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Commission member Roland Smith and Mike Dattilo are also set to run.

Three candidates – Shyra Eichhorn, Vincent Margello Jr. and Tom Mitchell – have their sights set on the two open seats in Liberty Township. Current Trustee Curt Sybert plans to give up his seat after two terms, saying he wants to spend more time with his family.

“The bottom line is the job is very demanding,” he said. “It currently required between 30 and 35 percent of my day about three nights a week.”

In the Buckeye Valley Local School District, recently retired teacher Justine Santschi is running for one of three open school board seats. No other candidates have filed.

Steve Cole, running for a seat on the Brown Township Board of Trustees, is the only other non-incumbent to have filed for November's election.

Herron expects more candidates to file as the Aug. 7 deadline approaches.

“It is not unusual for people to file the last day and right at the end,” she said.

If not enough candidates file to run, seats not filled through election will be filled through

appointment.

“If the people aren't choosing the other elected officials are making those decisions,” Herron said. “The seats are then appointed and the voters don't have a voice.”

In addition to more candidates, board of elections officials are also hoping to gain more poll workers before the November election. Those interested in serving as poll workers can contact the board of elections at 740-833-2080.

“It's always harder to recruit workers for odd-year elections,” Herron said. “We are still required by law to have four workers per precinct.”

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FARMING

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counties, we're about in the middle.”

According to a 2007 census, there are 762 farmers in Delaware county and 138,140 acres of farmland.

Out of Ohio's 88 counties, Delaware ranks 33 in wheat production, 37 in soybean production and 33 in corn production, according to a 2011 report by the Ohio Department of Agriculture.

A lot of that success and high numbers come from Delaware's farmers, Leeds said.

“We really have quality people working in the agricultural sector and that's half the battle,” Leeds said. “These are good people who have weathered the years.”

While development continues to devour farmland in the county, Leeds can't see that trend significantly hurting the farming business.

“In 20 years, I see the agricultural business staying fairly similar to what it is now as long as the farm-

ing economy stays good,” Leeds said.

In 2010, Delaware's farming community pulled in about \$79 million.

The continued farming success isn't only because of Delaware's longtime farmers.

The second factor is rooted deeply.

“We have really good soils in Delaware county for crop production,” Leeds said. “It's especially good around the Scioto River area and in Radnor.”

Scott Stephens works in resource conservation for the Soil and Water Conservation District and said there's a big difference between the soil found in Delaware's farming fields and its new developments.

“A lot of times, soil in urban areas have been very disturbed. It's been dug up too many times,” Stephens said. “That's not the case in farmlands.”

While the soil in the developments would not be up to farmers' standards, having a farm right next to a development doesn't hurt crop production soil-wise.

“It's really not a problem,” Stephens said. “That urban soil is isolated and won't spread out to the farms.”

Floodplain soil and topsoil are ideal for farming, and both are found in the county because of Delaware's river system.

Despite the business being good and most likely continuing its success, Loudenslager knows the importance of working in agriculture.

“The food needs of this planet are staggering. 25,000 children die every day because their bellies are empty or because there's something wrong with their food,” Loudenslager said. “In 2050, we're going to need to double our food production to feed the world.”

Those farmers who work in the fields every day, like the ones in Delaware county, can make a difference, Loudenslager said.

“It's a hungry world today and it's going to get hungrier,” he said. “It's important to all of us to have so many people putting food on our tables.”

nal American art form, like jazz and gospel music. It's a good hobby and a lot of fun because it's something you can do as long as you're able.”

Matthews said the Heartland Chorus raises money to put on the annual “Harmony in the Park” summer concert series Sunday nights at the Bicentennial Park gazebo.

“This is our 24th year to do Harmony in the Park,” Matthews said. “We started it because we thought Delaware needed a concert series. We have pretty big audiences, a couple hundred people. It's just a nice little way to start the week.”

The chorus books a variety of local groups to perform at the hour-long free concerts. For example, Loosely Strung, a six-member group specializing in Americana music, will perform on July 28.

The remaining concerts in the series are:

- Aug. 4: Rusty Strings, a four-person group whose repertoire ranges from Sinatra to the Rolling Stones.

- Aug. 11: Trombones Plus, an easy-listening jazz ensemble with a vocalist.

- Aug. 18: Worthington Concert Band, which Matthews said has 50-60 members.

- Aug. 25: “Barbershop Night” with the Ohio Heartland Chorus and The Marionaires, the Marion chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society. Matthews said the two choruses will perform in Marion's McKinley Park at 7 pm July 28.

- Sept. 1: Olentangy Men's Chorus

If you go, bring a chair or blanket. In case of rain, the concerts will be held at the YMCA, 1121 S. Houk Road.

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HelpLine links positive change with people getting connected

Welcome to a weekly article with the purpose of informing you about some of Delaware's not-for-profit 501c-3 organizations. Who they are, what they do and most importantly who they serve. The goal is keeping you updated about organizations with timely and positive information.

“There is something incredibly miraculous in simply hearing the phone be answered. ... The healing starts when you hear the most important words ever spoken to another person: ‘How can I help you?’”

The woman who answered the phone was compassionate and non-judgmental. Hearing “you are not alone” lifted such a heavy burden! This wonderful, nameless, anonymous (worker) reassured me I was and am worthy of being in this world ... and that support and help were available – yes, even for me. She gave me hope.”

– A HelpLine client

When you hear the name “HelpLine,” you may think, telephone assistance of some kind and that's right.

But HelpLine is also much more.

We believe that positive change begins with people getting connected. Whether it is getting connected to a caring, professionally trained helper 24/7, who provides reassurance and

resource information; whether it is getting connected to knowledge and skills that can prevent suicide, or sexual violence; or whether it is getting connected to ways to give back, and in turn strengthen and sustain the quality of life in our community through volunteerism.

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suicidal thoughts,

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needs of an aging parent or

difficulty meeting basic

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HelpLine works to

prevent crises by edu-

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about depression, sui-



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Finally, through Connections, HelpLine's community volunteer center, we help meet critical needs by recruiting and matching volunteers to non-profits, government and community projects, and disaster needs.

HelpLine is funded through the Delaware Morrow Mental Health and Recovery Services Board, United Way of Delaware County, Council for Older Adults, various grants, and private donations.

Last year, HelpLine provided crisis, education, and volunteer services to more than 25,000 people.

To reach us dial 2-1-1 or 1-800-684-2324. To learn more about us, visit www.helplinedelmor.org. Like us on Facebook! And join us for the 3rd Annual Suicide Prevention Walk, Sept. 7. Come help raise awareness and instill hope.

Susan Hanson is Executive Director of HelpLine.



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EVENTS

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(under “upcoming events”). Another method to pledge is to just search “bowling for barbershop” and follow the prompts.”

Sweet Adelines was founded in Tulsa, Okla., in 1945 to promote barbershop vocal harmony. According to Wikipedia, Barbershop is unaccompanied vocal music with four parts – “generally, the lead sings the melody, the tenor harmonizes above the melody, the bass sings the lowest harmonizing notes, and the baritone completes the chord, usually below the lead.”

“I love the harmony. It's unique. As soon as you hear it, you recognize it,” said Marge Matthews, a bass singer from Delaware who has been a member of the Heartland Chorus since 1976.

“Barbershop, it's an origi-



Prudence and Odell Boyer

Celebrating 65 years

Prudence and Odell Boyer will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary. The lifelong Delaware residents were married July 25, 1948, at Zion Reform and Evangelical Church.

House narrowly rejects effort to halt NSA program

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House narrowly rejected a challenge to the National Security Agency's secret collection of hundreds of millions of Americans' phone records Wednesday night.

The vote was 217-205 on an issue that created unusual political coalitions in Washington, with libertarian-leaning conservatives and liberal Democrats pressing for the change against the Obama administration, the Republican establishment and Congress' national security experts.

Backing the NSA program were 134

Republicans and 83 Democrats, including House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, who typically does not vote, and Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi. Rejecting the administration's last-minute pleas to spare the surveillance operation

were 94 Republicans and 111 Democrats.

It is unlikely to be the final word on government intrusion to defend the nation and Americans' civil liberties.

The House later voted to pass the overall defense bill, 315-109.

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Delaware County Fairgrounds –
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Plant Sale includes:

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