

November member meeting

Clyde Business & Professional Association members are asked to meet at noon, Thursday, Nov. 17 at the 1st United Methodist Church at the corner of Race and Maple streets for the annual meeting to elect 2012 officers. Cost of the luncheon will be \$8.00

The slate of officers being proposed is as yet incomplete.

President ó Frank Weasner

Vice President ó yet unfilled

Treasurer ó Sonya Smith

Secretary ó Nancy Greenslade

Past President ó Kevin Michel

Trustees ó Judy Campbell, Denise Schabel, and Theresa Elfring.

Any one interested in filling the vice president post should contact any board member or Frank Weasner at Old Fort Banking Company. A nomination to any of the positions may also be made at the meeting. Anyone who has been a Clyde BPA member or an employee of a business that has been a member of the Clyde BPA for one year may run for vice president.

Nancy Greenslade is taking **luncheon reservations at 419-547-0734**. Please call by Monday, Nov. 15.

Current president Becky Brooks will be saying good bye at this meeting as she will be leaving the board after November's meeting due to her recent change in jobs.

Guest speaker will be Sgt. Dennis Hall, who will be talking about the Clyde Back Door Food Pantry.

December Christmas Social

Vice President Frank Weasner is currently planning the Clyde BPA Christmas social. Details should be available at the November meeting.

In past years, BPA member have met for an entertaining luncheon and last year at after hours social was held at Doebel's Flowers. This year's event has yet to be sent.

Clyde Christmas Fest

Plans are underway for the new Clyde Christmas Fest, which is replacing Winesburg Weekend.

The Christmas Fest will be the first weekend in December ó Dec. 2, 3 and 4.

New activities are being planned and many old activities will be returning. The new committee will be spending nearly \$5,000 on advertising, the budget also includes fireworks, Santa Claus, the model train display, new locations, the Santa Breakfast, the Friday night parade, horse and trolley rides and much more. The Clyde BPA board approved a total budget of \$18,045 for this year's event with the committee raising the majority of the funds for the weekend.

Also this holiday

The Clyde BPA board has approved purchasing new downtown banners in time for this Christmas. The BPA also purchased new downtown decorations using 2010 bed tax funds at the end of last year at bargain rates. Those will be put up by the city for the first time this Christmas.

For after Christmas ó Historic Clyde downtown banners are also being purchased using 2011 bed tax funds.

2012 Bed Tax Funds

Outgoing Clyde BPA president Becky Brooks presented the board's request for next year's bed tax funds and a budget to the Clyde City Council during its annual budget hearing on Oct. 25. The BPA board proposed using \$17,100 in funds, which is several thousand higher than in past years. Activities that would be funded in 2012 would be Clyde Christmas Fest, Clyde Expo at CHS,

Community Garage Sale advertising, a Bag Lady Tour, more banners and renting storage plus additional advertising and promotions for the community.