnett L. Smith, 93, of West Unity and formerly of Pioneer, passed away Monday morning at Defiance Area Inpatient Hospice. He was born on April 3, 1923 in Defiance County to John M. and Cleo M. (Walters) Smith. He graduated from Pioneer High School in 1941. Garnett served his country in the United States Army during World War II. On Aug. 3, 1992 he married Eloise Oyer in Wauseon and she survives.

Garnett was a member of Crossroads Evangelical Church in Wauseon. He was a former member of the Silver Creek Church of the Brethren. In 1985 Garnett retired from Dayton-Walker Corp in Fayette. He was also a Bridgewater Township farmer.

He is survived by his wife, Eloise; one daughter, Elaine (Marc) McBride of Defiance; one son, Dick G. Smith of Jackson, Michigan; three stepdaughters, Judy (Bill) Overmier of Archbold, Barb Weis of Wauseon and Susie (Shane) Kraft of Grabbill, Indiana; two grandchildren, Judson (Kathryn) McBride and Kaycie McBride; two great-grandchildren, Jordyn and Rylan McBride; two stepgrandchildren, Candace Overmier and Michael (Sarah) Overmier; and two stepgreat-grandchildren, Kane and Wyatt Overmier.

Garnett was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Audrey (St. John) Smith; one sister, Anita Walker; and infant brother, Marvin Smith.

Visitation for Garnett will be from 4-7 p.m. on Thursday, June 23 at the Thompson Funeral Home on Main Street in Montpelier. Services will be at 11 a.m. on Friday at the funeral home with the Rev. Matt Boyers to officiate. Interment will follow at Floral Grove Cemetery in Pioneer with military rites provided by the Pioneer Veterans. Memorial contributions may be given to Genesis Activity Department or Crossroads Evangelical Church. Condolences can be left for the family at [www.thompsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.thompsonfuneralhome.com).

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# Industrial park has wetlands

By MAX REINHART  
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A recent study found the developing Bryan Industrial Park north property includes a wetland, although officials say it should not affect the city's ability to find tenants for the site.

Bryan Municipal Utilities Director Brian Carlin said at Tuesday's Board of Public Affairs meeting that Maurice-based firm Mannick & Smith recently completed a wetlands study at the 80-acre industrial park located on the south side of County Road E, on the northwest edge of town.

Carlin said the firm found an area less than four acres in the northeast corner of the

property that qualifies as a wetland.

A number of factors are considered when determining wetland status, including whether and how often the land in question holds water, plus ecological factors including soil makeup and existing plant and animal life. Carlin said the study was commissioned as part of an effort to get the industrial park on the state of Ohio's list of top sites for companies to set up shop or relocate.

"We anticipated this," Carlin said, noting that BMU will try again next year to make the list.

The next step, he said, is wetland delineation to show

the property is in line with state and federal regulations regarding wetlands.

As for use of the site, Carlin has some ideas.

For instance, the city could install solar panels on the wetland to generate energy, or it could modify the size of one or more of the park's lots.

"We can show companies we're environmentally conscious," Carlin said. "This can be a selling point."

The site still contains multiple 20-acre blocks as originally intended.

In regards to finding tenants, Carlin said he had heard "through the grapevine" that there have been some "drive

companies have shown initial interest in the site.

Separately, Carlin said he will meet today with a project manager from Richmond Co. & Associates to coordinate a roof replacement project at the BMU main office on Edgerton Street.

The roof has deteriorated due to numerous leaks, damage and repairs over the years and this past winter's wetter-than-usual conditions exacerbated the issue.

The project cost is \$62,820. Carlin said BMU will also likely need to replace damaged ceiling tiles.

"We've borrowed from every closet we have here," he told the board Tuesday.

## GUN CONTROL

## GOP Senator considers compromise

CINCINNATI (AP) — Ohio's Republican U.S. Senator expressed interest Tuesday in a compromise gun control measure being offered in the aftermath of deaths this week of other legislation.

Rob Portman said he hadn't seen the final language in Maine Republican Sen. Susan Collins' bill meant to block guns from suspected terrorists. Looked in a tight race for re-election, he was criticized by Democrats for his votes Monday against broader gun control measures.

"I'm very interested in finding common ground here because I do think there is a consensus now among Democrats and Republicans for two things," Portman told reporters. "One, that any known or suspected terrorist should not get a gun,



Sen. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, talks to reporters on Capitol Hill, Monday in Washington. AP Photo/Evan Vrecko

but second, that there needs to be a true due process to be able to determine whether you're properly on the list."

list with 81,000 people and the selective list with 28,000 people. Selectees can fly after unusually intensive screening.

Under her proposal, Americans denied guns could appeal to federal courts. The FBI would be notified if someone who's been on the broader terrorist watch list in the past five years buys a gun, but could not stop the purchase.

The gun control issue has heated up again in the aftermath of the Orlando nightclub shootings.

Portman on Monday voted for a National Rifle Association-preferred bill to deny a sale to a known or suspected terrorist, but that required convincing a judge within three days that the would-be buyer was involved in terrorism. He also backed a bill meant to

improve background checks, while voting against Democrat-sponsored measures including one to close a gun show loophole on purchases.

His Democratic challenger, former Ohio Gov. Ted Strickland, said Portman failed a test of leadership.

"This wasn't a moment for D.C. double-speak or watered-down bills," Strickland said in a statement.

A Strickland spokesman said the candidate would have voted for the two Democrat-sponsored bills.

Strickland's Democratic primary opponent had highlighted the former congressman's past high NRA approval ratings. Strickland's campaign said he began changing his positions on gun control after the Sandy Hook school shootings and other mass slayings.

## REPAVING PROJECT

## Edon board discusses parking lot, special education classes

By LUCAS BECHTOL  
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EDON — The Edon Northwest Local Board of Education discussed the repaving of the school's parking lot and creation of a middle school class for students with multiple disabilities at Tuesday's meeting.

District Superintendent John Granger advised against redoing the parking lot this summer and recommended it wait until next year.

"Instead of patching some now and patching some later, he's just got through this year," he said. "It's not going to look very pretty, but we can put some new lines on there."

Granger said it would be best, instead, to fix all the bad spots next year and put a top coat on to make it look more uniform.

"I don't think we want part of it to be black and some of it to be light black and (we should) at least have it uniform," he added.

That will be a "pretty hefty chunk of change," Granger said, adding he wants to build up some money through the next year before bidding out

the project.

To accomplish this, he said the district will not purchase any buses next spring.

"We're in pretty good shape because we just bought two new ones, so our bus fleet is pretty good," Granger said.

Granger also discussed the idea of opening a class for students with multiple disabilities.

"When students have multiple disabilities, you're only allowed to have a 60-month span in that class, so that five-year span once the kids get to sixth grade, seventh grade, eighth grade, the kid can't be in the same room with the kindergarten class," he said.

Granger said there are children in the middle school with multiple disabilities and, if they do not have their own program, those students will need to be transported to another school that does offer the program.

He does not want to do that, adding that it would actually be less expensive to host the class.

"Other districts will bus to us and our kids can start in kindergarten and go all the way through and not be bussed to another district," Granger said.

"We're at an advantage because we have a room for it." This room is C-119, which has a divider that can be used for the class, he said.

There will be one student ready for the program next year, with two more coming the year after, Granger said. There will also be students coming from other districts, too.

Also at the meeting, the board approved:

• A transfer of excess money in the supply fund to the salary fund.

• The elementary school secretary for 10 additional days to be completed by July 31.

• Approved supplemental contracts for the 2016-2017 school year while also recommending the athletic board define the position of weight trainer.

## CORRECTIONS

The Bryan Times runs corrections of all factual errors in this space. To report an error, email [news@bryantimes.com](mailto:news@bryantimes.com) or contact Editor Richard Griffin at 419-636-1111.

No errors reported today.

## Drone

(Continued from Page A1)

agriculture and natural resources educator for the Williams County Ohio State University Extension Office, said farmers could use them for scouting purposes in crop fields.

"What they might see is the corn isn't as high (in some areas) as other parts of the field. That would be an area you'd go check," he said. "You get a little idea of wet spots by flying over."

Chims was unsure if there were local farmers interested in utilizing drone technology.

"We are part of a new era in aviation, and the potential for unmanned aircraft will make it safer and easier to do certain jobs, gather information and deploy disaster relief," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx in a release. "We look forward to working with the aviation community to support innovation, while maintaining our standards as the safest and most complex airspace in the world."

He told the board Tuesday.

## Plant

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# Portman considering gun control compromise

## Bill to block weapons from suspected terrorists

CINCINNATI (AP) — Ohio's Republican U.S. senator expressed interest Tuesday in a compromise gun control measure being offered in the aftermath of deaths this week of other legislation.

Rob Portman said he hadn't seen the final language in Maine Republican Sen. Susan Collins' bill meant to block guns from suspected terrorists. Locked in a tight race for re-election,

he was criticized by Democrats for his votes Monday against broader gun control measures.

"I'm very interested in finding common ground here because I do think there is a consensus now among Democrats and Republicans for two things," Portman told reporters. "One, that any known or suspected terrorist should not get a gun, but second, that there needs to

be a true due process to be able to determine whether you're properly on the list."

Collins' measure would let federal authorities bar gun sales to two groups: the no-fly list with 81,000 people and the selectee list with 28,000 people.

Selectees can fly after unusually intensive screening. Under her proposal, Americans denied guns could appeal to federal

courts. The FBI would be notified if someone who's been on the broader terrorist watch list in the past five years buys a gun, but could not stop the purchase.

The gun control issue has heated up again in the aftermath of the Orlando nightclub shootings.

Portman on Monday voted for a National Rifle Association-preferred bill to deny a sale to a known or suspected terrorist, but that required convincing

a judge within three days that the would-be buyer was involved in terrorism. He also backed a bill meant to improve background checks, while voting against Democrat-sponsored measures including one to close a gun show loophole on purchases.

His Democratic challenger, former Ohio Gov. Ted Strickland, said Portman failed a test of leadership.

"This wasn't a moment for D.C. double-speak or watered-down bills,"

Strickland said in a statement.

A Strickland spokesman said the candidate would have voted for the two Democrat-sponsored bills.

Strickland's Democratic primary opponent had highlighted the former congressman's past high NRA approval ratings. Strickland's campaign said he began changing his positions on gun control after the Sandy Hook school shootings and other mass slayings.



Presumptive Democratic presidential stage during an address in Columbus nominee Hillary Clinton walks out on Tuesday.

## Clinton slams Trump in Ohio

By MARC KOVAC  
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COLUMBUS — Presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton lashed out at her likely Republican opponent Tuesday, painting a picture of Donald Trump as a thin-skinned, bankruptcy-prone businessman more interested in lining his own pockets than in what is best for the country.

She called Trump reckless, careless and the "King of Debt."

"He's written a lot of books about business. They all seem to end in Chapter 11," Clinton joked. "And over the years, he intentionally ran up huge amounts of debt on his companies and then he defaulted. He bankrupted his companies not once, not twice, but four times. Hundreds of people lost their jobs. Shareholders were wiped out. Contractors, many of them small businesses, took heavy losses. Many went bust. But Donald Trump, he came out fine."

During an address in Ohio's capital city that focused on economic policy, Clinton contrasted her ideas for lowering the national debt and bolstering the national economy with comments made by Trump.

"He makes over-the-top promises that if people stick with him, trust him, listen to him, put their faith in him, he'll deliver for them," Clinton said. "He'll make them wildly successful. And then everything falls apart and people get hurt. Those promises you're hearing from him at his campaign rallies? They are

the same promises he made to his customers at Trump University, and now they're suing him for fraud."

She added, "The same people he's trying to get to vote for him now are people he's been exploiting for years, because it's not just other investors, other rich people, that he took advantage of. It was working people."

Clinton spoke for about 45 minutes before several hundred supporters at a Columbus school career center, with the event's stage set up in an auto shop.

The midday speech set off a flurry of emails from Trump's campaign spotlighting what the presumptive Republican nominee called a "catastrophic economic record under Clinton-Obama policies."

Trump's campaign noted purported ties between Clinton and Iran and her foreign patrons, alleged "erratic, violent" behavior by the former secretary of state outlined in a book by a former Secret Service agent, and allegations of money laundering.

On economic policy, Trump's campaign noted, "While the Obama-Clinton economy has produced wages for many workers lower than 1970s wages and produced a record 94 million people outside the labor force, Donald Trump has proposed a series of reforms that will create trillions in wealth for our workers."

Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus and Ohio Republican Party Chairman Matt Borges also issued statements critical of Clinton's economic record.

"Donald Trump is a successful businessman who has spent his career creating thousands of jobs," Priebus said. "The closest Hillary Clinton has come to business success was putting her office at the State Department up for sale to foreign donors and special interests."

Borges added, "Hillary Clinton has promised to do two things that will worsen our economy: increase spending and increase taxes. It's no surprise Ohio voters don't trust her to create jobs. Hillary Clinton's economic policies amount to nothing more than four more years of Obama's failed tax and spend agenda, with tax increases that will not grow the economy or the take-home pay of the American people."

But Clinton said Trump has offered vague details about his economic plans. She called his stated positions on economic policy dangerous and likely to plunge the country into another recession.

"Just like he shouldn't have his finger on the button, he shouldn't have his hands on our economy," she said, adding, "Now just imagine if you can, Donald Trump sitting in the Oval Office the next time America faces a crisis. Imagine him being in charge when your jobs and savings are at stake. Is this who you want to lead us in an emergency? Someone thin-skinned and quick to anger, who'd likely be on Twitter attacking reporters or bringing the whole regulatory system down on his critics when he should be focused on fixing what's wrong? Would he even know what to do?"

## Trump: We don't know 'about Hillary in terms of religion'

NEW YORK (AP) — Republican Donald Trump appeared to raise questions about likely rival Hillary Clinton's religious faith at a closed-door meeting with evangelical leaders on Tuesday.

The presumptive GOP nominee, in a video clip of his remarks, appeared to suggest the public doesn't know "anything about Hillary in terms of religion."

"You know, she's been in public eye for years and years, and yet there's no, there's nothing out there. There's like nothing out there," he told the group.

"It's going to be an extension of Obama, but it's going to be worse because with Obama you had your guard up, with Hillary you don't. And it's going to be worse," he warned.

A spokeswoman for Trump's campaign did not immediately respond to a request for comment on exactly what Trump meant.

Footage of Trump speaking at the meeting at a Times Square hotel, which was closed to reporters, was posted by attendee Bishop E.W. Jackson on his Twitter feed. Jackson told Associated Press that Trump had been talking about the idea that conservatives are constantly scrutinized over their religion, how devout they are and their positions on social issues.

"He was saying in the context that liberals and the Democrats don't get those kinds of questions, they don't get their faith examined in that way," he said. "He wasn't questioning her Christianity, but he was questioning the implications of her faith, compared to how conservatives tend to have their faith examined."

Clinton grew up in the Methodist church, attending church youth group and teaching Sunday school like her mother. While she doesn't often

talk about her faith on the campaign trail, she occasionally quotes biblical verses and mentions her experiences in church.

"I am a person of faith. I'm a Christian. I am a Methodist. I have been raised Methodist," she told voters in Iowa in January.

In the posted footage, Trump also takes issue with the idea of encouraging prayers for all leaders.

"I said: Well you can pray for your leaders, and I agree with that, pray for everyone. But what you really have to do is you have to pray to vote for one specific person," he said.

"And we can't be again politically correct and say we pray for all of our leaders because all of your leaders are selling Christianity down the tubes, selling evangelicals down the tubes."

Trump has sometimes struggled to discuss religious issues. He has declined to cite his favorite biblical verse and has torted around a photo from his confirmation as evidence of his Christian upbringing. But in another video clip from Tuesday's event, Trump talked about the meaning of faith in his life.

"Christianity, I owe so much to it in so many ways, through life, through having incredible children, through so many other things," he said, noting his great support from religious voters in GOP primaries.

"The evangelical vote was mostly gotten by me," he said.

Trump also talked in another clip about the lack of "spirit" in inner cities.

"We've got to spiritualize this country. And I'm not only talking about the inner cities. I'm talking about everywhere," he said, coining a new word.

Trump's campaign also announced the formation of a new "Evangelical Executive Advisory Board" that will advise the candidate "on those issues important to Evangelicals and other people of faith in America," according to a release. Members of the new group include former Minnesota Congresswoman Michele Bachmann, Liberty University President Jerry Falwell Jr. and Faith and Freedom Coalition leader Ralph Reed.

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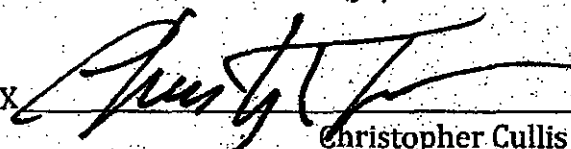
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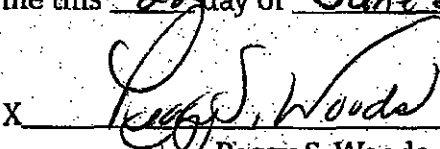
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## Village of Hamler



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Pictured are Hamler Board of Public Affairs member Bill Barnes (left), Hamler Mayor Jeff Brubaker (middle) and Water and Waste Water Commissioner Tim Phillips (right) looking over a preliminary layout design plan for the village's new water plant earlier this year. The plant is scheduled to be completely finished by Dec. 31, 2017, which will be built behind the current water plant beside the village municipal building.

## New water plant set to make progress

By GEOFF BURNS  
NWS Staff Writer

**HAMLER** — The village will make progress this month regarding its new water plant, which is scheduled to be completed by Dec. 31, 2017.

During its meeting Monday night, Hamler Board of Public Affairs (BPA) was presented with a rough draft of a blueprint for the new water plant's design from Tom Bork of Poggenmeyer Design Group.

According to BPA's new water plant schedule, it was originally planned for the treatment plant to receive design approval by June 1, however Bork reported the plans will be sent to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in approximately two-to-three weeks. He estimated a full water plant review would take four-to-six months.

Water and Waste Water Commissioner Tim Phillips questioned whether the delay in receiving design approval would force the scheduled project completion date to a later date, to which Bork quickly

clarified nothing will change.

"The plans are in place where we're getting close to send to the EPA," said Bork, adding the new water plant will be constructed in the same area as the current facility.

Bork said along with the new building, there will be an sewer filtration unit that will remove iron and softener in the building, as well.

"Water quality should be similar in the sense of the same types of treatment now," Bork said.

It was announced last June the village was not going to join with any other entities and is going to supplement its own water plant. After initially researching alternatives for water supply, which included Deshler providing water at a cost of \$2.8 million to the village, council and the board of public affairs decided to take the route of building its own water plant at a cost of \$1.8 million, after which Bork established the plan for the village.

Bork reported once the new plant is built and is comfortably operational, then there

will be a demolition plan submitted to the EPA explaining the old plant will be taken out of service.

"Everything will be set up so you can run both plants for a period of time, that way we can work out the kinks in the new plant before we completely turn it over," Bork said. "Until the operators are comfortable with it we would like to keep the old plant serviced just in case."

After the plant is established and it is time for demolition of the existing treatment plant, Bork said there will be a package of items put together with a base bid and a few alternate bid items for the BPA to decide which route is the most efficient.

"We try to make this something that is helpful to the community, too, on the building of it," Bork said. "If you have some local people, we want to try and engage them in this process as well if everything works out."

Email comments to geoff@northwestsignal.net.

## CIC discusses railroad project

By GEOFF BURNS  
NWS Staff Writer

In what was Amanda Griffith's last official board meeting as executive director, the Henry County Community Improvement Corp. (CIC) Tuesday heard an update regarding a railroad project.

It was announced in April that the Michigan Southern Railroad Co. doing business as Napoleon, Defiance and Western Railroad, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Pioneer Railcorp., would be building a transfer station on a portion of the brownfield site on Commerce Drive. The transfer station will allow railroad access on two Class 1 lines for industrial customers in not only the City of Napoleon, but to the entire region.

During the board's meeting, Griffith reported the closing on the 14 acres on Commerce Drive is progressing and the CIC has a signed agreement for that; however, the matter involves the CIC's and the railroad's attorneys.

"They did find an old easement that is in place and we're working to get the one and only survivor of that easement to sign off on that to release that easement on that property and that looks to happen," Griffith said.

Another item brought up regarding the matter was those 14 acres of property on Commerce Drive are currently taxed as a current agricultural use value

(CAUV) property. Griffith said once the area is sold it will no longer be for that agricultural use in Henry County.

She said the railroad has asked the CIC, which is also the seller, to pay \$2,100 of recoupment taxes for the previous three years.

"My initial response was that we're not interested in doing that, but I could not make that decision on my own," Griffith said, adding she wanted to hear the board's opinion on the matter.

Chair of the board's Personnel Committee Oliver Dolder questioned the kind of incentives the railroad is already receiving, to which Griffith said the only incentive would be the railroad was sold the land at a cheaper value, and it is also getting a grant from the state to proceed with the project.

Chair of the By-Laws Committee and Henry County Auditor Kevin Garringer said the CAUV is developed to keep land in agricultural use and that, usually, the entity that removes it from the land is the one who pays it.

"It's the railroad's responsibility to pay it because they're the ones taking it out of the land use," Garringer said. "The city's not taking it out, the CIC's not taking it out."

"It goes back to the entity that takes it out is the one that you go and recoup it on," he added.

The board approved a motion to not pay the recoupment taxes with Garringer abstaining.

In other business, the CIC went into an executive session to discuss the relocation, location, expansion, improvement or preservation of businesses in Henry County and to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee or regulated individual, unless the public employee, official licensee or regulated individual requests a public hearing.

Griffith reported two personnel items were approved. The first approval was for the offering of Administrative Assistant Jennifer Horton to work 32 hours a week with benefits, as the currently works 25 hours a week without benefits. The second approval was for Griffith to be granted a professional services contract to do contractual work with the CIC until the board hires a replacement for the executive director position. The contract is for 16 hours a week at \$25 per hour.

The CIC will meet again Tuesday, July 19 at 5 p.m.

Email comments to geoff@northwestsignal.net.

## Wastewater operations activity reviewed

**DEFIANCE** — The Board of Defiance County Commissioners Monday were updated on activity in May for wastewater operations.

Greg Reinhart and Janalee Redford of Defiance County Wastewater Operations met with the commissioners to provide a monthly update.

Reinhart reported the following maintenance items being completed in May: cleaned Emergency Management Agency pumps and installed new chain on one

pump; cleaned pump at Christy Pump Station; tightened spring on the air release valves and replaced a gasket at Paulding County Auglaize River sewer pump station number seven; replaced a grinder pump on Switzer Road; back flushed and cleaned flapper valve at Paulding County pump station number seven and four; and cleaned Evansport wet well of grease build up and cleaned floats.

In May, \$59,221.34 was billed out while \$57,167.55

was collected and there was \$83,771.79 in expenses.

In other matters, Defiance County Engineer Warren Schlatter also provided an update.

Schlatter informed the board that the contractor is paving on Behrens Road and Flory Road; work on the Conkle Road bridge replacement is continuing; and the crack seal work was completed on the roads over the weekend.

(Information courtesy of Defiance County commissioners.)

## FLSA reviewed by county board

The Henry County commissioners Tuesday reviewed the new Fair Labor Standards Act rule from the Department of Labor.

The rules, as well as the county's new drug and alcohol policy, were reviewed during a legal update with Henry County Assistant Prosecutor Billy Harmon.

The commissioners also:  
• Attended a networking meeting with county officials.  
• Approved a lease agreement with the Red Cross.

• Approved adopting the Henry County Community Improvement Corp. as an agent to sell or lease real property or interests in real property owned by

Henry County.  
The agenda for Thursday includes Eric Weller of the maintenance department at 8:30 a.m.; a 2016 Ohio Department of Transportation District 2 update at 9:30 a.m.; and Dennis Miller of Maumee Valley Planning Organization and Harmon at 10:30 a.m. for discussion on a land bank.

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- On page 17, line 1, "DJM-1" should be changed to "DJM-A2"
- The table on page 17 should be modified as follows:

Year	Baseline (MWh)	1.0% Energy Savings Benchmark (MWh)	Projected Cost Per First Year kWh Saved
2017	53,523,000	535,230	\$0.150
2018	52,800,000	528,000	\$0.152
2019	52,392,000	523,920	\$0.153

- On page 17, line 4, "531,370" should be changed to "535,230"
- On page 30, line 21, "DJM-1" should be changed to "DJM-A2"
- The first table on page 31 should be modified as follows:

	OE	CEI	TE
<b>2017</b>	24,123	18,845	10,555
<b>2018</b>	23,579	18,664	10,557
<b>2019</b>	23,311	18,537	10,544

- The second table on page 31 should be modified as follows:

	OE	CEI	TE	Total
<b>2017</b>	241,230	188,450	105,550	535,230
<b>2018</b>	235,790	186,640	105,570	528,000
<b>2019</b>	233,110	185,370	105,440	523,920

- On page 34:
  - line 13 should be changed to 535,230
  - line 14 should be changed to 528,000
- On page 35
  - line 16: 23,353,000 should be changed to 23,579,000
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# EASY WAYS TO SAVE ENERGY & MONEY

With Ohioans spending as much as 72% of their family incomes on utility bills, looking for ways to reduce those energy bills is a worthwhile investment. There are many areas of the home that can be improved to cut down on heating, cooling, lighting, cooking and running other appliances where 75 percent of utility dollars are spent. In fact, one family of four can spend nearly \$33 per month on hot showers alone.

By incorporating a few simple changes, a typical household can reduce its energy and water usage and save up to 20 percent on their natural gas, electric and water bills a year. Here are some examples of ways to save.

## **\$100+ per year**

### **Programmable thermostat**

A properly set programmable thermostat can save homeowners \$100 to \$180 per year if they maintain those settings. Programmable thermostats store six or more settings per day and will adjust the temperature automatically based on a pre-established schedule. Customers with heat pumps should install an appropriate programmable thermostat.

## **\$70+ per year**

### **CFL light bulb**

Switching your five most frequently used incandescent light bulbs to compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) can deliver significant savings. CFLs use 75 percent less energy and last up to 10 times longer. LED bulbs cost more, but can save more money.

## **\$55 per year**

### **Kilowatt meter**

Appliances account for up to two-thirds of electricity used in the home. Find out which appliances consume the most energy by using a kilowatt meter. A meter can also help identify appliances are using "vampire power."

## **\$50+ per year**

### **Energy Efficient Showerhead**

Showers account for about 22 percent of water use in a home. Showerheads are measured by flow—the number of gallons they deliver per minute (gpm).

The greater the pressure pushing water through pipes and showerheads, the greater the volume of water forced out. A few years ago, showerheads delivered about 5 to 8 gpm at a water pressure of 80 pounds

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The state agency also educates consumers about electric, natural gas, telephone and water issues.

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per square inch. The current standard for energy efficient heads is 2.5 gpm or 2.2 gpm at 60 psi.

### **\$30 per year**

#### **Aerators**

Bathrooms account for more than 60 percent of average household indoor water use. Using aerators and low-flow showerheads, and fixing leaking faucets and toilets will save money. A leaking faucet dripping one water drop per second can waste about 3,000 gallons per year.

### **\$24 per year**

#### **Sealers**

Up to 30 percent of your heating and cooling energy may be lost through holes and gaps in the exterior of your home. Check for air leaking through electrical outlets, switch plates, window frames, baseboards, weather stripping around doors, fireplace dampers, attic hatches and window-mounted air conditioners. Using incense or a ribbon can be among the easiest ways to help detect leaks in these areas. Plug all holes to keep air from leaking out or in.

### **\$20-\$45 per year**

#### **Water heater blanket**

Wrap older water heaters with an insulation blanket. A blanket is inexpensive and can save between 4-9 percent on water heating costs. Do not wrap a water heater less than five years old because it has sufficient insulation and wrapping it may cause the tank to overheat.

### **\$17 per year**

#### **Window and door insulation**

The average home wastes from 25 to 40 percent of its energy because of poor window insulation. Consumers with older windows can use insulation kits in the winter to help create temporary storm windows. Also, use curtains, drapes, blinds and shades to better regulate home temperatures throughout the year. In the winter, draperies can be used to help reduce chills around windows. In the summer, they can be used to block light and heat in the middle of the day. Applying low-emission window film to south-facing windows helps reduce heat from entering the home. Installing storm windows to existing pane windows may be a cheaper, yet effective, option to replacing windows.

### **\$16 per year**

#### **Refrigerators**

Refrigerators account for about 14 percent of an average home's electricity bills. Keep your refrigerator or freezer away from direct sunlight or warm air (range, dishwasher, heating ducts, etc.) so that the appliance doesn't have to use more energy to remain cold. Use a brush to clean the refrigerator's coils so the appliance doesn't have to work as hard. Use a thermometer to monitor its temperature. Replace old kitchen appliances with newer Energy Star-rated models. Energy efficient dishwashers can save \$35-\$300 on energy costs in its lifetime and Energy Star refrigerators use 20 percent less energy.

### **\$8-\$12 per year**

#### **Pipe insulation**

Insulate water pipes to reduce heat loss. Foam pipe sleeves can help raise water temperature 2 to 4 degrees allowing for a lower water heater temperature. With insulated pipes, you will not have to wait as long for warm water to reach a faucet or showerhead.