

My Prospective
January 2010

Greetings district residents,

This is the first installment of My Perspective for 2010. I hope everyone had a great year in 2009, and are hoping for a great new year in 2010. I would like to catch you up on the news for the district.

* Water Resource Update: Cornish Creek expansion is now complete and we have permission from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to pump up to 25 million gallons of water per day. This is in line with our growing population.

* Newton County Juvenile Court has accepted a \$36,562.00 grant to promote the Safe and Stable Families Program. This program is to stabilize at-risk teenage girls and their mothers, and to build their strengths and family relationships. It pairs the female participants with strong female mentors and role models.

*The Board approved a task order for SR 212 and Oakhill Road to get a traffic system. This is a very dangerous intersection and the traffic light will be a tremendous plus for the flow and safety of commuters.

* Breaking ground for the new Wal-Mart Super Center is taking shape and the silk fencing is in place. We hope that the store will be finished by March 2011. It will provide up to 400 jobs for the district.

There is a New Food Lion that will be located at SR 20 and Oglesby Road behind the Sonic Restaurant. They have a sign out front that details the opening and employment information.

* I would like to tell you about the Bonnie CLAC (Car Loans and Counseling) Foundation. It administers a program to help the working poor improve their finances, and find affordable and fuel-efficient vehicles. Since the year 2001 the foundation has helped over 1200 people, mostly women, with poor or no credit histories find reliable affordable cars. However, before they are given the keys they must take a six- week course to get "financially fit" on goal setting, budgeting, credit and smart shopping. They work beyond just getting them a new car...they work on helping people build their lives. I invite you to visit their website www.bonnieclac.org or call them at 1-(866)455-2522.

Wishing you a good January,

Commissioner Simmons

