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REPORTING NEW CONSTRUCTION & DESTROYED PROPERTY

LISBON, OHIO – Columbiana County Auditor, Nancy Milliken, is currently updating new construction in Columbiana County and property owners are reminded of their statutory obligation to report new buildings and improvements.

The State of Ohio revised its law in 1992 pertaining to land improvement reporting. Anytime new property owners make improvements or partake in any building projects costing \$2,000 or more, they have an obligation, dictated by the State of Ohio, to notify the County Auditor's Office. This should be done within 60 days after start of construction.

Ohio law (Ohio Revised Code 5713.17) indicates that the County Auditor's Office needs the following information from the property owner:

1. An estimate of the cost of the building or improvement.
2. A description of the lot or land with owner's name, street address, and parcel number.

Failure to report new construction can carry a 50% penalty for each year of neglect, up to five years, in reporting the construction. To avoid facing a sizable tax bill along with a heavy penalty, compliance should be made with the law.

Likewise, any buildings that have been removed, or plan to be removed from the property should be reported, only, by obtaining a 'destroyed property form' from the auditor's office.

As a convenience to taxpayers, property information may be obtained by logging into the county's web site, <http://oh-columbiana-auditor.publicaccessnow.com/>, or by visiting the Auditor's office, to make sure that land and buildings are listed correctly on their property card.

Property owners are encouraged to contact the real estate department of the Auditor's Office in the county courthouse, 105 South Market St., Lisbon, OH 44432, or call 330-424-9515 ext. 1008 for further assistance. Submissions may also be made by email at the following address: auditor@columbiancnyauditor.org.