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RecycleMania kicking off at OU

The eighth annual RecycleMania, a recycling competition between universities, kicks off Jan. 27 and runs through April 5.

RecycleMania is the brainchild of Ohio University Recycling Manager Ed Newman and Stacy Edmonds Wheeler of Miami University in Oxford, who started a friendly recycling competition between their respective schools in 2001, in an effort to increase recycling at the two campuses. Now schools from all across the nation participate.

There will be a RecycleMania Pep Rally featuring OU President Roderick McDavis and Rufus the Bobcat on Tuesday, 7 p.m., at the Convocation Center on Richland Avenue.

The pep rally will be held during halftime of the men's basketball game. A "Dance Your Trash Off" will be held Feb. 1, 8-11 p.m., in Ballroom B of Baker Center. Guests are expected to incorporate recyclable material into formal wear and walk the red carpet.

Dog tag deadline is approaching

Athens County Auditor Jill Thompson is reminding dog owners that the last day to purchase 2008 dog license without penalty is Thursday.

Dog tags cost \$28, or \$14 if the animal is spayed, neutered or exempted. The price doubles after Thursday.

Dog licenses can be purchased at the Athens County Auditor's Office or the Athens County Dog Shelter. Applications are also available on the auditor's Web site at www.athenscountyauditor.org.

Property bordering Wayne may get help

Landowners with property bordering the Wayne National Forest could be getting additional financial and technical assistance for management of their forest resources.

There is a goal of a memorandum of understanding that has been signed between the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Forest Service, and the Ohio Division of Forestry.

The agreement also is expected to enhance collaboration between the agencies, and facilitate the exchange of technical expertise and the development of an annual work plan to improve forest lands, according to a news release from the U.S. Forest Service.

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