

Information for the Village of Bolivar Residents

## **From The Mayor**

Greetings, it has been a long, cold winter and I for one am ready for spring and some beautiful sunny days. In February I presented to council and the public in attendance a "State of Bolivar" address. The following is some highlights from that presentation.

The current State of Bolivar is good, but we must be cautious. Our hope is to be realistic and provide proper vision for our future by watching our monies and understanding that by investing in infrastructure and the maintaince of existing structures, our future will continue to be bright. We have begun to explore more grant funding sources and will continue to look for other revenue sources as needed.

Accomplishments in 2013:

- ❖ A new metal roof was placed on the Roy Parks Library to replace the shingled roof and correct some leaking issues in the building.
- ❖ The towpath trail project downtown was completed. Our goal is to connect with Stark County Parks system in the future.
- ❖ The garage expansion was completed allowing us the ability to house all of our large equipment and provide additional storage space.
- ❖ Officer Chad Hilty was hired full time in May and promoted to Sergeant in October. He works our evening shift and provides that extra level of protection that was requested by our voters.
- ❖ Remodeling in our Clerk's/Tax Administrators office was completed along with the painting of the councils chambers and Police Headquarters.
- ❖ The Street Department oversaw several paving projects including widening King Street and the Bolivar Street extension.

On a final note the complete engineering drawings are finished for the Down Town Beautification project. Our goal is to begin the bidding process in the winter of 2015.

Looking toward 2015 and beyond we must develop some type of plan to replace our aged water lines. We will begin to look at grants and low interest loans to achieve this. Discussion has taken place as to the need for water meters and the impact of such a measure. The majority of grants are dependent upon having metering in place. Metering would also reduce some residents sewer rates because it would provide a more accurate picture of their water usage.

Lastly, new businesses are moving into our village. Island Palm Winery is open and the new Dairy Queen and Bell store should be completed by Memorial Day. Wilson Company who provides piping for the gas and oil is doing well and the Bolivar Art Gallery continues to offer a touch of refinement by providing a place for local artists to display their art for purchase and offering classes for both students and adults. Many other businesses in our village continue to thrive and are greatly valued.

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## **Upcoming Events in Bolivar**

- ❖ May 1 Arbor Day Celebration with the preschool of the Wesleyan Church of Bolivar
- ❖ May 26 Memorial Day Parade and Celebration
- ❖ June 7 Queens Ball and Princess Recognition at the Wilkshire Banquet Center
- ❖ June 12, 13, and 14, Tenth Annual Bolivar Strawberry Festival
- ❖ July 17 Summer Spectacular sponsored by Bolivar Main Street and The Bolivar Art Gallery: Car Show, Lions Club Chicken BBQ, and Film Festival

# It all began with Elizabeth Carver



*The photo and caption as it appeared on Friday, September 17, 1976 in the Marietta Times.*

**WINNING DOLL HOUSE** - This ten-room colonial dollhouse, compiled and exhibited by Mrs. Elizabeth Carver of Marietta, was the audience choice winner at last weekend's first bicentennial doll show at Hermann Fine Arts Center. It took two years to collect, and will be a gift from Mrs. Carver to her granddaughter, Melissa.

**M**y mother, Elizabeth Carver, spent years collecting and making little things for her 11 room colonial dollhouse that looks a lot like the home she lived in as a child. It is on a turn-table and the other side is complete with doors, windows, flower boxes and landscaping. Her house was such a crowd pleaser because it contains so many homey touches. The dollhouse was a gift to her granddaughter, four-year-old Melissa Carver.

There was a time in my life that creating dollhouses became a welcoming outlet. Like my mother, I loved the attention to detail as you will see when you visit Elizabeth's Dollhouse Museum.

My collection spans 30 years with a total of 50 dollhouses. Starting with my childhood home (a former chicken coop), Victorian style homes, antique tin two story, Anna Grace's town house, Meadow Lane farm, Bower's old country store, Abe Lincoln's Springfield home, Sherlock Holmes apartment building and even a Southwestern stucco, just to name a few.

Look closely and you will see tiny toys, elaborate tubs and vanities, beautiful furniture, miniature tea sets, shoe collections, country kitchens, hand painted table sets, a millinery display. Even Rapunzel letting down her hair!



## Elizabeth's Dollhouse Museum

**Elizabeth's Dollhouse Museum  
is located inside Wilkshire  
Banquet Center**  
474 Jeanne Anne Lane  
Bolivar, Ohio

*We are always delighted  
to show our museum to both  
individuals or groups.*

*Also ... a warm WELCOME  
to bus and tour groups!*

*• Since we have elaborate, delicate  
displays, a child under the age of  
12 needs to be accompanied by an adult.*

*Call today to get details about  
quick or long range  
appointments and fees.*

*- Contact Martha at -*

**330-447-9710**

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**T**oday the dollhouse collection has found a home inside the Wilkshire Banquet Center at 474 Jeanne Anne Lane, Bolivar, Ohio.

The vast majority of the dollhouses were created by Martha Simon. Several other houses have been donated to the collection by individuals who wanted to share their work. As an example, there is an opera house, a customized Chantilly by Martin Pertican of Canton. Martin has built over 90 dollhouses. Also a one room school house built by the Tillotson's of Strasburg. A blue and white two story enjoyed 30 plus years ago by Dr. McDonnell with his daughter, Kari.

Some of The Dollhouse Museum patrons include women's clubs who enjoy lunch at local restaurants and visit for the afternoon. Fervent miniaturists have traveled from Cleveland, the Carolina's, and California, as well as many local residents. Martha loves to share her wealth of knowledge and skills with all who enter.

Be sure to include Elizabeth's Dollhouse Museum on your list of things to see. *You won't be disappointed!*





# 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Bolivar Strawberry Festival



The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Bolivar Strawberry Festival will be **June 12th, 13th and 14th**. We are excited to have been a part of this yearly event for the past 10 years and are looking forward for many more years to come. In honor of our 10th year we have planned something wonderful for our community. On June 7th at 6 pm we will have a Queens Ball and Princess Recognition; this will be a dress up event with great music, food and fun. Tickets for the event can be purchased from Dick Lebold by calling 330-575-3889 or Rebecca Hubble at 330-874-8519. Ticket costs are \$25 per person ages 11 and older and \$12.50 for ages 5 to 10.

As always we are in need of nominees for our Bolivar Strawberry Festival Queen, the nominees need to be 65 years of age or better and live within the Bolivar zip code area. Application forms, can be obtained at the Bolivar Library or contact Rebecca Hubble.

The festival will again feature two areas of entertainment. The South Stage located at Tuscarawas and Canal Street and the North Stage located at the corner of Cherry and Canal Streets. The South Stage will again host the Bolivar Idol on Friday and Saturday nights and the Southern Gospel Singspiration on Thursday night each of these will begin at 7pm. As always the Queens contest and Princess Contest will take place at this stage. At the North Stage we will have musical entertainment and the (Beer Garden).

We will also have a variety of good food and amusement rides along with crafters and businesses. The Bolivar Fire and Truck Parade will take place at 4:00 pm on Saturday. Come enjoy the floats, antique cars, horses, marching units and other parade participations. For more information on the Parade or the 5k run please contact Curtis Seward at 330-407-0142 or [bolivarfire5k\\_parade@yahoo.com](mailto:bolivarfire5k_parade@yahoo.com).

The Festival is a Bolivar Main Street activity and supported by several area corporations.

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As I close the future is ever present, but we should not forget our past. Our village has a great legacy. My fear is that as we go about our daily lives we will lose sight of such a rich heritage and our younger generation forgets or is not afforded the opportunity to hear the stories of our past. In 2025 the Village of Bolivar will celebrate 200 years. My hope is to establish a museum celebrating our heritage and past life changing events that has made Bolivar what it is today. I would respectfully ask that our citizens would also see the vision, allowing the village to have a home to keep artifacts and photos of years past. Through donations of interested villagers and grants this vision can become a reality, but I need your help. Come to village hall or call so we can explore this great idea together preserving our heritage for years to come.

Finally I could not close without thanking the following people: Bolivar Village Council, Village Administrator and Police Chief Randall Haugh, Sergeant Chad Hilty, part time patrolman and part time street laborer Mark Myers, our auxiliary, Street Superintendent Dave Franks, Water Operator Chuck Williams, Clerk/Treasurer Maria App, and Attorney Jillian Daisher. These individuals have gone above and beyond to serve, protect and maintain our village this past year and I am greatly indebted to you. I also would like to thank you our residents for intrusting us to act on your behalf. Your thoughts and concerns are always welcomed.

Sincerely,  
*Mayor Rebecca Hubble*

**Questions regarding the upcoming Tusky Valley School Levy have been asked by several residents and here is a brief synopsis of the reasoning for the importance of the levy.**

On May 6, each of us has an important decision regarding the future of our children's education. Tuscarawas Valley Local Schools is a wonderful school district with devoted teachers and staff, talented students, loving parents and families, and a supportive community.

With levy passage, it is important to RESTORE:

- Transportation Services: Though not required by law, busing for students in grades 9-12 is a desired service for our students and families.
- Instructional Time: It's important to restore teaching and learning time at TVMS lost with busing cuts.

With levy passage, TV Schools remains COMPETITIVE:

- Academics: TV Schools rank in the top 20% of all Ohio public school
- Student Services
- Facilities: Our facilities range in age from 86 to 18 years old. Constant care and upkeep are required to maintain safe and educationally sound school buildings and classrooms.

“Why does the district need additional money to operate? What has the school district done to be responsible stewards of taxpayers' dollars?” Here are the following facts:

- State Funding Cuts—state funds to TV Schools have been cut each year since 2010.
- Increased Expenses—everything costs more to operate today.
- Big Cuts—the district has already cut 27 positions and \$1.7M from its budget, a cumulative savings of about \$13M since 2005.
- No More Cuts—further cuts of an additional 17 teachers and staff will hurt our students' education.

Darrell and Brenda James states, " We love our school and I urge residents of Bolivar, and all Tusky Valley community members, to vote FOR the TV Schools emergency operating levy on May 6, 2014."

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## From the Street Department

### Lawn and Garden Sprinkling

Lawn and garden sprinkling and irrigation will be permitted April 1 through November 1 each year. Lawn and gardening devices can be used 8:00 am to 9:00 am and 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

### Open Burning

Open burning in the village is prohibited by Ord. #275. Several complaints were taken regarding this matter last year. **Warnings will be issued and fines will be given out.**

### Hydrant Flushing

**Hydrants will be flushed April 18.** It is possible there may be discoloration in the water. (It is recommended that laundry should **not** be done at this time.)

### Compost

Compost will be picked up at the curb every Monday, weather permitting. Compost should be placed in open containers, not in bags. **Please do not mix trash with compost.** Weight of the container should be considered since there will only be **one individual** picking up the compost. Please bring the container to the edge of the road. Curbside composting is a special service provided to our Village. Please be mindful of this when filling up the containers.

## Energy Aggregation Issue on May 6 ballot to save resident money

The State of Ohio General Assembly passed legislation allowing Ohio to become a deregulated state, and at least when it comes to electricity and natural gas Ohio consumers can now purchase those two commodities from providers other than a traditional utility company.

On May 6 all of Lawrence Township (including Bolivar) will have the opportunity to vote in favor of creating a blanket opt-out government aggregation program designed to save money for the township's residential and small business electric and natural gas consumers while also offering zero early termination fees.

According to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) website, Ohio's laws allow for communities – political subdivisions such as townships, villages, cities, and counties – to form aggregated buying groups on behalf of their citizens. Over 400 communities in Ohio have formed aggregation programs.

“Many homeowners do not understand energy aggregation; they look to their elected leaders,” said Scott Belcastro, Trebel, LLC. “Any political subdivision can now go out and negotiate for all of its residents. For example in the Village of Sunbury their aggregation program resulted in a guaranteed 15 percent off of American Electric Power's generation and transmission charges – and that's a guarantee.”

For additional information about Trebel LLC and energy aggregation services contact Scott Belcastro via email at [scott@electricssuppliers.org](mailto:scott@electricssuppliers.org), or phone 877-861-2772. Trebel LLC, is based in Westerville, Ohio, and located on the World Wide Web at [www.trebelllc.com](http://www.trebelllc.com).



## Have you seen the yellow box???

Planet Aid is a 501©3 nonprofit organization that collects and recycles used clothing and shoes to protect the environment and support sustainable development in impoverished communities around the world. Planet Aid was started in 1977 in the Boston area and today recycles millions of pounds of used clothing nationwide every year.

When you drop off your unwanted items in one of the easily located yellow drop boxes, you divert them from our landfills and make our environment a greener place to live. Our village yellow drop box is located in the Canal Street Park beside the Santa Clause house. Let's fill it up and help others in need. Thank you for your support.

## It's that time again - SUMMER READING!

The Tuscarawas County Public Library-Bolivar branch would like to invite everyone to join the Summer Reading Program this coming June, July and August. The theme this year is **Fizz! Boom! Read!** Miss Jessica and the Bolivar branch staff challenge everyone to read 12 hours or more this summer, *think you can do it?*



Also with the summer reading programming and fun activities on site at the library, Miss Jessica would like to remind everyone of two fun facts! One, the Bolivar library will have a booth at the Strawberry Festival with face painting and balloon animals, all FREE to the community! Two, this is the 15 Year Anniversary for the Water Street location. Mark your calendars now, *Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> from 5PM-8PM* is a family fun open house for the WHOLE Bolivar community.

There really is Something for Everyone @ Your Library; come Live.Learn.Grow with us! The Bolivar Branch Library location is 455 Water Street SW (across from the Fire Station), our phone number is 330-874-2720, for more information go to [www.tusclibrary.org](http://www.tusclibrary.org). HAPPY READING!!!!!!

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