

Discard food exposed to contaminated waters. If refrigerators or freezers have been contaminated with water, discard its contents. If no water entered these appliances, but power was lost long enough for foods to thaw, discard all partially thawed foods unless prepared immediately.

Throw out milk, cheeses and other foods prone to spoilage. Completely thawed meats and vegetables should be discarded without question. Discard all bulging or leaking canned food and any food stored in jars. Intact cans without dents can be cleaned with a bleach solution before use.

The following cleaning guidelines may help prevent the transmission of disease and reduce property loss:

■ Discard any contaminated objects that cannot be thoroughly washed or laundered.

■ Thoroughly dry carpet, wood, dry wall, insulation, mattresses and anything else touched by flood water to prevent mold.

■ Wash contaminated surfaces and objects with warm, soapy water and then disinfect them with a bleach and water solution made 1 cup of bleach to five gallons of water. For objects that would be damaged by bleach, use a home or laundry disinfectant.

■ Make sure to read and follow label instructions. Do not use ammonia. Ammonia vapors mixed with bleach vapors create a toxic gas that could be deadly.

Other information on flood safety and cleanup guidelines can be found at [www.fultoncounty-healthdept.com](http://www.fultoncounty-healthdept.com) or [www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/floods/index.asp](http://www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/floods/index.asp)

program for Fulton County families needing assistance with school supplies.

The Pack to School program helped 1,100 Fulton County students start the school year off with needed school supplies last year. "Our goal is to set all students up for success by ensuring they have the necessary supplies to start off the school year," says Tante Lovins, Resource Development and Community

der and age appropriate hygiene items as well as a backpack and school supplies. The program is open to students attending any Fulton County school district in grades kindergarten through 12.

Fulton County families interested in this free program should contact United Way of Fulton County at 419-337-9606. The deadline to apply for this program is Wednesday, July 8.

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## Automatic mutual aid agreement signed

### 180th will cover portion of township automatically

Staff Report

Swanton Township and the Village of Whitehouse Fire Department recently signed an automatic mutual aid agreement with the 180th Fighter Wing Fire Department for a portion of Swanton Township north of Mondlova Road.

There has been a mutual aid agreement in place for some time, however this makes it an automatic response, according to Jeff Michael, Swanton Township Trustee. If there's a call, the 180th responds without being called by the Whitehouse Fire Department.

The 180th Fighter Wing has a fully trained fire department and the latest in firefighting and extrication equipment, Michael said. The Air National Guard's 180th Fighter Wing

is regularly called upon to provide aid during area emergencies.

In January 2014, the Swanton Township Trustees contracted with the Village of Whitehouse and Spencer Township fire departments to split coverage. Having the 180th Fire Department located in the township is like having our own fire department, Michael said.

Currently, the 24-member department has six firefighters on duty at all times, trained to deal with structural and aircraft fires, hazardous materials, EMS and technical rescues. "They're some of the best trained and best equipped in the area," said Michael. "The 180ths extrication equipment, 4,000-gallon water tanker, and air cart to refill tanks are invaluable, especially in dealing with rural fires and accidents."

Swanton Township is excited and thankful to have the very best in fire and rescue services that the area has to offer, he added.

For questions about this story or others contact 419-335-2010 or email to [tsenews@civitasmedia.com](mailto:tsenews@civitasmedia.com).

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Wear older, comfortable clothes as you'll be working with oils. Class fee: \$5 per student. Supply fee: \$20 per student. All supplies provided. Registration is required.

The program is July 23 from 6-8 p.m.

### Retirement questions

Cheryl Witt, Information and Referral Specialist from the Fulton County Senior Center, will be at the Swanton Public Library the third Thursday of each month this year from 10 a.m. to noon. The dates are July 16, Aug. 20, Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19 and Dec. 17. Make an appointment

- 11:30 a.m. on Thursday mornings - July 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. Class fee is by donation, with proceeds benefiting the library. Bring a yoga mat and bath towel and wear comfortable clothing.

### Free Knitting Instruction

Knitters of all skill levels are invited to meet with instructor Kathy Queen at the library to learn new techniques, share ideas and just have fun knitting together. Daytime knitters meet Mondays, July 6 and 20 from 1:30 - 3 p.m. The evening group will meet on Wednesdays, July 8 and 22 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. All skill levels are