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## Port Authority to provide additional funding for trade school project

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■ COLUMBIANA COUNTY

LISBON – The Columbiana County Port Authority has agreed to provide additional funding needed for the New Castle School of Trades project to go forward in East Liverpool.

Port Authority Board Chairman Charlie Presley said they were able to work out a tentative deal to the satisfaction of the bank helping finance the project, with formal approval to occur at the board's Oct. 19 meeting.

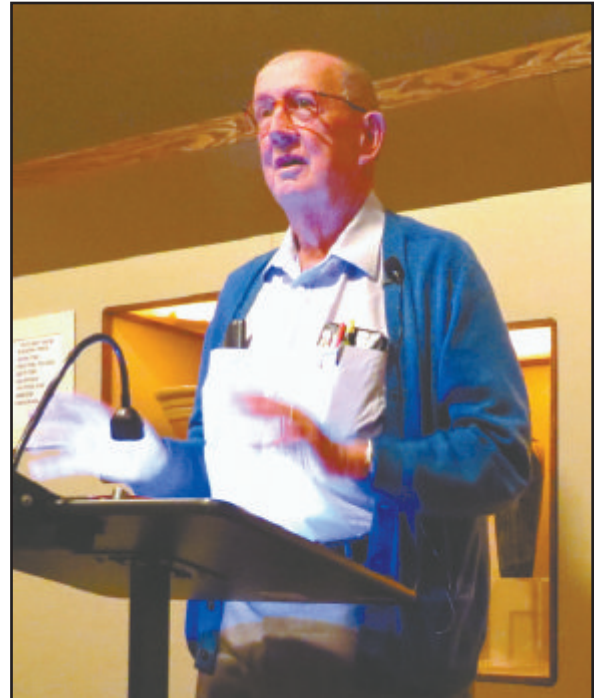
The project calls for the New Castle School of Trades (NCST) to locate a vocational school in the downtown East Liverpool, which obtained \$350,000 for the project

from the state. The city has also committed \$55,000 toward the project from its Community Improvement Corp., while county commissioners are also contributing \$45,000.

The private developer is also expected to contribute an estimated \$5 million to rehabilitate the buildings chosen for the project.

Presley said he learned about 10 days ago the project had a funding shortfall that needed to be addressed immediately because of a Sept. 30 project financing deadline

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East Liverpool attorney Jackman S. Vodrey speaks at Saturday's 35th anniversary party for the Museum of Ceramics. Vodrey is secretary-treasurer of the Museum of Ceramics Foundation and the father of museum Director Sarah Webster Vodrey. (Photo by Stephen Huba)

## Museum of Ceramics celebrates 35 years

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EAST LIVERPOOL – Reflecting on the man most responsible for the opening of East Liverpool's Museum of Ceramics 35 years ago, Jackman S. Vodrey said Saturday that his father always regretted not working in one of the city's famed potteries.

"I had worked at Sterling China and Wellsville China, and he always envied me for that," Vodrey said, speaking at the museum's 35th anniversary party on Saturday.

Notwithstanding that lack of personal experience, the elder Vodrey, who died in 1979, is acknowledged as the financial and inspirational force behind the museum's opening in 1980, Jack Vodrey said.

"My father was a Renaissance man, and he really loved history," he said.

Although Bill Vodrey did not live to see the museum open, his memory dominated Saturday's anniversary event.

George M. Kane, of the Ohio History Connection (formerly the Ohio Historical Society), said it was Vodrey who first suggested the idea for a museum in 1967, when he was president of the Ohio Historical Society's Board of Trustees. And he identified the old East Liverpool post office as a potential site.

Jack Vodrey stood in for his father and helped cut

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## LAST GOODBYE



U.S. Navy personnel place an American flag over the casket of Seaman Dalton A. Frye following Saturday's funeral at Nixon Funeral Home in Newell. Frye died of an apparent heart attack Sept. 26 after collapsing during a training exercise. He was buried with military honors at Shadow Lawn Memory Gardens. (Photo by Stephen Huba)

## Family says goodbye to 'hero' Frye

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NEWELL – Saying goodbye to their 19-year-old son for the last time, the parents of U.S. Navy Seaman Dalton A. Frye used Saturday's funeral to reflect on the kind of man their boy had become.

Others joined them in telling stories about the "high-spirited," "positive" and "goofy" Oak Glen High School graduate who, on Sept. 26, died after a Navy training exercise in Virginia Beach, Va.

"We all wish we lived our lives the way Dalton did. He always had a heart of gold," said his father, Jack Frye, of Newell.

"Dalton always had a hug ... and a smile," said his mother, Cindy Frye, of Newell.

The parents confronted the pain of suddenly losing their son with the help of hundreds of relatives and friends who attended Saturday's funeral service at Nixon Funeral Home in Newell.

Director Mitch Nixon invited those in attendance to share stories and memories of Frye, a young man who enjoyed playing video games, fishing

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A board posted at Nixon Funeral Home displays photos of Dalton Frye, a Navy seaman who died Sept. 26 and was buried on Saturday. (Photo by Stephen Huba)

■ EAST LIVERPOOL

## City prepares for income tax changes

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EAST LIVERPOOL – Preparing for anticipated changes in state income tax collection laws, City Council's finance committee on Tuesday reviewed legislation bringing its own ordinances into compliance.

The ordinance forwarded for council's consideration pertains to establishing a local board of tax review to hear appeals of tax-related cases.

Although a three-member tax review board already exists in the city, new state code sets down some different qualifications for those appointments, according to finance Chairman Sherrie Curtis.

Under the new code, a three-member board is required, with two members appointed by council and the third by the mayor. Alternates may also be chosen, but Curtis said, "We haven't gotten to that point yet."

The law allows the appointing authority to decide whether members of the board are required to live inside city limits, but the committee is not recommending that requirement.

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# OBITUARIES

## Willie J. Jones Jr., 84

EAST LIVERPOOL — Willie J. “Spike” Jones Jr., of Erie Street, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2015 at the East Liverpool City Hospital. He was 84.

Born in Humboldt, Tenn., June 21, 1931, he was a son of the late Esther Jones. Willie worked at the former Crucible Steel Company until 1982. He also worked at Mountaineer Resort, Pioneer Pottery, and was a self-employed electrician and for many years owned and operated his TV repair business, Jones’ TV Repair on Mulberry Street.

A veteran of the U.S. Army, he served in Korea where he earned two Bronze Campaign Stars.

A member of the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, he served the church as a Deacon. He also was a member of the Crazy 8 Club and was the treasurer of the Tri-State Black History Museum.

He was preceded in death by his wife Cassie Allen Jones on Nov. 29, 1996. On July 11, 1998 he married Marsha Porter Jones of Wellsville.

In addition to his wife and mother, he was also preceded in death by a son, Jimmie “Moose” Jones, and two brothers, Rev. James Curry and Ed Jones.

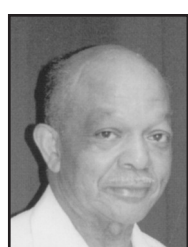
A sister survives, Teresia Carr and her husband, William, of Tenn.; a niece Loretta Farmer and her husband, Curtis, and a great-niece Stephanie Farmer all of Tenn.; a niece Loretta Martin and her husband, Jerry, of Colo.; 2 nephews: James Curry and his wife, Peggy, and Rev. Tom Curry and his wife, Justine, all of Colo.; three step-children: Jay Eugene Porter and Fern Porter both of Wellsville, and Brian A. Porter I and his wife, Kimberly, of Columbus; a daughter-in-law Janice Jones of Tenn.; a sister-in-law Cynthia Curry of Colo.; three grandchildren: Tifney “T.T.” Jones of East Liverpool, Jimmie Jones and his wife, Casey, of East Palestine, and Mark “Munchie” Jones of East Liverpool; as well as 13 great-grandchildren, 9 great-great-grandchildren and 2 step-grandchildren, along with many additional nieces and nephews and a god daughter Taylor Fair.

Friends may visit Monday evening at the Dawson Funeral Home where the family will be present from 6-8 p.m. Rev. Roland L. Owens, Sr. of the church will conduct a funeral service Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Oak Grove Cemetery in Industry, Pa. where the Tri-State Veterans Burial Group will conduct military honors.

Following the service, friends and family will gather at the Dawson Family Center for fellowship.

View Willie’s memorial webpage and express condolences online at [www.dawsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.dawsonfuneralhome.com).



# Obama: No more temporary spending bills, budget deal needed

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama said Friday he won't sign another temporary government funding bill after the current one expires Dec. 11, insisting that congressional Republicans and Democrats work out a long-term budget deal with the White House.

Obama said such a deal should lift a freeze on the budgets of both the Pentagon and domestic agencies. Speaking at a White House news conference, he said he "won't sign another shortsighted spending bill" and asserted that the U.S. can't cut its way to prosperity.

On the so-called debt limit, which needs to be raised above the current \$18.1 trillion cap by early November, Obama said he won't repeat a 2011 negotiation over companion spending cuts that brought the nation to the brink of a first-ever default on its obligations.

"We're not going back there," he said.

## WASHINGTON

Neither position was new or surprising, but the president's statements came after Capitol Hill was roiled by the resignation of House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio. He decided to leave Congress after a revolt among tea party forces who wanted him to use a temporary spending bill to force Obama to take away Planned Parenthood's federal funding. The same conservatives generally opposed lifting tight caps on spending set by the 2011 budget deal.

Talks on spending were just beginning and were expected to focus on finding long-term cuts elsewhere in the budget to permit higher spending on the day-to-day operations of government agencies. Agreement will be difficult, in large part because of a lack of politically easy spending cuts and disagreement over how to use any money from the cuts.

Four years ago Obama agreed to spending cuts in exchange for getting a \$2.1 trillion debt limit increase through Congress. Since then he has twice refused to negotiate over the debt-ceiling issue and Congress has lifted the debt limit both times with sweeping support from Democrats.

Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew informed Congress on Thursday that it needs to act by Nov. 5, earlier than most on Capitol Hill had thought. The issue probably will need to be dealt with before Boehner leaves at the end of the October.

Obama said that Boehner's resignation, which has sparked GOP infighting in a handful of House leadership races, complicates the situation. But Boehner says he would like to clean out Congress' barn of as much unfinished business as possible and he may have more leeway now that he doesn't have to worry about tea party lawmakers demanding his scalp.

# Changes

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Curtis said while it is the committee's intent to find local people to serve on the board, sometimes it is difficult to find volunteers to serve on boards and committees.

Committee member Bill Hogue said the main issue is confidentiality, saying information the board hears regarding tax appeals is not public information.

"We need people who are fair

mindful, have good judgment and are discreet, so they don't spread people's tax business all over town," Hogue emphasized.

Curtis commended tax Commissioner Linda Harpold for her work on the changing tax code, saying, "We are ahead of the game, and most of that is thanks to Linda."

Deputy Auditor Marilyn Bosco said the city's budget hearing with

the county was held last week and Treasurer Linda Bolon had advised caution due to the tax budget showing a deficit.

Bosco said, however, the contract with a Cleveland firm to collect delinquent income taxes, the proposed police levy and the New Castle School of Trade economic development project offer some hope for increased revenue.

# Museum

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the ribbon when the museum was dedicated on May 31, 1980.

East Liverpool Historical Society President Timothy Brookes said he also was there that day. By the time of the Tri-State Pottery Festival that summer, it was so hot that visitors to the museum "would go outside to cool off," he said.

Today, the museum, most of whose collection is on permanent loan from the historical society, is fully air conditioned. The museum also recently completed its "Access? All Right!" project, in which an elevator and handicapped-accessible restroom were installed.

Brookes said historical society

members Harold Barth and Jack Lanam, as well as curator William Gates, were critical to the early success of the museum.

"The historical society has had an incredibly beneficial relationship with the museum over the years," he said.

Also speaking Saturday, Homer Laughlin China Co. historian David Conley said the museum helps preserve the defining industry of East Liverpool — an industry whose precipitous decline is still difficult to explain.

"I've often wondered what happened that (the potteries) dwindled so far," he said, noting that the num-

ber of companies dropped from 32 in 1900 to five in 1964.

While most people attribute that decline to the Great Depression or the proliferation of cheap imports from Asian countries, Conley said it also had to do with innovations in the industry itself.

Conley said many potteries could not successfully make the transition from the traditional bottle kiln to the continuous-firing tunnel kiln of the 1920s.

"I think that was very difficult," he said. "All the potteries that had the financial resources to do it, converted. The others went away."

# Project

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with a bank. This was after East Liverpool Mayor Jim Swoger and a representative from the development firm working with city met with county Commissioner Mike Halleck on Sept. 22 to inform him of what was going on.

The newspaper asked for any correspondence that may have resulted from the meeting, and commissioners provided a copy of an email from Better City, the development firm working on the project for East Liverpool. The email stated further deterioration of downtown buildings being considered for conversion into the NCST had created an estimated \$500,000 financing shortfall.

Presley said he and board member

Keith Chamberlin, who make up the port authority's executive committee, met with project officials on Sept. 25 and afterwards agreed to cover the shortfall.

Diane Ksiazek, the port authority's finance director, was instructed to work out the details to meet the Sept. 30 deadline and she was successful. "Our verbal commitment was enough," Ksiazek said, adding officials on both sides are working on putting the agreement in writing for the parties to formally approve.

Presley said although Mayor Swoger and the Better City representative had apparently contacted the port authority prior to this, the board was unaware of the funding

request until now.

"The board was unaware of any of this until last week ... There had been discussions, but they weren't with us. When it arrived on our desk, it had eight days left," he said.

The port authority is currently without a director, having declined to offer a new contract to CEO Tracy Drake, whose contract expired Sept. 30. Drake and his wife have since moved to Florida, and he did not attend the Sept. 21 board meeting.

Presley said he is glad they were able to help, especially given the circumstances. "We're just happy we were able to keep the project alive," he said.

# Frye

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and envisioning a life of military service in the Navy.

"I loved Dalton very much," said his paternal grandfather, Kenneth Frye, of Chester, who was unable to go on after just a few words.

"This is not just any life, but the life of a sailor, a son, a brother, a soon-to-be dad," said his fiancée, Zoe Case, of Shippingport, Pa.

A 2014 graduate of Oak Glen, Frye was a completer in electronics technology at the John D. Rockefeller IV Career Center. He enlisted in the Navy two months later and was enrolled in the Data Link Communication System Maintenance School. A story in the Navy Times said he was scheduled to graduate on Monday and report to the USS Ramage, a destroyer, to deploy as part of the USS Harry S. Truman carrier strike group.

While nearing the end of a 1.5-mile run on Sept. 24, Frye collapsed and had to be taken to the hospital, the Navy Times reported. He had passed his two previous physical readiness tests with no issues and was not on any weight or physical

remedial programs, the Times said.

Frye died two days later at Sentara Virginia Beach General Hospital. The cause of death was an apparent heart attack.

Newell friends and family lined up on Washington Street to welcome Frye home on Wednesday. On Saturday, their grief spilled over into stories about fishing, squirrel hunting and camping.

Jack Frye said he took his son squirrel hunting when he was 7 or 8 and ended up getting a lesson in compassion. One of the squirrels they shot was a "baby" that Dalton insisted on burying.

When they got home, Dalton grabbed his little sister, Alexis, and they put the squirrel in a shoe box. "He said, 'You gotta say a prayer,' so we grabbed hands and said a prayer," Jack Frye said.

The young Dalton never hunted again.

"He was a great boy. He was the best son anyone could ever have," he said. "Cindy and I couldn't be more proud of Dalton. He made us so happy in life."

Cindy Frye recalled looking through Dalton's old elementary school projects and finding an assignment in which Dalton said what he would do as president of the United States. "If I was president," he wrote in second grade, "I wouldn't allow people to litter."

Zoe Case described her fiance as a gentleman, a patriot and a hero.

"His head was held so high when he wore his uniform," she said.

Case said she most remembers the way he treated her. "The way he danced with me in public. The way he walked on the outside of the sidewalk and held my hand," she said.

Several people spoke of his ready hugs.

A woman who identified herself as a "Navy mom" told the family that thousands of people are praying for them.

"When you gave Dalton to the Navy, you became part of another family," she said. "We are grateful for his sacrifice, for his dedication."

Dalton was buried in Shadow Lawn Memory Gardens with military honors.

# DEATH NOTICES

## Shirley Marino

BLOOMINGDALE, Ohio — Shirley Dian Kennedy Marino, 84 of Bloomingdale, Ohio passed away Thursday, Oct. 1, 2015.

She was born Sept. 17, 1931 in Wellsburg, W.Va. the daughter of the late Benjamin Zane Kennedy and Martha Elizabeth (Lyle) Kennedy Young.

She was a member of the Wintersville Jehovah Witnesses and had served as a private duty nurse for home health care.

She is survived by her husband, Frank Marino; sons, Paul Matthew Duchin of Toronto, Edgar Lee Miller of Steubenville and Timothy Eugene Duchin of Columbus; daughters, Shirley Wilma Miller of Brilliant, and Kimberly LaRue of Wintersville; 13 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6 at the Clarke Funeral Home, Toronto. Services will follow at 8 p.m. at the funeral home with Elder Terrence Smith conducting services.

# SERVICE SCHEDULE

**Sarah A. Ulbright** — 11 a.m. Monday at Nixon Funeral Home. Visitation 6-8 p.m. today at funeral home. Burial in Locust Hill Cemetery.

**Thomas Burson** — Visitation 2-4 p.m. today at Oliver-Linsley Funeral Home.

**Matthew Brewer** — 1 p.m. Monday at Wellsville First Christian Church. Burial at Spring Hill Cemetery. Visitation two hours prior to services Monday at the church.

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