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Sound Off — Nov. 12

Dear Editor,

Poverty rates are at an all-time high. Jobs have dwindled. Food banks are taxed with increased demand. Ottawa County is not immune to the newly poor. The all-volunteer operated Ottawa County Holiday Bureau provides direct assistance to people in need during the Christmas holiday season in the form of primarily food, but also daily living products, paper products, toys and gifts. In partnership with the Salvation Army and Toys for Tots, in 2008 the Holiday Bureau brightened the lives of 877 families — 2,747 people — right here in Ottawa County, nearly 7 percent of the population.

Cash donations are essential and the money stays right here in Ottawa County. Checks or money orders should be made out to the Ottawa County Holiday Bureau and sent to Treasurer Diane Huss, 582 Opfer-Lentz Road, Genoa, OH 43430.

Our success depends on the generosity of the residents of Ottawa County.

Judy Just, president

Ottawa County Holiday Bureau

Dear Editor:

The Citizens for Ida Rupp Public Library Steering Committee would like to thank those who helped pass the first operating levy for our library: the Friends of the Library, who funded our campaign; the hundreds of volunteers who put up signs, stuffed envelopes and distributed literature and signed on as supporters; the voters of the Port Clinton City School District, who recognized that a strong library is essential to a thriving community; and lastly our fine library staff who have made Ida Rupp Public Library the outstanding community resource that it has been for over 100 years and will continue to be for the future.

Co-chairs Peggy Debien and Alex Thomas, treasurer Meridith Beck, Barbara Wenzinger, Earl Kennedy, Nancy Bailey and Bob Butcher

To The Port Clinton Community,

Thank you for the noble support of Issue 17 to build 21st century school facilities for the current and future students of Port Clinton. Nov. 3 will undoubtedly go down in history as a day citizens decided to make great personal sacrifice for the overall good of our community. Exciting and vibrant days lie ahead as we forge a new path. We assure you that those empowered will continue to make prudent decisions with your operating monies and now your bond monies to make sure they are properly and responsibly spent.

We would also like to thank the many volunteers who worked tirelessly to inform the community about the benefits of the proposal to update the Port Clinton City School District building facilities. Their generous contribution of time and effort in support of the students is greatly appreciated. It is through the input of our community that we have reached this point and we will continue to move forward Proudly Charting that same Course for Success.

Respectfully,

Port Clinton Board of Education: Michele Mueller, Beth Benko, Barb Drusbacky, Walter Wehenkel and David Belden

Dear Editor,

We would like to thank everyone who helped to Make a Difference in downtown Port Clinton Oct. 24. It was wonderful to see members of our community of all ages picking up everything from cigarette butts to tires. Marco's was gracious and fed the troops with every imaginable topping they requested. As a community, we should continuously Make a Difference not just once a year. Not only did these people

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A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on Wednesday, Oct. 28, to officially open the community labarinth behind the Sutton Center in Port Clinton. Residents are invited to walk the labarinth in an effort to contemplate their lives and gain inner perspective.

Photo by John Schaffner

make historic downtown Port Clinton sparkle, they made our sense of community shine. For those interested in adopting a block for monthly clean up, contact Carol at 419-732-0941.

Thank you very much from:

Downtown Business Committee — Port Clinton Chamber, Port Clinton City Schools and Port Clinton Parks and Rec

Dear Editor,

The businesses membership drive was a great success this year for the Marblehead Lighthouse Historical Society. We greatly appreciate all of the businesses that support the society with a membership. Eight new businesses joined us in 2009. They are: Bruno's Pizzeria, Catawba Interiors, Jodie McCallum Gallery, La Habana Restaurant, Marilyn's Gifts, Shade Tree Gifts, Shore Nuf Charters and Shrock's Marina. The businesses that have given the Marblehead Lighthouse Historical Society continued support are: A Yarn Shop, Avery's Cafe, Bass Haven, Bassett's Market, Bay Point, Bergman's Greenhouse, Big Bopper's, Brown's Dairy Dock, Dan Buckey, Camp Runinmuck, Collins LMT, Crow's Nest, Danchisen's Marathon, Don's Body Shop, Dziak's Art Gallery, Hi Way Bait, Holmes Auto Service, Howard's Auto Repair, Jamestown Tavern, John Tracy Farm, LaFarge Quarry, Lake Breeze Cabins, Lake Point Motel, Lakeside Association, Lighthouse Antiques, Majestic Motel, Marblehead Galley, Martha and Molly's, Mary Pat Crafts, Mary's Blossom Shoppe, Mike's Dockside Service, Otterbein, Peninsula Restaurant, Reef Runner, Richmond Gallery, Russ Homes, Ryan Hamilton, School House Gallery, Starcher Enterprises, State Farm Insurance, Street Sotheby's Realty, Surf Motel, Sypherd Cycles, Taylor's Resort, The Lighthouse Resorts, The Marblehead Bank and Tibbel's Marina. A big thank you to all our loyal business members.

Mary Hartman, Marblehead Lighthouse Historical Society

Dear Editor.

I recently attended the dinner for the Mental Health and Recovery Board of Erie and Ottawa Counties at the CIC Club. We had informative speakers, wonderful food and deserving award recipients. The only mar of the evening was from a gentleman whom I don't know his names, but from watching him interact with people he is well known. The problem was as he was talking he joked about all his "imaginary friends and said I'm schizophrenic and I'm never alone there is always someone else with me." Even if he did have a mental illness this response was not appropriate. To me this man's name is not important because his name is STIGMA. He shows not only his lack of empathy for the people we were representing there but also his lack of education about what schizophrenia really is. Schizophrenia is not when someone has more than one personality, it is when someone has a break from reality. These are devastating illnesses not only for those suffering from them but also for their loved ones. I don't think this gentleman would even think of going to an American Cancer event and making fun of someone who has lost their hair to chemo. My daughter's mental illness is every bit as real to my family and I as my mother's cancer is. The difference is my mother has a chance of winning against her cancer; my daughter will forever live with her mental illness. When my daughter was first diagnosed I read a book that said, "You would wish that your child had been given a diagnosis of cancer rather than a diagnosis of bipolar." I met a women through NAMI whose son had both a mental illness and cancer. He said that he would rather have the cancer because people accept that. This young man died at the age of 17 from his cancer. Stigma, I feel that you owe everyone that was at the dinner that night a public apology especially the people that are living with a mental illness. If you would like to educate yourself give NAMI Erie-Ottawa a call at 419-732-6264. Mental illnesses are neurobiological brain disorders and are not caused by a character flaw or bad parenting. Our loved ones are not bad people they are sick people. We need to reach out to those suffering with empathy and compassion instead of jokes.

Pam McGlothlin, Port Clinton

Dear Editor,

To the voters of the Port Clinton City School District: thank you! □ Thank you for your positive vote for schools to be built and renovated. In the midst of these most troubling and difficult times, you have stepped forward and done what is not only long overdue, but right for the students of our Port Clinton community.

Through your insight and recognition of what is needed, you have improved the learning environments of students for decades to come. You should be extremely proud of what has finally been accomplished.

On behalf of the thousands of students whose lives you have touched, but will never personally know, I most sincerely thank you. I know first-hand how long overdue new schools are in our community.

Dale VanLerberghe, Retired PCHS/PCMS Principle

Promises Promises

The brilliant orator, candidate Obama made many promises to the unwashed masses. Let's take a hard look at a couple of them.

Transparency: Obama promised an open administration. "Sunlight for signing pledge." But he broke the pledge with the first bill he signed in the Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Act which was signed by Obama before it was posted on the net. Obama broke his pledge again with his rush to pass his trillion dollar, pork-stuffed stimulus package full of earmarks he denied existed. Jim Harper of the Cato Institute reported of the 11 bills Obama signed, only six were posted on Whitehouse.gov.

Lobbyist: Obama said during the campaign, "I am in the race to tell the lobbyist that their days of setting the agenda in Washington are over."

- Attorney Gen. Eric Holder was a registered lobbyist at Covington & Burling
- Tom Vilsack, Obama's Secretary of Agriculture, was a registered lobbyist for the National Education Association.
- Ron Klain, chief of staff for Biden, was a lobbyist for O'Melveny & Myers.
- David Hayes, deputy secretary of the Interior, was a lobbyist at Latham & Watkins.
- William Corr, Obama choice for deputy Health and Human Services Secretary was a registered lobbyist until 2008.
- Mark Patterson, picked by Tim Geithner as chief of staff was a former Goldman Sachs lobbyist.

The list is much longer.

Not to Raise Taxes: Obama promised he would not raise taxes on Americans making less than \$250,000. But an analysis by the Congressional Budget Office finds that at least 71 percent of the individual mandate penalties in the bill written by Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus would be paid by Americans earning less than \$250,000.

So tell your younger children and single moms who voted for Obama that yes Obama's words are powerful and his delivery is as spell binding as Pericles, but look what he has done, and who he surrounds himself with.

Ronald Mainous, Catawba

Dear Editor:

Well, Nancy Beadle answered my rebuttal to her letter stating her desire for health care coverage for everyone in the United States of America. So, I feel it necessary to respond once again with just one simple statement. She apparently believes the United States government is capable of effectively and efficiently running a health care program with equal treatment for everyone in America — how naive!!!

Louis Ball, Catawba Island

Dear Editor,

Today we are experiencing a full front assault on capitalism. The detractors of capitalism often mistake it for corporation and point out greed as the villain. Even philanthropic capitalists who have been successful through capitalism undermine it by saying they are "giving back." No one asks the questions, what have they taken? In most cases all they have done is please a consumer by giving them that which improves his state in life. It gives the consumer in a voluntary exchange those items that he values more for the dollars he values less.

Those who would destroy capitalism want to replace it with a planned economy or a controlled economy. In their arrogance and in their lack of understanding that economics involves subjective and changing values they actually believe that a handful of bureaucrats can do a better job of managing an economy than the free market. In other words they in their infinite wisdom know better than you what is best for you.

Adam Smith in Wealth of Nations said "the statesman who should attempt to direct private people in what manner they ought to employ their capitals would not only load himself with most unnecessary attention, but assume an authority which could safely be trusted, not only to no single person, but to no council or senate whatever, and which would nowhere be so dangerous as in the hands of a man who had folly and presumption enough to fancy himself fit to exercise it."

If you want a mind bender, consider this. The same person who told Time magazine that the most influential book he ever read was Wealth of Nations is now the biggest proponent of health care reform.

That man is Barak Hussein Obama. Go figure.

Jim Boehm, Port Clinton

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