



Agency Happenings

Tri-County CLS Honors its Oldest Worker



Maxine Wingo (right) celebrates her 95th birthday with her pastor (left) Rev. Settle Townsend, Jr.

On Wednesday, November 21, Tri-County Community Action Commission of Champaign, Logan and Shelby Counties had a special luncheon to honor Maxine Wingo who was celebrating her 95th birthday!

Ms. Wingo has been working for Tri-County CLS for 28 years through the Experience Works program. She currently works at the Patterson Avenue Café in Bellefontaine, a meal site for senior lunches, where she is the meal site monitor. She is responsible for reserving and cancelling participant meals, completing daily meal temperatures and counting client contributions. She also calls homebound seniors and reminds them to take their medication. She thinks that the Senior Nutrition program is a wonderful and needed service in the community. She is amazed at how the program has grown over the last two decades and is glad to be a part of such a good program.

Ms. Wingo was born in Dayton, Ohio and moved to Bellefontaine in the 1930s, graduating from Bellefontaine High School in 1936. She then pursued her artistic talents and worked for 40 years at Hadley's Studio in Bellefontaine, serving as an oil painting artist and teacher. She was married to Robert Wingo, a Calvary Army Staff Sergeant in World War II, for over 50 years. Longevity runs in Maxine's family, as her maternal grandmother lived to be 102 years old, also residing in Bellefontaine.

The celebratory luncheon was held at the



State Rep. Dorothy Pelanda recognizes Maxine during her birthday celebration

Gathering Place in West Liberty, a quaint restaurant in the center of the historic downtown where Tri-County CLS runs part of its Senior Nutrition program. During the luncheon, Tri-County CLS Board Chair Robert Notestine spoke and presented Ms. Wingo with a book that included letters of birthday well wishes from the Champaign County Commissioners, Governor Kasich, Congressman Jordan, U.S. Senators

Portman and Brown, and President Obama. Representative Dorothy Pelanda attended the event and made a few remarks while presenting Maxine with an official letter of recognition. Kent Kahn Director of Ohio's Experience Works program also spoke. Tri-County CLS Executive Director Denise Birt, who organized the event, presented Ms. Wingo with a framed and autographed photo of President Obama and his family.

It was a lovely event and chance to honor Ms. Wingo and be thankful for the elders in our lives before the Thanksgiving holiday.



Tri-County CLS Board Chair Robert Notestine reads the many letters of well wishes Maxine received.



Maxine unwraps her present, an autographed photo of the First Family.