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**Re: Proofs of Publication**  
**Case No. 18-0033-EL-BTX**  
**Seaman-Sardinia 138kV Transmission Line Project**  
**aka Sardinia Area Improvements**

Dear Chairman Haque,

Attached please find the proofs of publication of public notices concerning the proposed major utility facility in the above-referenced case, which were published January 11, 2018, pursuant to Rule 4906-3-03(B)(1) of the Ohio Administrative Code.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact me with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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Counsel for AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc.

cc: Jon Pawley, OPSB Staff



### Proof of Publication

I, Walter Dozier, do hereby attest that the AEP Legal Notices did appear in the following newspaper(s) as ordered:

Hillsboro Times Gazette 1/11/18

Georgetown News Democrat 1/11/18

Walter Dozier 1/18/18  
Walter Dozier Date

State of Ohio  
County of Franklin

On this day, the 18th day of January, 2018 before me, Patricia A. Conkle, the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared Walter Dozier, proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name was subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he executed it.

Witness my hand and official seal.

Patricia A. Conkle  
Notary Public



Patricia A. Conkle  
Notary Public, State of Ohio  
My Commission Expires 06-17-19



David Wright | The Times-Gazette

From left, Highland County Commissioners Jeff Duncan, Shane Wilkin and Terry Britton sit in session during a commissioners meeting on Wednesday.

## Commissioners hold regular meeting

By David Wright  
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The Highland County Board of Commissioners met briefly on Wednesday to conduct routine business.

The only resolution on the agenda certified approval of the Ross, Pickaway, Highland and Fayette County Solid Waste Management District's solid waste management plan.

The board approved the matter unanimously.

Highland County Board of Commissioners President Shane Wilkin, who was reappointed to that position on Monday during an organizational meeting, said negotiations with the Fraternal

Order of Police were set to continue at 1 p.m. Wednesday.

The FOP represents the Highland County Sheriff's Office in negotiations with the county.

Commissioners Terry Britton and Jeff Duncan voted in favor of a liquor license transfer in Marshall Township. Wilkin abstained.

The board also reappointed Tom House as the county's apiary inspector. House inspects bee hives in the county on an as-needed basis.

After the meeting, the board entered executive session to hold job interviews for a new commissioners clerk.

Reach David Wright at 937-402-2570, or on Twitter @DavidWrighter.

## Current on Ohio Christian University Dean's List

Submitted story

Jesse Current, of Leesburg, has been named to the dean's list at Ohio Christian University for the fall 2017 semester. To be eligible for the

dean's list, a student must achieve a semester GPA of 3.5 or better and be enrolled in at least 12 semester hours.

Submitted by readMedia Newswire, [newswire@readme.readmedia.com](mailto:newswire@readme.readmedia.com).

# Clover Corner: What and who is 4-H?

By Kathy Bruynis

*Editor's Note – Welcome to the first edition of Clover Corner, a monthly feature reflecting on some part of the Highland County 4-H program. Many clubs will be highlighting what their particular club is participating in, while others will be informing you on the different aspects of the 4-H program. Join us each month as we explore the wonderful world of 4-H.*

### What is 4-H?

4-H is the premier youth development program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Originating in the early 1900s as "four-square education," the 4-Hs (Head, Heart, Hand and Health) seek to promote positive youth development, facilitate learning and engage youth in the work of their community to enhance the quality of life.

### 4-H Mission

4-H empowers youth

to reach their full potential, working and learning in partnership with caring adults.

### 4-H Vision

A world in which youth and adults learn, grow and work together as catalysts for positive change.

### 4-H History

Since this is the first edition, I am going to start at the beginning. 4-H began in Clark County, Ohio \_ yes right here in Ohio. On Jan. 15, 1902, Mr. Albert Belmont Graham, superintendent of the Springfield Township Schools, organized a meeting with some 30 boys and girls in the county courthouse basement. The intent behind the meeting was to learn more about harvesting corn, planting a garden, testing soil samples, tying knots in rope and identifying natural wildlife such as weeds and insects. Eventually, the group came to be called the "Boy's and



Girl's Agricultural Club."

### 4-H Pledge

I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service and my health to better living, for my club, my community, my county and my world.

### Who can join 4-H?

Anyone who is at least 5 years old and enrolled in kindergarten as of Jan. 1 of the current year through second grade is called a Cloverbud. These young people complete group projects and learn skills needed to achieve in life. Youth who are 8 and in the second grade or age 9 and in any grade through age 18 as of Jan. 1 of the current year are eligible to take individual projects and compete in various events. These youth have the opportunity to choose from more than 200 projects to learn about something they are interested in.

### How to become involved in 4-H

Contact the local Extension Office at 937-393-1918, visit the website at [highland.osu.edu](http://highland.osu.edu) or our Facebook page at Highland County 4-H(Ohio). In early March all third grade students will receive information on clubs are taking new members. The flyer will also be posted on the website for anyone who is interested in joining.

### Enrollment deadline

A club adviser must be contacted for enrollment information by April 1 of the current year to be eligible to complete projects and participate in the Highland County Fair.

Now aren't you excited to see what is coming next month? A sneak peak – Highland County Shooting Sports Club will be here).

Kathy Bruynis is an OSU Extension educator, 4-H youth development, Ohio Valley Extension Education Research Area.

## Auditions scheduled for SSCC Theatre

Submitted story

SSCC Theatre will hold auditions for the spring production of "Dead Man's Cell Phone" by Sarah Ruhl.

Open to community members and students, auditions will be held 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12, in the Edward K. Daniels Auditorium on the Southern State Community College Central Campus, 100 Hobart

Drive, Hillsboro.

An incessantly ringing cell phone in a quiet cafe. A stranger at the next table who has had enough. And a dead man – with a lot of loose ends. So begins "Dead Man's Cell Phone," a work about how we memorialize the dead, and how that remembering changes us. It is the odyssey of a woman forced to confront her own assumptions about

morality, redemption, and the need to connect in a technologically obsessed world.

Those interested in auditioning will be asked to prepare and memorize a comedic one- to two-minute monologue. Those interested in working on available crew positions will be asked to complete an interview the night of auditions.

If you're interested in auditioning, but unavail-

able to attend the audition date, contact Rainee Angles ([ranges@sscc.edu](mailto:ranges@sscc.edu)) to schedule an alternate audition date prior to Jan. 12.

"Dead Man's Cell Phone," directed by Angels, will be performed April 6-8. For more information about available roles and rehearsal schedule, visit [www.sscctheatre.com](http://www.sscctheatre.com).

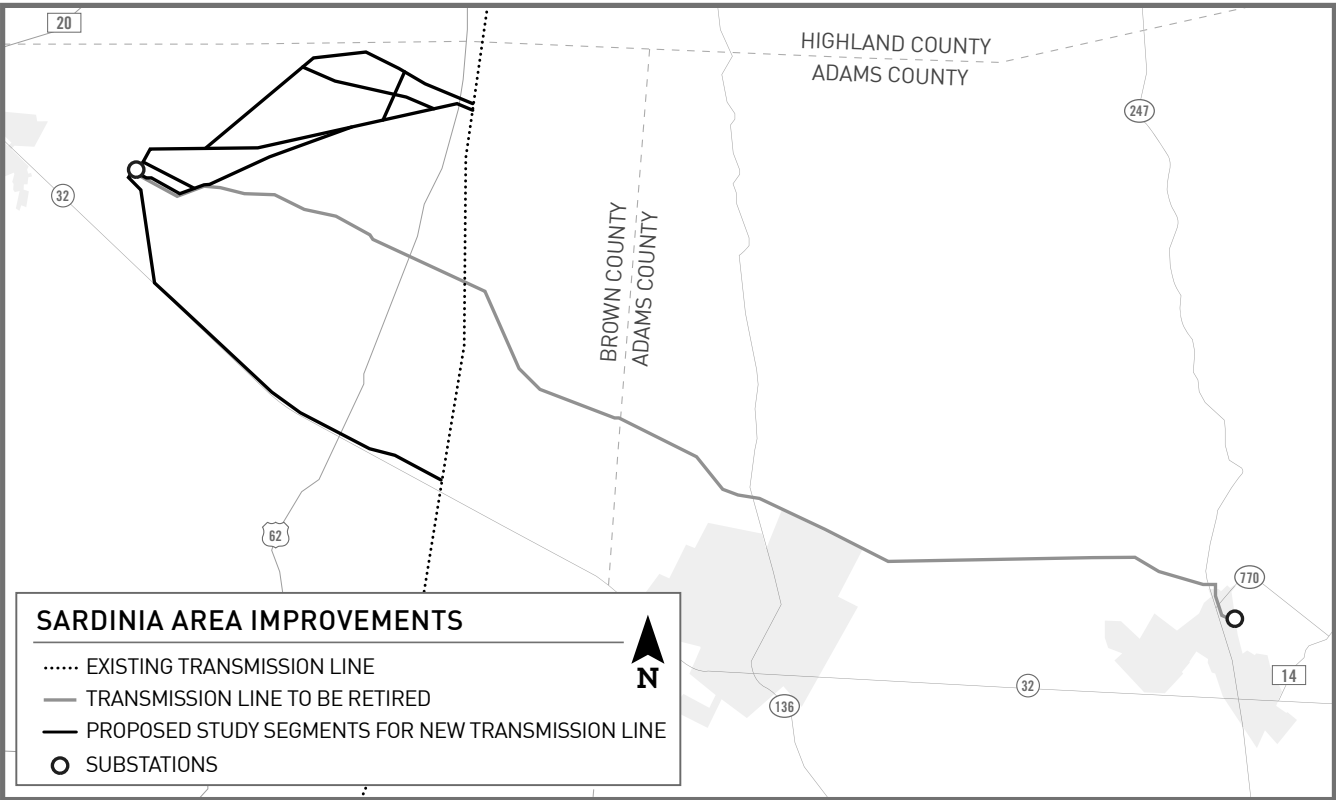
Submitted by Kris Cross, SSCC director of public relations.

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING FOR PROPOSED MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY

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Additional information about this project can be found online at [AEPOhio.com/Sardinia](http://AEPOhio.com/Sardinia). The public also can ask questions or make comments about the project by calling 614-552-1929 or 877-215-9261 or sending an email inquiry to [ecmiller1@aep.com](mailto:ecmiller1@aep.com). Mail inquiries may be sent to the following address:

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700 Morrison Road  
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## Low cost health screenings available

Residents living in and around the Mount Orab, Ohio can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. Mount Orab United Methodist Church will host this community event on 2/13/2018. The site is located at 212 Church St in Mount Orab.

Screenings can check for: The level of plaque buildup in your arteries, related to risk for heart disease, stroke and overall vascular health. HDL and LDL Cholesterol levels.

Diabetes risk. Bone density as a risk for possible osteoporosis. Kidney and thyroid function, and more.

Screenings are affordable, convenient and accessible for wheelchairs and those with trouble walking. Free parking is also available.

Packages start at \$149, but consultants will work with you to create a package that is right for you based on your age and risk factors. Call 1-877-237-1287 or visit our website at [www.lifelinescreening.com](http://www.lifelinescreening.com). Pre-registration is required.

## Mobile breast cancer screenings

Mobile Mammograms will be available at the Brown County Health Department on Friday, Jan. 26 from 10 am to 4 pm.

These screenings are covered by Medicare, Medicaid and most insurance companies under the following guidelines:

Ages 35-40 Baseline Screening. Over 40 Annual Screening.

No Insurance? Call to see if you qualify for the Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Project (BCCPEP).

Appointments are required. To sign up, call (937) 378-6892.

## Writers group to meet

Join us for a Chapter a Month Writer's Workshop. This program will get you started writing! It's free, and meets January 11. We give you a chapter, chosen from entries in the previous monthly meeting, and you write the next chapter (one to five pages) that it evokes. Bring your chapter and enter to win a gift card given at random! This writer's workshop meeting is at Bardwell Winery's Buggy Room in Mt. Orab, January 11, 6-8 pm. (Purchase of food and drink is optional.)

We will meet monthly to share our chapters, and draw for a gift card given randomly. The chapter chosen by the group will form the basis for the next month's writing prompt. Meetings are scheduled the

second Thursday of the month, 6pm to 8pm. The next meeting is January 11. You can join in any time. Call or write Lisa at 513-659-8567 or [Lisaatceltic@gmail.com](mailto:Lisaatceltic@gmail.com) and I'll gladly bring you up to speed—or just show up. It's that easy.

Chapter a Month Workshop is sponsored by Brown County Writers Group, a nonprofit organization helping writers write since 2000. Brown County Writers Group is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Lisa at 513-659-8567, [lisaatceltic@gmail.com](mailto:lisaatceltic@gmail.com) or visit us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Brown-County-Writers-Group-123710597664522/>.

## Woodlot management concerns

Do you own wooded property? What part do your wooded acres play in your day-to-day life? Could your woods be improved? How do you manage them? Did you know that it would benefit from active management? During the winter season, you have a terrific opportunity to look at your wooded ground in a whole new way.

For most of us, the ideal woods consist of stately mature trees with open space below, so we can easily walk through the trees without watching our step. Cool and shady in summer, perhaps with a babbling brook running through it; the sound of squirrels and birds echoing all around us.

Mature trees were once young saplings that began life as "volunteers," simply sprouting and growing on their own. The weakest softwood species tend to be the first "volunteers," and over a long period of time are replaced with longer-lived species by a process of competition called "climax growth." Climax growth simply means the progression of the woods from one dominant species to another, by survival of the fittest. The growing conditions in sunny open fields are good for certain trees to sprout from seed. Once the ground is shaded, different tree seeds sprout, compete for sunshine, water and food, and gradually squeeze out the weaker trees.

You can speed up this process and help the desirable, healthy trees win this territorial battle. The first step is to make sure you have access into the woods, by making trails that are easy to maintain. We have a network of tractor trails on our property, so that I can efficiently maintain access through our woods with my bush hog. Trails should ideally run along hillsides, not up and down hills, to reduce erosion damage to the fragile forest floor.

We constantly cut out



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undesirable trees. Foresters call this "crop tree selection." Every woodlot has crooked, defective or damaged trees competing with the good trees. During the winter it's easy to go through and cut down the culs while they're still young. This frees up food, water and sunshine for the remaining trees, so they grow faster.

Tackling crop tree selection can be overwhelming on a large property, but you can proceed at the pace of an acre per day if you focus. Over time you'll vastly improve your woodland; years from now you'll really see a difference in the quality of your timber.

Keep a sharp eye for defects. The worst tree defects can be fixed, without climbing, when your trees are still young. Trees should only have one main trunk (called the "leader"). The leader should be straight and true all the way to the top. Duplicate leaders, or trees with crooked or forked leaders, should be heartlessly cut down. Larger side limbs within

your reach should be cut off, to encourage growth higher up. Where less-desirable species like ash or catalpa are growing right next to hardwood trees like oak, maple and hickory, they should be cut to the ground.

Except for cedar, we usually leave culled trees and limbs right where they fall.

Mother nature will clean them up for you. It's amazing how fast they rot away, becoming food for the remaining trees. Cedar trees and tops are a different story; we pull them out and burn them because otherwise they'll be in our way forever.

Invasives like thorny locust, wild grapevines and Japanese honeysuckle can choke your woods very quickly if you don't take action. Any time you see these in your woods you should stop and pull them out, or cut them off if they're too big to pull out. Again, if you devote even a half-day each fall or winter to dealing with these invaders you can make a huge difference over time. If you do nothing they will

take over willy-nilly, a much more challenging situation.

Winter is the best time to work in your woods. Chainsaw work is good exercise and keeps you warm. Bare trees and snow cover make it easy to see tree structure. You can also see the lay of the land better, so winter is the time to lay out trails. I like to have a roll of hot pink flagging tape in my pocket; I can flag property lines and mark trees I want to save or cut down. I always carry my Felco pruner and small folding saw when I'm walking in the woods, so I can take action right then and there when I see problems. Like compound interest, every nip and cut you make will set your personal forest one more step in the right direction. Then, when it's too hot to play Paul Bunyan, you can cool off with a relaxing walk in the woods.

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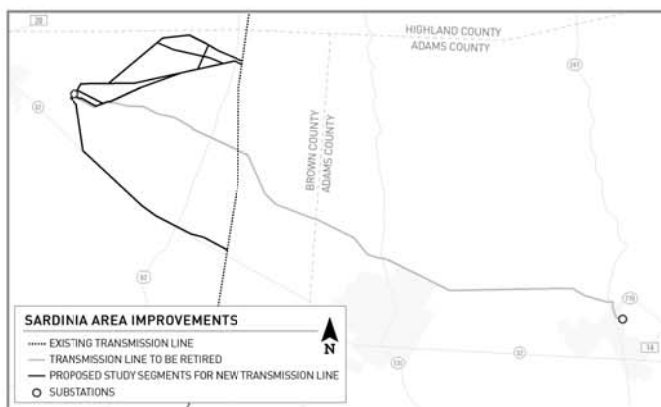
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