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Jefferson clerk reflects on career

BY JON WYSOCHANSKI

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JEFFERSON — Jefferson village Clerk Treasurer Patty Fisher's foray into elected office all began when she was upset about a sewer bill in 1996.

Almost 25 years later she is still in office and will pursue re-election for another four-year term in November. Fisher said she never thought she would stay in elected office as long as she has.

"I questioned my sewer bill and my neighbor was on council," Fisher said. "She suggested running for clerk and I decided to do it. I never thought in a million years I would win."

Fisher said she has only been opposed several times, the last being after her third term.

Prior to entering public office, Fisher did bookkeeping and accounting for K-Mart, where she worked from

1977 to 1996. For a time, Fisher said she also ran a cleaning business on the side.

Though Fisher said she always wanted to go to college to pursue an accounting degree, her obligations to home and children as a single mother prevented her from completing a degree.

"I raised three boys on my own," she said. "I have been divorced since 1999 and I have always worked two jobs."

Over the years, Fisher said she has taken second jobs in retail to supplement her income. Her "second job" these days is with Spring Hill Winery, where she does management and some serving too.

Fisher said divorce is tough, but with it also comes a desire to succeed and "make it." Fisher said she recalls being younger and divorced and having people look at her in a certain way or tell her that she wouldn't make



Patty Fisher is the Jefferson village clerk-treasurer.

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it on her own or that she would need a man to survive.

These days, Fisher said she no longer hears that from anyone. She set a goal to be able to pay for the first year of college for all of her children. By the end of

this year, she will have paid off that goal.

Fisher said she also wanted to make sure she had enough money to retire, so she made a vow to herself that she would never be at retirement age and unable to survive. That is why

she has worked part-time jobs on the side.

"I wanted to prove to everybody that I could do it on my own," she said. "I could support my three kids. I could put them through college, I could make money and I could survive."

For anyone, man or woman, who wants to succeed in life they must be willing to set goals for themselves and do whatever it takes to achieve those goals, Fisher said.

"I set high goals and acted on those goals," she said.

Outside of her role as clerk treasurer, Fisher serves as president of the Jefferson Chamber of Commerce. She also spends a lot of time volunteering within the community for things like the Covered Bridge Festival, a variety of parades and Little League.

Fisher said she is proud of her hometown of Jefferson and she wants others to be as well.

"In my position I hear people complain about things," Fisher said.

"If you want things to change for your community you have to be a part of it. You have to volunteer and put your time in. I want people to be involved in and come back to Jefferson."

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Tax business built from home to office

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ORWELL — Annette Herbster built a successful tax business from the ground up, and it all started years ago when she went to get her taxes done.

Herbster was raised in Mesopotamia and went to college after her youngest child entered kindergarten. She has a bachelor's degree in accounting with a minor in business administration through Trumbull Business College and Bryer State University.

Herbster didn't know she wanted to pursue a business path until she was in her mid-20s. But one day while



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Annette Herbster is the owner of Herbster's Tax Services in Orwell.

having her taxes done she realized she could do the same. "That's exactly how I start-

ed out doing it," Herbster said. "I started working from home in 1988."

Herbster worked from home because she couldn't afford daycare, and it afford-

ed her flexibility as a mother. Eventually she rented office space in 2007 and moved out of her house and expanded her business.

Herbster's Tax Service now has two full-time employees and two seasonal employees during tax season. The company does about 1,000 tax returns per year and also provides bookkeeping, payroll and notary services. Herbster said she loves the work she does and she's proud of the success she's had, though she still sometimes finds herself surprised at how long she's run a solid business and how far she's come.

"In 2010, I purchased this

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Co-op CEO brings diverse background to role

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Centerra Co-op Chief Executive Officer Jean Bratton might not live in Ashtabula County, but as the leader of a major player in agribusiness in northeast Ohio she said the county and its farmers are always on her mind.

Bratton, a Wellington resident, graduated in 1985 from Kenyon College with a bachelor's degree in economics. Later she went on to get her MBA from Boston University-Brussels, where she graduated in 2001.

Her previous professional experience includes Lansing Trade Group (where she worked as director of business development); chief financial officer of the Town and Country Co-op; Newell - Rubbermaid director of treasury and acquisition integration; and The Timken Company where she was an economist and market researcher.

"I started out as an economist at a bearing and steel company," Bratton said. "I was really using my economics degree on industry-specific things."

Eventually, she began doing financial analysis of special projects.

"That was my entry into doing financial



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Jean Bratton, chief executive officer for Centerra, displays a new fuel station under construction in Jefferson.

work," Bratton said. "I went from economics to financial, which ultimately led to a position as chief financial officer."

Bratton said she enjoyed and excelled at the financial end of business, which came as a surprise because she had "absolutely zero finance classes."

"Everything I have learned has been on the

job and mostly through doing projects and trying to figure out what makes a company successful and what could make it even more successful," Bratton said.

Bratton left Centerra's predecessor Town and Country Co-op and went to work for two different grain companies before returning to the newly renamed

Centerra as the chief operations officer and was ultimately named CEO.

"Having that grain experience I think has really helped me in my career," Bratton said.

The businesses Bratton has worked in have all been largely male-dominated, and she said she has encountered some instances where people

are surprised when they learn that she is a woman and the head of a company.

What Bratton said she sees more of in the business than gender differences is generational differences.

"We have very distinct generations in this business," she said. "This next generation is looking for a lot more cooperative and collab-

orative thinking and empowerment. I think women are well-suited for handling that and talking through those issues."

Bratton said one thing people might not know about Centerra is that the co-op is not solely engaged in grain purchase and storage. Quite a bit of the co-op's revenue comes from providing services to farmers.

Farmers might not have a large enough farm to make an investment in their own fertilizing equipment, for example, and Bratton said Centerra offers such services and equipment.

"Every farmer relies on us for different aspects of service," she said.

Another thing people might not know is that almost half of Centerra's business comes from people who aren't farmers, Bratton said.

The co-op has a building materials division located in Jefferson, which provides supplies for do-it-yourself projects as well as professional contractors.

Centerra Co-op has a presence in northeast Ohio and portions of western Pennsylvania in some counties that border Ohio.

For more information on the co-op or its services visit www.centerracoop.com

Young leader in agriculture

BY JON WYSOCHANSKI

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She doesn't live or work on a farm, and she wasn't raised on one, but Jenna Hoyt has the Ashtabula County agricultural community in her heart.

Name

Jenna Hoyt

Age

34

Immediate family

Husband Tom
Brayden and Riley, sons

Job

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Ashtabula County

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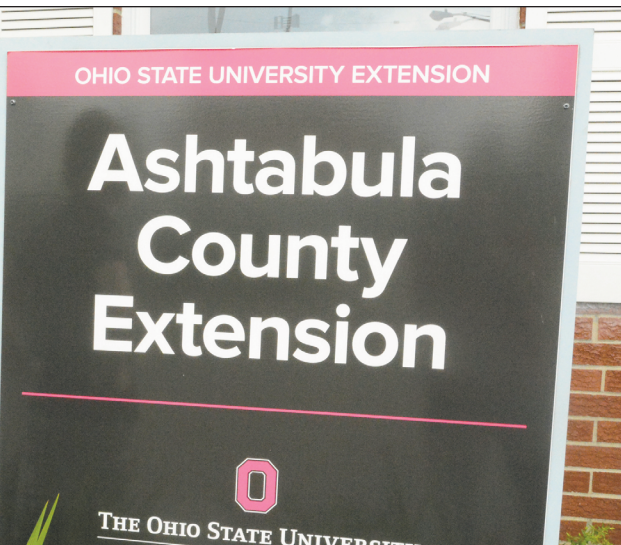
We moved to Northeast Ohio in 2011 for my position with OSU Extension

I grew up in 4-H in Connecticut and after receiving my masters

in agriculture and resource economics, I was looking for a position with Extension.

The Ohio State University has a strong reputation for 4-H Youth Development making it an easy decision to accept a position in Ashtabula County.

Additionally, Northeast Ohio is a great place to relax and have a simpler lifestyle from



that on the east-coast.

Why are you invested in the community?

As an Extension educator and community member, I am invested in our community because it is our job to raise tomorrow's leaders.

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caregivers and it is our responsibility to help them become true leaders.

As a young leader, what do you bring to the table that can make a lasting difference?

I think as a young professional I bring an open mind to new ideas and can serve as a bridge between genera-

tions and issues.

What direction do you see the future of the community?

I see our community headed in a healthy direction

Community members and leaders are working to have a more sustainable and viable community of families and young people who want to live and work in the community.

Tell us something fun or unexpected about yourself.

I don't live or work on a farm and didn't live on one growing up.

We have our share of pets now and also did when I was growing up in 4-H.

I enjoy spending time outside, in the garden, going on hikes, going to the beach and exploring new areas.

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building and I've been at this location since then," she said. "I've been in business for more than 30 years. Sometimes I sit at my desk and I think to myself 'I don't know how this happened or how I got here.'"

Herbster is also an IRS

registered tax return preparer, something she had to sit through class time and study in order to achieve. Being in the tax business involves annual continuing education to keep abreast of the constantly changing tax codes, she said.

"I sat for a test a couple of years ago and

it is a very specific designation that allows me to be registered with the IRS," she said.

Herbster said people don't always expect the owner of a tax business to be a woman. Over the years she has encountered people who were taken aback when they came into the office asking to see

the owner and she told them she was the owner.

One time, Herbster said a former landlord came to their building when they were renting and introduced himself to her husband, who helps out in the business, while disregarding her completely.

"People don't expect a woman to be in

this field," she said. "I think this is common in some technical and legal fields. I think it's still kind of that way and discrimination still exists."

Herbster said despite experiencing such things occasionally along the way, she has always had a supportive husband who has

helped her whether working around the office, supporting the family financially when she was first starting her business or always encouraging her to further her education.

For more information on Herbster's Tax Service, visit them at 327 E. Main St., Orwell, or call 440-437-8838.

County officials focused on jail issue

BY JON WYSOCHANSKI

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JEFFERSON — County Commissioners said they will continue to focus on a number of projects throughout the rest of the year, first and foremost efforts to construct a new county jail.

In the coming months voters will be tasked with deciding whether to fund a new county jail, which the commissioners have been dubbing the community corrections rehabilitation center.

According to a report released at the end of last year by Strollo Architects, Inc., the county will likely need to spend anywhere from \$30 million to \$38 million to either add on to the existing justice center in the parking lot area, or build an entirely new complex on an as-of-yet determined piece of property to house the jail and sheriff's office.

Though changes at the state level in regards to sending fourth- and fifth-degree felony offenders to county jail rather than state prison, as well as ongoing substance abuse issues within the county, have resulted in overcrowding, officials have said the jail is also inefficient.

A new jail could have 290 beds, with 62 being specialized for men-

tal health, medical or substance abuse crises. Architectural firm K2M Design, Inc. received an almost \$600,000 contract to provide design

portunity for residents to get rid of bulbs and batteries, paint and things like that," Kozlowski said.

Another visible proj-

other entities.

Rather than competing against one another over a limited number of qualified job applicants and a limited pool

with Director Nick Sanford, are working with attorneys regarding the potential project.

"They should be connecting with Ashtabu-

said this is not an attempt by the county to take over smaller entities' operations, and if anything were to ever move forward, the county would have to divest interest in its own water and wastewater assets.

'This will provide information on the location, cost of the facility, cost to operate the facility and also renderings of what it will look like on the inside and outside.'

Casey Kozlowski

County Commissioner

services and thoroughly vet potential locations.

Commissioner Casey Kozlowski said K2M Design should have a final report prepared this month, which will represent a "culmination of years of work."

There will be many details about the project that will come with the release of this report, Kozlowski said. There will also be numerous public meetings throughout the rest of the year regarding the project.

"This will provide information on the location, cost of the facility, cost to operate the facility and also renderings of what it will look like on the inside and outside," he said.

OTHER PROJECTS

County residents should soon have a chance to get rid of any junk that a garbage collector won't pick up. Details are being ironed out for a Hazardous Waste Collection Day this fall.

"This will be an op-

port residents will see in the community will be the improvements to the grandstand at the Ashtabula County fairgrounds. With a quarter-million dollars that Kozlowski said was secured through the last state capital budget, residents should be able to enjoy them at this year's fair.

REGIONAL SEWER STUDIES

Commissioners have been exploring a regional sewer district with several entities within the county that currently operate their own sewer districts.

Officials have said that when the city of Ashtabula announced they were going to look at offers for their wastewater treatment plant it spurred discussion about a district because the county shares infrastructure with the city.

A regional sewer district could incorporate not only the city's and county's assets, but could also entail a "collaborative effort" with

of resources, the idea is for the county and other entities to work together.

J.P. Ducro, president of the Board of County Commissioners, said the Ashtabula County Department of Environmental Services, along

with the city very soon to explore some options with them," Ducro said. "But we've also had some other communities express an interest in regionalization. We will pursue these as they come up."

Commissioners have

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Andover lining up funds for projects

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ANDOVER — Village officials are continuing to line up funds for a couple of water and sewer-related projects that should break ground in 2020.

One of the biggest projects in the works is replacement of the Rustic Drive lift station.

The project will be funded through the Ohio Public Works Commission's Small Government Program, said Village Administrator Richard Mead. The \$215,000 project will replace a decades-old lift station on the east side of Andover that serves about 60 to 70 homes, Mead said.

Though the project



One of the village's accomplishments for 2019 is getting the post office to expand service so Andover village residents won't have to go to the Andover Post Office daily.

was originally slated to begin sometime at the end of this year, Mead said he now anticipates it beginning in 2020.

"That's been submitted to Ohio Public Works Small Government grant and it has been approved," Mead said. "We are just

waiting on some final paperwork, so it probably won't kick off until 2020."

In other related business, the village is

working toward making some improvements at the water plant. A filter media replacement — which filters out small, solid particles like silt — and general plant maintenance project is being sought, Mead said, which would likely begin sometime in 2020 or 2021.

"We have applied for a grant not to exceed \$100,000 to see if we can get that done," Mead said. "When it's all said and done all the

filtered media will be cleaned and replaced and all the tanks and plumbing inside the water plant will be painted."

One thing that should be completed this year is long-sought after additional home mail delivery to village residents. By the end of this year, some Andover residents who have needed to pick up their mail at the post office should have home delivery, Mead said.

Councilman Jerry DiBell had pushed for mail delivery for more residents, and the United States Postal Service was ultimately receptive to those concerns.

DiBell had especially pushed to get mail delivery to residents of the apartments at 500 Gates St., where a number of elderly and people with disabilities live.

The post office and property owner are in the process of building a cluster mailbox at the apartment complex, Mead said.

"That project is a full-go," he said.

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Strides being made on Orwell public works

BY JON WYSOCHANSKI

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ORWELL — Village Administrator Joseph Varckette said the village's large scale work at the waste water treatment plant should be complete by the end of the month.

A half-million dollar project to rebuild the headworks at the waste water treatment plant is "almost complete," Varckette said. The rebuild will allow the village to pull debris out of the front end of the plant before it makes its way further into the system and pumps.

The headworks building is up, and only a few minor things like doors and windows need to be finished, Varckette said. The filter screen is in, though it had to be re-designed and re-built.

Workers previously had to manually grab debris and rags from the system, which was

not only time consuming but also a health and safety concern. The project should be finished by the end of July.

"This is a huge upgrade to our wastewater treatment facility," Varckette said.

The village still intends to rebuild a lift station on Staley Road for about \$200,000 using state funds. Officials are in the process of wrapping up an easement agreement with a landowner, and engineering and design of the project is complete.

Village employees will clear the area and a private contractor will then construct the new lift station.

"Once we get the easement resolved we should be ready to go," Varckette said. "It's definitely moving forward."

A couple of longer term projects are also still at the top of the priority list, Varckette said. A storm sewer

assessment to determine how to address some flooding issues in the village will continue.

"There's an ongoing evaluation of specific areas within the village and periodic interaction with an engineering consultant," Varckette said. "It's going to take some time to ultimately have a plan in place, but we are developing a strategy."

Finally, the village is continuing to set aside 20 percent of income tax collections for future capital projects. Village council agreed three years ago to set aside such funds with a goal of having \$700,000 by 2020.

To date, the capital project fund has \$380,000 set aside for specific projects like a new fire truck, police and street department vehicles and a variety of infrastructure projects on buildings and lands.

"What this fund has enabled us to do is actively strategize with

how to move forward with replacing aging equipment and infrastructure," Varckette said.

The village doesn't expect the fund to pay

100 percent for any equipment or projects, but Varckette said the expectation is that it will "significantly reduce" the amount of financing

debt required for various projects.

"This helps our leverage and ultimately our bond rating for any future projects," Varckette said.

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Village decides on several long-term projects

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JEFFERSON — The village has made decisions on a number of long-gestating projects this year.

Former Village Administrator Terry Finger, who retired at the end of June, said one thing residents will continue to see throughout the rest of the year is the removal of ash trees.

In 2018, more than 150 trees were removed. So far this year, 16 trees have been removed with plans to take down another 24. The village has replanted more than 120 disease-resistant trees, Finger said.

“Most of the ash we are taking down now are ones we planted 15 years ago,” he said. “I’d be willing to guess we’ll take down another 30 or so trees this year.”

The village has opted to hold off on replacing



Officials pose for a ground-breaking ceremony in October for the new covered bridge shaped pavilion to be built at Giddings Park in Jefferson, which should be completed for this year’s Covered Bridge Festival.

the community center roof, which had long been leaking, after bids for the project all came back at more than double the expected \$88,000 estimate. The village had been spending about \$4,000 to

\$8,000 for several years repairing leaks that never fully solved the problems, Finger said. This year they decided to spend about \$25,000.

“We abandoned the replacement project because it cost two

and a half times what we thought it would,” Finger said. “We did a repair and put about \$25,000 into repairing what’s up there, and right now we don’t have any leaks. It’s still got to be replaced.”

Phase 3 of a large-scale, \$1.7 million road project for the truck route on Sycamore Street and a portion of Erie Street, will also continue this year.

This phase will cost about \$320,000,

Finger said, which will be paid through grant funds.

“Construction is set to start July 8,” Finger said.

The final Phase 4 will cost more than \$600,000 and will pave more of Erie Street, Finger said, but grants for that portion have not been received yet.

Finally, the village will see the covered bridge pavilion built by the end of summer in time for the Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Festival, and culvert repairs will be done at Poplar Street near the fairgrounds during the fall.

The pavilion, slated for Giddings Memorial Park, has long been on the village’s radar after receiving a state grant for \$100,000 for the project several years ago.

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16-17
Annual Historic Depot Yard Sale
 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the
 Historic 19th Century
 Jefferson Depot Village,
 147 E. Jefferson St.,
 Jefferson.
 Call 440-576-0496.

SEPTEMBER
21-22
Annual Fall Show, Ashtabula County Antique Engine Club
 4026 State Route 322,
 Wayne
 One-day show featur-

ing displays and food;
 two-day flea market.
 Visit www.ashtabulaantiqueengineclub.com.
 Call 440-576-9588.

DECEMBER

7
Jefferson Depot Village Williamsburg Christmas
 3 p.m. at
 Historic 19th Century
 Jefferson Depot Village
 147 E. Jefferson St.,
 Jefferson
 Event includes carols
 and scripture in can-
 dlelight in the 1848
 Church in the
 Wildwood, a live
 nativity and a candlelit
 walk through the
 historic buildings.
 Visit jeffersondepot-village.org.
 Call 440-576-0496.

OFFICIALS: Commissioners continue to focus on a number of projects

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But earlier this year
 commissioners pur-
 chased the Growth
 Partnership building for
 \$337,000 and will soon
 set up shop there. An
 additional \$250,000 is
 being sought through
 a First Energy grant
 and \$150,000 is being
 sought through the
 state capital budget as
 a way to pay for things
 like security fencing,
 electrical and IT work.

BETTER INTERNET
 Bringing more reliable

and stronger high-
 speed internet to rural
 parts of the county
 will be something com-
 missioners continue to
 look at.

Commissioners
 will seek grant funding
 for planning and infra-
 structure, Ducro said.
 Officials are aware there
 is a need, especially
 Commissioner Kathryn
 Whittington who lives
 in an area with no inter-
 net service.

There are efforts
 underway to bring
 broadband to the air-
 port, which Ducro said

if successful could be
 a jumping off point for
 more development in
 that area. The bigger
 goal, however, is to ad-
 dress a lack of reliable
 internet throughout the
 entire county.

“Right now I think
 the goal is to find a
 good planning grant
 that we can apply for
 so we can come up with
 a more coordinated
 plan as opposed to just
 trying to grab infra-
 structure money and
 shotgun approach it,”
 Ducro said.

Whittington said

she was recently in
 Columbus to testify
 about the internet issue
 in Ashtabula County,
 something she plans to
 continue doing.

“We’re still advocating
 for better broadband,”
 Whittington said.

DRUG TASK FORCE

The Trumbull
 Ashtabula Group Task
 Force was dissolved this
 summer, replaced by
 the Crime Enforcement
 Agency of Ashtabula
 County, which offi-
 cials are pronouncing
 “cease.”

The task force will
 consist of members of
 the sheriff’s office
 and Ashtabula, Geneva
 and Conneaut police
 departments, who
 along with assistance
 from the FBI, will
 continue to investigate
 drug crimes, gangs, fire-
 arms, drug traffickers
 and homeland security
 issues.

Whittington, who
 worked with local law
 enforcement on the
 creation of the new
 county-centric task
 force, said she is proud
 to have played a “criti-

cal role” in the forma-
 tion.

There will be eight
 officers from Ashtabula
 County as opposed to
 two under TAG, and
 Whittington said the
 community will see
 results from the work.

Commander
 Greg Leonhard has
 said he expects weekly
 warrants to be execut-
 ed.

“Multiple jurisdic-
 tions have put into this
 task force with the buy
 in and dedication of
 officers,” Whittington
 said. “The collaboration

PARKS AND RECREATION

There are a myriad of outdoor recreational activities to enjoy throughout the year in Ashtabula County, which is a largely rural county and the largest in Ohio by land size.

PROPOSED 2019-2020 HUNTING SEASONS

Deer archery

Sept. 28, 2019
Feb. 2, 2020

Youth deer gun

Nov. 23-24, 2019

Deer gun

Dec. 2-8, 2019
Dec. 21-22, 2019

Deer muzzleloader

Jan. 4-7, 2020

Hunting any wild animal (except waterfowl) from 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset during the youth deer gun season, deer gun season, and the deer muzzleloader season is unlawful unless the hunter is visibly wearing a vest, coat, jacket or coveralls that are either solid hunter orange or camouflage hunter orange.

This requirement applies statewide on both public and private land.

For more information on hunting seasons and licensing information visit ohiodnr.gov.

FISHING LICENSES

All anglers 16 and

older must have a fishing license in Ohio. Licenses can be purchased at the Ohio Department of Natural Resources website ohiodnr.gov.

YOUTH LICENSE

Persons under 16 years of age are not required to purchase a fishing license.
Resident Youth Lifetime License \$430.56

RESIDENT LICENSES

Resident
1-Day License \$11
Resident 1-Day Lake Erie Charter Fishing License \$11
Resident 1-Year Upgraded from a 1-Day License \$9
Resident 1-Year License \$19
SOURCE: Ohio Department of Natural Resources

PARKS

Graham Road Covered Bridge, Benson Family Park in Pierpont Township

Graham Road Bridge is a covered bridge that formerly spanned the west branch of the Ashtabula River in Pierpont Township.

It was built from the remnants of a former covered bridge that was damaged in a flood in 1913.

The bridge now sits in an Ashtabula County Metropark along the south side of Graham Road, near its original site, and is open from

dawn to dusk

Parking is limited and there are no restrooms. (4646 Graham Road, Pierpont Township)

Lampson Reservoir Metropark

Jefferson
The Lampson Reservoir is located about three miles east of state Route 45 on state Route 307 in Jefferson.

This 162-acre park is open dawn to dusk and has a portable restroom, open trails and a fishing pier. (1259 Route 307, Jefferson)

Pymatuning Valley Greenway Trail

This trail will link Dorset Township to the Pennsylvania state line.

Pymatuning Valley Greenway stretches from Dorset Township to Williamsfield in Ashtabula County.

The trail is an undeveloped rail trail that was purchased by the Metroparks in 2004 with Clean Ohio Funding.

Western Reserve Greenway Trail

The Western Reserve Greenway is a paved rail-trail extending 44 miles through Ashtabula and Trumbull counties in northeast Ohio.

Ashtabula County is home to 27 of these miles, stretching from the city of Ashtabula southward to the county line where it continues for 17 miles into

Trumbull County.

For more information on any of these parks or trail maps visit www.ashtabulametroparks.com.

Pymatuning State Park

Pymatuning State Park is 3,512 acres located at 6030 Pymatuning Lake Road in Andover

This state park offers boating access to Pymatuning Lake, home to a number of game fish.

Picnicking, swimming and camping are also available, as are hiking trails.

Eyring Wetlands

52 acres
906 Mechanicsville Road, Austinburg, one mile north of Cork-Cold Springs Road

Primitive trails featuring wetlands and foot trails for bird and wildlife viewing and photography, with potential educational opportunities.

Also includes a small pond with diverse flora.

Morgan Swamp

1,400 acres on Callender Road in Rock Creek.

One of the largest, privately-protected wetlands in Ohio. Provides hiking, fishing, wildlife-viewing and picnicking opportunities.

RECREATION

Jefferson Community Recreation Center

The recreation center, 11 E. Jefferson St.,

offers youth and adult programs throughout the year including soccer, T-ball, music, karate, arts and crafts, dance and fitness classes.

Call 440-576-9052.

Orwell Community Park

North Maple Street, Orwell

Offers basketball courts, tennis courts, baseball/softball fields and picnic pavilions

General Chaffee Memorial Park

North Maple Street, Orwell
440-437-6404

Offers picnic pavilion, children's slides and swings, a Civil War memorial and General Chaffee Memorial

Grand River Canoe

3825 Forbes Road, Rock Creek
440-813-0413

A private business that rents canoes or kayaks on the Grand River

Holiday Camplands

273 Pymatuning Lake Road, Andover
440-293-7116

600 acres
Private camping next to Pymatuning Lake

Ashley Moores Stables

1269 Doyle Road, Jefferson
440-576-8949

Available for horse riding camps, lessons, parties and reunions

Kenisee Lake RV Campground

2021 Mill Creek Road, Jefferson
877-570-2267
Fishing, hiking trails, family activities and more available for rent

Wildwood Acres Campgrounds

6091 Marvin Road, Andover
(440) 293-6838

Dorset Wildlife Area

1,080 acres
3560 Footville-Richmond Road, Dorset
(440) 685-4776

The area is open to use by sportsmen and nature enthusiasts for hunting, trapping, bird watching and other wildlife viewing, outdoor education, berry picking and hiking

No fishing is available.

GOLF

Ashtabula County has numerous golf courses that are open to the public

Andover Golf Course

5762 State Route 7
Andover
(440) 293-7155

Hickory Grove Golf Club

1490 Fairway Drive, Jefferson
(440) 576-3776

Maple Ridge Golf Course

8921 Center Road, Austinburg
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