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Log on to www.delgazette.com to weigh in on this week's question:

With the proposed new development on the City of Delaware's East side, what big box commercial property would you like to see come into the city?

- A) Sporting goods
- B) General merchandise
- C) Grocery
- D) Home improvement
- E) Furniture
- F) Other
- G) Too many already

Readers also have the opportunity to comment on this question after voting. Some of the comments may appear on the Gazette's editorial page in the coming week.

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Rec center to become reality

► City income tax issue narrowly passes

By MELISSA MACKEY
Staff Writer

Delaware residents voted to increase the city income tax to pay for a new recreation center, according to final, unofficial results released Tuesday night.

The income tax rate will be raised from 1.4 to 1.55 percent. This means paying an additional \$77 per year for a household earning \$51,000. The tax rolls back after the facility is paid for. Discounted fees will be offered for Delaware residents and reduced fees are available for low income families.

Tension was in the air at the Hayes Building until the results turned in support of the rec center levy. With 20 of 25 precincts reporting, 1,890 were for the issue and 1,820 against. Local absentee ballots were also added into the count during this time.

With each precinct being added to the total, the numbers kept increasing in support of the levy.

To rec supporters, the longest wait came with the results of the last precinct.

With 24 of 25 precincts reporting, 2,153 voters supported the issue and 2,088 were against it. Even though the levy was passing, one recreation issue supporter in the

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Senior services levy passes with ease

By DEVON IMMELT
Staff Writer

The Council for Older Adults of Delaware County saw its 0.9-mill replacement/increase levy breeze to a victory at the polls Tuesday. Voters passed the issue by an overwhelming 76 percent of the vote, according to complete but unofficial election results.

The tax will raise about \$5.6 million annually beginning next year. It will cost property owners an additional \$9.95 annually for every \$100,000 worth of property valuation.

The organization is thankful for the community's continued support, said Bob Horrocks, COA's executive director.

"It is real difficult any time you ask people to raise their taxes and especially when the economy is in a down turn," Horrocks said. "We don't take this for granted."

The levy replaces the COA's current 0.7 mill operating levy, which expires at the end of this year. The additional 0.2-mills were added to meet growing demands for senior services. The COA expects the number of seniors requesting its services to rise rapidly over the next five years, from an estimated 1,139 this year to 1,552 by 2013.

The bulk of the funds will go toward in-home care services — from home delivered meals to personal care — designed to help seniors remain living in their homes as long as possible. COA expects demand for its in-home services to rise by 54 percent over the five-year life of the levy.

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Pedestrians pass The Nectar Candyland Tuesday afternoon. The downtown staple closed suddenly in preparation for a move.

Nectar relocating

By LIZ ROBERTSON
Staff Writer

The store was dark and empty Tuesday afternoon, the only chocolate in sight a few letters still hanging on a display rack near the front door.

A handwritten sign said it all, "Nectar Candyland closed. We are moving."

Nectar, at 23 N. Sandusky, opened its doors initially on Dec. 7, 1946.

Nicholas Zanetos opened the confectionery which then passed down to son, Anthony.

While efforts to reach Anthony

Zanetos were unsuccessful Tuesday afternoon, downtown developer Joe Diamond did confirm that the building had been sold. He said a friend of his, a professional animator, bought the building and will live on one floor using another for a studio.

While Nectar's owners could not confirm future plans, there is speculation that the long-time downtown institution will relocate in the downtown area.

Diamond said plans were to remodel the first floor and rent it out.

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Accessible Expressions Ohio on display at Andrews

By MELISSA MACKEY
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Creating artwork is a fun form of physical therapy for one individual exhibiting in the Accessible Expressions Ohio.

Seventeen-year-old Stephanie Royster of Twinsburg, created "Oriental Flowers." In Royster's biography, she wrote that she was diagnosed with spinal muscular atrophy at the age of 1. The neuromuscular disease limits her strength and mobility and creative artwork acts as physical therapy.

The statewide, juried visual arts exhibition and tour celebrates Ohio artists with disabilities. The artwork varies in style, including paintings, photography and jewelry.

"You might come to Andrews House for one of its free meals, or you might come for the free legal and medical clinics," said Donald Chenoweth, Andrews House Executive Director said about the exhibit. "Whatever your reason, you will be welcomed. We prefer to remind persons of their strengths



Gazette Matt Emmons

Some of the artwork from Accessible Expressions Ohio on display at the Andrews House.

and not their weaknesses. That is one reason we like having this particular exhibit here. The artists may have suffered a traumatic brain injury, or may wrestle with chronic mental illness, yet

they create works of beauty that are testimony to the greatness of the human spirit."

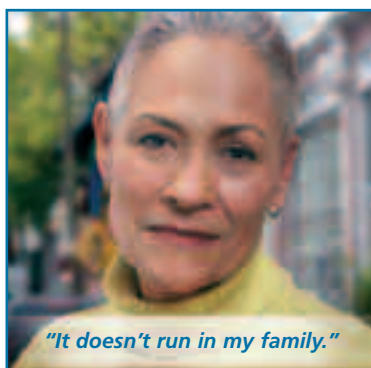
Community Relations Specialist Kendra Winemiller said the exhibit fits

Andrews House mission to provide opportunities for education. The exhibit has been well-received and Winemiller said many Delaware residents are excited to have an exhibit like this at the house. Winemiller said she was impressed by the wide age span and variety of artwork.

Exhibitor Elaine Gaines, 71, of Columbus, discovered her artistic calling at the age of 62 when she began painting at the Hilliard Senior Center. Her body only allows her to paint in a radius of approximately two inches from her body.

Another artist, Kevin White, was attending art school before an accident involving a drunken driver left him confined to a wheelchair. White had a spinal cord injury that left him quadriplegic and only limited use of his right hand. He creates his artwork on a personal computer rigged with special equipment. The computer's cursor is coordinated with White's head movement. His piece, "Drifter," is on display.

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