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Obama energy policy concerns utility

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On President Barack Obama’s pledge to regulate power plants’ carbon output

Electric provider: Consumers’ bills could see \$50 monthly increase

By RANDY McCLAIN
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The Bartholomew County rural electric co-op has joined utility industry criticism of President Barack Obama’s pledge to regulate power plants’ carbon output, saying a rush to make the Environmental Protection Agency set standards for coal plant emissions could raise the average

consumer’s electric bill by \$50 a month.

“The president’s proposal will make electric power more expensive, causing families and businesses to sacrifice more on top of all the other uncertainty in our national economy,” said Jim Turner, general manager and CEO of the Bartholomew County REMC, which serves nearly 10,000 members in

Bartholomew County and parts of Jackson, Jennings and Decatur counties.

Earlier this week, Obama set out a revamped climate agenda, seeking to breathe new life into priorities dealing with carbon emissions and air pollution.

The president said he’s directing the EPA to develop standards to cut power plant emissions because it’s

beyond dispute that human activities, particularly carbon emissions, are causing global climate change.

“Right now, there are no federal limits to the amount of carbon pollution that those plants can pump into our air,” Obama said. “None. Zero.”

To reduce emissions, power companies nationwide that rely on coal-fired plants

would face the options of installing expensive pollution-control equipment, limiting plants’ operating time or shuttering them entirely. The president hopes to clamp down on what he called “the limitless dumping of carbon” into the atmosphere from electric power plants.

Calling the president’s

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Greased LIGHTNING



That’ll do pig

WHAT: Greased Pig Contest
WHEN: 7 p.m. July 12
WHERE: Grandstand at the Bartholomew County 4-H Fair
Registration: Friday through July 10 at the fair office. No more registrations accepted after 60 teams reached.
Participant cost: \$30 for three-person team
Classes: Class 1 (combined ages not to exceed 40 years), Class 2 (combined ages not to exceed 60 years), Class 3 (combined ages total 61 years and older)
Prizes: First place, \$250; second place, \$150; third place, \$50. Audience member who makes best pig sound wins \$25.



Fair aims for repeat of pig-catching popularity

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EMMY Frederick and her teammates came up with a three-step plan as they sized up the fenced-in, muddy enclosure at last year’s Bartholomew County 4-H Fair. Corner the pig. Grab the pig. Win. It sounded simple. But the first-time Greased Pig Contest turned out to be more difficult than they and other teams expected, contributing to an all-around wiggly, squiggly good time that drew a crowd

and became the fair’s surprise hit of the year.

Fair board members will try to recapture that magic with the same event during this year’s fair, which runs Thursday through July 13 at the 4-H Fairgrounds, 750 W. County Road 200S.

The fair will include traditionally crowd-pleasing fare such as project exhibits, farm animals, midway rides, food booths, a pedal tractor pull and two demolition derbies.

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TOP: ANDREW LAKER | THE REPUBLIC, LEFT: SUBMITTED

Top: Nichole Hall, left, and Emmy Frederick, 15, help Ethan Hall, 5, lead a stubborn dairy calf to the show ring July 7, 2012, at the Bartholomew County 4-H Fair. Left: Megan Purdue, left, Morgan Meier and Maddie Steinweddle were among participants in the first Greased Pig Contest last year at the Bartholomew County 4-H Fair.

New GOP trustee elected

Columbus native aims for ethics, efficiency

By JOHN CLARK
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Columbus Township Republicans have chosen Ben Jackson to be the new township trustee, replacing Fred Barkes, who resigned.

Township precinct committee members needed four rounds of voting Friday to choose a winner.

Jackson, 44, most recently worked as a lead driver and scheduler for a trucking company, and is a Columbus native.

Jackson said he has been active in the local Republican party since 1984, when, as a teenager, he volunteered to help with President Ronald Reagan’s local campaign.

“I walked into Republican headquarters

“I am glad the party is getting young, fresh faces involved.”

Columbus Township Republican trustee Ben Jackson

On his new position

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Area reacts to decision on marriage

By BORIS LADWIG
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Reactions ranged from elation to mixed feelings and worries from Columbus business and community leaders to this week’s U.S. Supreme Court’s decision to extend the same federal rights to legally married same-sex couples.

In a 5-4 decision, the court struck down part of a federal anti-gay marriage law, the Defense of Marriage Act, or DOMA, and put legally married gay couples on equal federal footing with all other married Americans, allowing them to receive the same tax, health and pension benefits.

Cummins Inc., Bartholomew County’s largest employer, welcomed the decision.

“Cummins believes that treating all people fairly and equally is the right thing to do, and we are pleased to support the rights and liberties of all our employees,” Vice President and General Counsel Sharon Barner said in a news release.



SHARON BARNER

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COMING SUNDAY
Pacheco Winery plans to open in next few weeks



CORRECTION

The Republic misidentified a Columbus North football player in a photo on Page B3 of Friday’s edition. The player was sophomore Mitchell Kelley.

CLARIFICATION

Columbus Mayor Kristen Brown will conduct a town hall meeting with Ninth Street Park area residents at 2 p.m. today at the park as part of the Ninth Street Park Neighborhood Celebration. The information was not included in a schedule of events on Page A12 of Friday’s Republic.

OBITUARIES A7

Shane Edward Carter, 29, Lexington
Joann Sebastian Daily, 77, North Riverside Drive
Frances D. Drake, 99, Columbus
Ruth K. Weber, 91, North Vernon

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