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Congratulations to the Swanton School System and the committee of caring citizens who campaigned to ensure the passage of the operating levy. It is reassuring to know that a majority of voters do support our schools. Let us not forget that everyone, whether young or old with or without children in school, benefits from a stable school system and that schools are perhaps the most important factor when a family is considering a move. Excellent school systems usually define excellent communities.

I also congratulate our newly hired School Superintendent, Jeff Schlade. Jeff is a native of Swanton, having acquired his public education here, and returns to lead Swanton Schools in an enthusiastic, positive direction. I have spoken with Jeff and we are planning to work together along with the principals and teachers in any way we can to instill community pride and responsibility in our young people through joint programs that will benefit our town and help shape the students in civic minded ways.

The Swanton Corn Festival begins with the "All Class Reunion" at 8:00 PM Friday night in Memorial Park. The committee has been working hard throughout the year to bring another fun weekend event to us. Festivities continue Saturday morning at 10:00 with the parade beginning at 10:30 at the corner of Brookside and North Main. The Swanton Corn Festival Parade has a history of being a well organized and interesting parade with many floats and bands, and it will be this year as well. There will be announcers at The Chamber building and also on West Garfield. Be early to get a good spot and bring a lawn chair.

On Tuesday this past week I attended a meeting of the LEPC. This is the Local Emergency Planning Committee for Fulton County. The board is comprised of representatives from EMS, Police, Fire, the Fulton County Health Center, The Fulton County Red Cross, The Fulton County Health Dept, and I am representing government. The people serving are experts in their career fields, and bring great experience to the vital planning necessary to respond to any emergency situation large or small. I look forward to learning and assisting in this effort.

Remember that you can access village information on two websites, www.villageofswantonohio.us and fcnews.org. See you at the Corn Festival!