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For immediate release (not later than August 1, please):

2010 Class of Hancock Senior Leadership Now Forming

If you are retired or semi-retired and would you like to learn more about your community while

- Meeting key people...
- Visiting interesting places...
- Examining challenging issues...
- Enhancing your quality of life...

Then the Hancock Senior Leadership Class of 2010 is for YOU!

Now in its second year, Hancock Senior Leadership (HSL) is a community awareness program designed to develop informed, motivated and committed retired and semi-retired persons to assume leadership roles within the Hancock County community. It is co-sponsored by the Hancock County Agency on Aging and Findlay/Hancock County Chamber of Commerce and is patterned after the highly popular and successful Hancock Leadership and Hancock Youth Leadership programs.

Albert and Linda Laux, retired teachers and members of the inaugural class found the experience to be enlightening and inspirational, stating, *"Even though we have lived in Findlay for over 35 years, we learned a lot about local government, the court system, local businesses, and new service opportunities, while meeting other retirees and sharing ideas. Being part of HSL is a very rewarding experience."*

The main objectives of Hancock Senior Leadership are:

- To develop and empower mature adults to assume new leadership roles which contribute to the well being of the community
- To acquaint participants with the area's assets, challenges and opportunities
- To provide a forum to broaden mature adult citizens' knowledge of the community through presentations, interactive discussions and tours.
- To provide an opportunity to meet new friends who share the same intellectual curiosity and commitment to our community

Classes will meet each Tuesday for nine weeks, from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM beginning September 14 through November 9, 2010. Program topics include: Orientation and History of Hancock County; Energizing the Area Economy; New Challenges & Directions in Public Education; Social Services; Justice and Safety; Arts and Recreation; Local Government/Citizen Synergy and Health Care.

Registration forms are available from:

- Findlay/Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, 419-422-3313
123 E. Main Cross St., Findlay, OH 45840
- Hancock County Agency on Aging, 419-423-8496
339 E. Melrose Ave., Findlay, OH 45840
- Online at the Agency on Aging's website: www.HancockSeniors.org
- The Findlay-Hancock County Public Library

- Maile Doyle, HSL Facilitator at mdoyle@woh.rr.com or by calling 419-426-0669 (cell) or 419-423-6711 (home)
- John Urbanski, Executive Director, Hancock County Agency on Aging at 419-423-8496 or jurbanski@hancockseniors.org

The deadline for registration is August 15. Hancock Senior Leadership is filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Fees for the eight week session are \$200/person or \$300/per couple (spouse, friend, relative, co-worker or other partner). Registration forms and payment should be returned to either the Findlay/Hancock County Chamber of Commerce or Hancock County Agency on Aging. Checks should be made payable to “The Chamber Foundation.”

For additional information, contact HSL Facilitator Maile Doyle or John Urbanski.

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