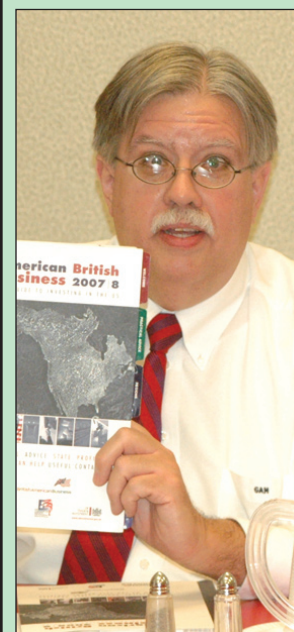


This week  
in the  
Community  
Post



Fort Loramie  
boys close  
out season in  
regionals plus  
spring sport  
previews on  
pages 11A-  
14A.



VALU class  
hears about  
Auglaize  
County's  
economic  
development  
page 2A.



Read more  
about the  
Council on  
Aging's new  
Vet2Vet  
program in the  
Golden Years  
section pages  
6A-9A.

## K of C hosts Food for Thought

By Allison Roorda  
Community Post

MINSTER – Sunday dinner on March 22 included shredded chicken, bacon-wrapped fish bits, marinated pork and chocolate covered strawberries at the Food for Thought Food Show.

“This started out as a way to bring money in to support our charities,” explained Vernon Bergman, creator of the event. “We have a number of charities we donate to.”

Proceeds from the event went toward the Minster Knights of Columbus charities. The Knights of Columbus also support several priests, provide scholarships for local students and support summer reading programs at local libraries.

“Plus, we wanted to show off the hall,” Berg-

man said of the Minster K of C Hall, which recently got a new floor. “And to give the area caterers and vendors a chance to show their wares.”

There were 13 local vendors and caterers displaying their samples at the Food Show, including Haus Der Eleganz, Bella's, Wagner's IGA, The Spot, Speedway Lanes, Inn Between, Howell's IGA, Creative Catering, The Wooden Shoe, Cake Confections, Fireside Pub, Pilazzio and Tastefully Simple.

“Everybody was so excited to come, nobody told me no,” said Kathy Stricker from the K of C Event Planning Services. “Everyone has been so generous.”

As well as donating a variety of food samples,

See FOOD, Page 5A



Photo by Allison Roorda

Eva Stewart, 4 years old, helps distribute complimentary Dannon Smoothies at the Food for Thought event last weekend.

## Minster Bank helps students learn about money

By Jessica Honigford  
Community Post



Photo by Jessica Honigford

Minster Elementary School second graders learn how employees at Minster Bank count and sort large sums of money with the new machine the bank purchased last October. The students toured and learned about the bank last week.

MINSTER – Starting in 2010, Ohio schools will have to include financial literacy in their students' curriculum. The Minster Bank recently reached out to local schools as a resource for the schools and students, according to Krista Beyke, Minster Bank's marketing manager.

“How this started is obviously we have lots of kids coming in to open their first savings account and they just aren't quite sure how everything works,” Beyke said.

Through tours at the bank and other informative sessions, bank employees are available to teach students financial lessons based on their age.

“There's bank statements, budgets, deposits, expenses, interest [and] savings,” Beyke said. “There's all kinds of different resources that are out there that we've been teaching to the schools.”

Beyke added the bank has been offering tours and lessons to students in grades first through eighth. Last week Minster's second grade visited the bank to learn about how the tellers' jobs, how the money is counted and various security aspects of the bank including safe deposit boxes, the vault, and the machine bank

See BANK, Page 2A

## Minster council makes final baby pool decision

By Allison Roorda  
Community Post

MINSTER – After tabling the issue for the past few meetings, the Village of Minster Council made a final decision on the long-debated baby pool addition to the Minster pool on Seventh Street.

“We really need to make a decision on this tonight,” declared Village Administrator Don Harrod at the March 17 meeting.

The Shinn Brothers won the bid for construction of the project. The bid expired on March 18, so Harrod encouraged the council to make a final decision at the meeting.

“I thought the only reason we were waiting is because of the budget,” Nicole Clune commented. “The first few months have come in, and it hasn't

been the gloom and doom we thought.”

The council tabled the baby pool issue during the previous meeting, on March 3, until members received a definitive cost of changes needed to be made to the pool to make it compliant with the VGB Act. Changes to the pool are limited to installing compliant drain covers and eliminating one valve. Harrod estimated that the cost of the improvements to the pool should be under \$5,000.

“My problem is this is a project that should've been done already,” said Steve Kitzmiller. “We've got a lot of projects coming up. I just think that we said we're going to do this, so we need to do it. The people are expecting it now.”

See COUNCIL, Page 5A

## Minster girls CYO advance to state



Photo provided

The Minster Senior Girls' CYO basketball team defeated Wapakoneta St. Joe on Sunday, March 1 by a score of 35-34. This win advances the Minster team to the State CYO Basketball Tournament to be held on March 21 and 22 in Canton. The players on this team are Jessi Bruns, Kelly Dahlinghaus, Emily Freytag, Maria Huber, Kelsey Philipot, Paige Prenger, Lynn Sherman, Stacey Sherman, Kate Vondenhuevel and Emily Winner. The coaches of the team are Nancy Monnin and Mark Huber.

Strong. Stable. Secure.

Here today. Here tomorrow. Minster Bank.



Minster Bank...Now more than ever your **best choice**  
for Trust and Investment Account Services.

- Locally operated and managed
- Unmatched personal customer service
- Because we're independent, we work with the best world-class money managers.
- We can create a personal plan, then help you implement the plan to achieve your individual financial goals.



**MinsterBank**  
Financial Solutions for a lifetime

1-866-MINSTER  
www.minsterbank.com

Minster ▪ New Bremen ▪ Sidney ▪ St. Marys ▪ Troy ▪ Wapakoneta

Investment and Insurance Products: Not a deposit. Not FDIC Insured. Not insured by any federal government agency. May lose value. No bank guarantee.



# VALU class learns about county's economy

By Allison Roorda  
Community Post

Hope is not lost! The changing economy has forced changes in both business and administrative features in Auglaize County. The Auglaize County VALU class learned more about these changes during its economic development tour on Thursday, March 19.

One such change has been the unification of economic development throughout the county. The new Auglaize County Economic Development Coalition was created with the benefit of all Auglaize communities in mind. The Coalition is described as a cooperative effort between the communities of Auglaize County and the county government to promote economic development of Auglaize County. Their website is [www.auglaize.us](http://www.auglaize.us).

"We basically pool our resources to promote the county with the goal that if something comes to the county, it will benefit all of our communities," said Karen Mauch, New Bremen Village planner.

"A big part of our job is information," Wapakoneta Area Economic Development Director Greg Myers said. "Letting people know what we have available."

Among the plans to expand is Wapakoneta's venture in expanding industry to a 700-acre site at US33 and I-75. According to Myers, Auglaize County's

relative good fortune in the failing economy will hopefully lure industrial investors to Wapakoneta and the county in general.

"Ohio now has the lowest tax-rate, especially in terms of business investments, for all the Midwest states," explained Myers. "So we're very competitive."

Jeff Eschmeyer, New Knoxville Village administrator, is also very positive about his community and the new progress in economic development.

"I can't explain enough how great it is to be working with these people," announced Eschmeyer of Mauch and Myers. "We're really excited in New Knoxville because we're at critical mass and we think we're going to see the kind of growth we haven't seen yet in New Knoxville."

Mauch explained a highlight of 2008 was when Ohio won the Governor's Cup for the third consecutive year. The Governor's Cup recognizes states with the most new or expanded capital projects in the previous year. Within Ohio, Auglaize County ranked No. 8 in the nation for investment among areas with a population of less than 50,000.

"Despite the news that you hear, money is being invested in Ohio and in Auglaize County," announced Mauch. "The existing companies are finding opportunities to expand and be successful."



Photo by Allison Roorda

Karen Mauch and Jerry Good both spoke during the VALU class' panel luncheon last week.

Jerry Good, Ohio Region 3 development director, is also very positive about the future of Auglaize County as well as Ohio in general. Region 3 covers the eight counties of Mercer, Auglaize, Van Wert, Allen, Hardin, Paulding, Putnam and Hancock.

"I think it's very important in these economic times that we remember this is not the first time the U.S. has been through this," said Good. "I'm not trying to minimize the effect the hard times have had on local businesses, but I think it's important to see that we will come out of this. Building relationships and working together is critical."

Good also mentioned plans to strengthen the

area's strengths in Ohio's state stimulus plan, including plans for advanced energy, such as solar, wind and renewable energy sources. Such plans are exemplified by Minster Machine Company.

"Minster is one of the companies in our region that has been sensing that their company is changing," Good announced. "After a year-long study, they decided they were really capable of manufacturing wind turbines. The Minster Wind division is the poster child for opportunities in renewable energy."

Minster Machine has been changing in recent years despite its strong roots in local families. Since its conception in 1896, Minster Machine

has been in the same family for four generations.

"For 100 years or so, we thought of ourselves as a metal forming corporation," explained Brian Styer. "We make metal presses and that's it."

When capital goods started falling in demand in 2001, the company transformed its forge into a separate company named Midwest Industrial Casting. Minster Machine turned into a press making company to a manufacturer of "very large machinery, highly engineered, one at a time."

"We're doing whatever we have to," Styer announced. "At the end of the year, the left side has to equal the right side. We are very actively engaged in renewable energy, and

that's what's hot right now."

Minster Machine is dialoging about more opportunities in the wind energy market and hoping to manufacture turbines.

"That would be an exciting thing for Minster Machine and for this area," said Styer.

Despite the positive outlook and advances for the future, struggles remain in the present. The Minster Machine plant is currently on 32 hours per week, but Styer described the process of budgeting Minster Machine for the new times. By eliminating excess rags and mats on the floor, Minster Machine saved \$20,000 to \$30,000 a year by budgeting the areas of mats, rugs and uniforms.

## Bank

From Page 1A

employees call "Tillie."

"It's very important because it makes them aware early on before they have those habits starting to set in," Beyke said. "To instill those values when their a little younger, hopefully that carries through throughout their life time."

Minster's second graders asked questions during their tour such as "What happens if someone comes in early to try to get into the vault?"

Employees assured the students only a select number of people can get into the vault, and only during certain hours.

Beyke said Julie Uhlenhake has been the key player in instrumenting financial lessons for the area students.

"She's been instrumental in taking this program off the ground," Beyke said.

Uhlenhake is the cost center manager and the training coordinator at the bank's

Minster office.

One thing is for certain, the students learned the importance of money and that it doesn't grow on trees. "Money is expensive," one student commented as the class continued its tour.

Photo by Jessica Honigford

Minster second graders learn about the process of the bank drive through, including "Tillie," the money counting machine at Minster Bank.



# School lunch menus for the week of March 30

## Fort Loramie

Monday: Cheeseburger, french fries, mandarin oranges and a baked item.

Tuesday: Hot dog, Spaghetti-o's, applesauce and a baked item.

Wednesday: Pepperoni sub, tater tots, mixed fruit and a baked item.

Thursday: Chicken patty sandwich, tortilla chips w/ cheese sauce & salsa, pineapple and an oatmeal chocolate chip cookie.

Friday: Cheese pizza, green beans, fresh fruit and bread sticks w/ pizza sauce.

## Marion Local

Monday: Ham sandwich, tater tots, pineapple and fruit snack.

Tuesday: Mozzarella melt, lettuce,

peaches and a cookie.

Wednesday: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, mixed fruit and peanut butter and jelly bread.

Thursday: Chicken noodle soup, carrots, crackers, cinnamon rolls and pears.

Friday: Fish sandwich, potato chips, baked beans and applesauce.

## Minster

### Elementary School

Monday: Domino pizza, broccoli and pineapple delight.

Tuesday: No School

Wednesday: Ham & cheese sandwich, au gratin potatoes and peaches.

Thursday: Chicken fajita sub sandwich, corn, applesauce and ice cream.

Friday: Cheese quesadilla, potatoes

and pears.

## Middle School

Monday: Domino pizza or sloppy Joe sandwich, green beans and pears.

Tuesday: No School

Wednesday: Shredded chicken sandwich, mashed potatoes, pineapple and a cookie.

Thursday: Hot pockets, carrots, applesauce and breadsticks.

Friday: Frish sandwich or grilled cheese sandwich, peas and peaches.

## High School

Monday: Crockpot pizza, corn, pears, garlic toast and a cookie.

Tuesday: No School

Wednesday: Chicken nuggets or Popcorn chicken, green beans, mixed fruit and bread or Crispy chicken salad.

Thursday: Sloppy Joe or tenderloin sandwich, potatoes, peaches and Doritos.

Friday: Cheese quesadilla or cheese pizza, applesauce and breadsticks.

## New Bremen

Monday: Hamburger sandwich, fries, cheese slice and pears.

Tuesday: Pepperoni melts, baby carrots and turnovers.

Wednesday: Chicken strips, roll, corn and sherbet.

Thursday: Stuffed crust pizza, succotash, applesauce and a cowboy cookie.

Friday: Egg & cheese omelet, French toast sticks, potato triangle and a banana.

**Going Out Of Business!**  
**Last Day March 28!**

**LADIES Final BLOWOUT BRIDAL**

**Add'l 75% OFF Storewide**

**Intuition Boutique**  
Galleria Shopping Center, Celina • 419-584-1221  
Hr.: Mon. & Thurs: 10-7; Tues., Wed. & Fri.: 10-6; Sat.: 10-3

**FOWLER'S TV ST. MARYS — THANKS YOU!**  
FOR VOTING US "BEST PLACE TO BUY ELECTRONICS" IN A 2008 SURVEY BY READERS OF *The Wapakoneta Daily News* AND *St. Marys Evening Leader* FIVE YEARS IN A ROW!

**1 Block N. of Hospital, 1301 E. Spring St.**  
**419-394-5316 email: info@fowlerstvnc.com**

**Stop In & See The NEW SONY LCD Flat Panel TV's**

**SONY Over 50 Years in Business**  
KDL52XB6

**WE SERVICE WHAT WE SELL WELL**  
**Hours: M & F 9-8; T, W, TH 9-7, Sat. 9-3**

**Clean Up on Big Savings**

**Up to \$650 Cash Back by Mail**  
with purchase of select Maytag® Brand appliances\*

**SCHMIESING REFRIGERATION**  
St. Rt. 66 Midway Between Minster & New Bremen  
Hrs: M & F 8-8; Tu, W, Th 8-5; Sat 8-3 • 419-628-2215  
FREE Disposal of old appliance & Free Delivery



# Local charity to host food drive

MARIA STEIN – One Block at a Time Inc., a non-profit corporation announced they will be conducting, a canned food drive for Haiti.

“We are very excited about promoting the food drive for Haiti,” Ben Huelskamp, director of One Block at a Time Inc., said. “Last year the wonderful people of the area helped us send 22 tons of food to the people of Haiti and we would like to do the same this year. Haiti is the poorest country in the western world and in 2008 was devastated by four tropical storms and hurricanes. The starving people in Haiti, who live on about a dollar per day, were ravaged by the floods. Hundreds of people lost their lives and 60 percent of the crops were wiped out. So many little ones who had so little food before, now have none, and so are dying of the most preventable of causes: hunger.”

One Block at a Time has set up a location to collect donations for a truck leaving in April. From April 1 through 20, donations can be dropped off at the building located behind the residence at 8747



OH119 in Maria Stein. The building is located north on Kremer Road. Call Huelskamp for more information at 419-953-7841.

OBAAT is asking for canned

meat (beef, pork, chicken and turkey), canned fish (tuna, salmon, etc.), baby formula (powdered or canned), peanut butter and monetary donations to help pay for shipping costs.

Farmers who would like to donate livestock to be processed and canned can make arrangements at Winners in Osgood (419-582-2441) to have the animal processed and canned for shipment to Haiti. April 14 has been reserved for any beef donations. Receipts will be given for tax deductions.

Food For the Poor will ship this into Haiti to be distributed to Balan, Plaisance and Novion.

Pick up can be arranged for large donations or group collections by calling 419-953-7841.

Monetary donations can be sent to OBAAT, P.O. Box 33, Maria Stein, OH 45860.

# Beauty and the Beast to show in April

“Be Our Guest” as the Crescent Players present Disney’s Beauty and the Beast.

This “tale as old as time” classic has captivated Broadway audiences for more than 13 years and now the Crescent Players bring the enchanting tale to our community.

Allow them to transport you to the heart of provincial life in a lovely French village. When Maurice (Ted Borchers) becomes lost in the woods, he seeks shelter in a dark castle, but the master of the castle is a horrible Beast (Tobias Ewing) and takes Maurice captive. Maurice’s daughter, Belle (Laura Marsee), willingly gives up her freedom to save her father. Belle is then befriended by the Beast’s servants, Mrs. Potts (Shirley James), Chip (Blake Mallory), Babette (Jena Sweigart), Madame de la Grande Bouche (Rose Osterloh), Lumiere (Tony Lefeld), Cogsworth (Harold Stroede) and many more—all trying to make Belle feel more comfortable. Trying to confound their efforts are Gaston (Joe Wiseman), and his sidekick, LeFou (Chris Nusbaum).

Additional talents include Mara Rindler, Ian Huelskamp, Amy Roberts, Jennifer Poeppelman, Rebecca Scheer,



Diane Huelskamp, Rachel Wiseman, Breanna Dahl-inghuas, Marc Rochotte, Rachel Meiring, Kitty Stroede, Melanie Balster, Eric Beckman, Kimbi Nagel, Kody Seger, Christopher Baker, Andrew Heckman, Maria Wiseman, Emily Gehle, Elizabeth Baker, Shannon Huelskamp, Alex Hueskamp, Renee Drosch, Amber Brandewie, Sarah Buening, Jessica Baker, Haleigh James, Taylor Brandon, Scott Keller, Cristy Hickerson and Nick Roberts. Local musicians under the direction of Matt Baker and accompanist Jane Stachler will provide orchestration.

Director Christina Scheer claims, “Disney’s

Beauty and the Beast is family theatre at its best! The characters are classic, the costumes and sets are stunning, and the production is beyond brilliant. This is a great occasion for families to experience theater together but, most importantly, this gives families an opportunity to create and share incredible memories.”

Production dates and times are as follows: April 2, 7 p.m.; April 3, 7 p.m.; April 4, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; April 5, 2 p.m. Presale tickets are available at

Western Ohio True Value Hardware in Minster or by calling 419-628-4166 (Email vernseger@hotmail.com). Presale general seating is \$8 for children, grades K-12 and senior citizens; \$10 for adults. Prices at the door will be \$10 and \$12. Contact the Crescent Players for group rates of 20 or more.

Tickets are selling fast! Ensure that you will “Be Our Guest!” Performances will be at New Bremen High School’s James F. Dicke Auditorium.

## KERNS Fireplace and Spa

Heat with Personality.

**OVER 200 UNITS IN STOCK**

4147 Elida Road  
Lima  
419-224-4656

**2 Locations**

5217 Tama Road  
Celina  
SR 127, 5 miles North of Celina  
1 Mile West on Tama  
419-363-2230

### FOWLER'S TV ST. MARYS — THANKS YOU!

FOR VOTING US “BEST PLACE TO BUY ELECTRONICS” IN A 2008 SURVEY BY READERS OF *The Wapakoneta Daily News* AND *St. Marys Evening Leader* FIVE YEARS IN A ROW!

**1 Block N. of Hospital, 1301 E. Spring St.**  
**419-394-5316 email: info@fowlerstvnc.com**

Stop In & See The **NEW SONY LCD Flat Panel TV's**

Mark & Scott Fowler

**SONY**  
Over 50 Years in Business  
KDL52XBR6

**WE SERVICE WHAT WE SELL WELL**

**Hours: M & F 9-8; T, W, TH 9-7, Sat. 9-3**

# Obituaries

## Mary N. Wint

Mary N. Wint, age 93, of New Bremen, died on Friday, March 20, 2009 at her residence in New Bremen.

She was born on Feb. 4, 1916 in Lima. She was the daughter of Joshua Greer and Ella (Smith) McCluer. On June 17, 1941 she married Paul K. Wint, who died on Jan. 10, 2005.

Survivors include her sons: Dennis Wint of Philadelphia, Pa., and David (Mary Jayne) Wint of Georgetown and her three grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Preceding her in death were her three brothers: Orville, Robert and Lester McCluer.

She was a member of the Church of the Holy Redeemer in New Bremen. She was a past board member of the Friends of the Library in New Bremen. She was a graduate of the Bowling Green State University and taught business in Minster High School for 25 years before retiring in 1982. She enjoyed playing bridge in past years.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, March 26, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. at the Church of the Holy Redeemer with Rev. Thomas Mannebach officiating. Burial will be in the German Protestant Cemetery in New Bremen. Calling hours will be on Wednesday, March 25, 2009 from 6 until 8 p.m. at the Gilberg-Hartwig Funeral Home in New Bremen and on Thursday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the services at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to the church or to the Friends of the Library in New Bremen.

## Donald E. Harrod

Donald E. Harrod, 67, of Coldwater, died Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton.

He was born Feb. 16, 1942 in Mercer County to the late Robert and Annabelle (Forwerck) Harrod.

He is survived by his wife Beth (Ranger) Harrod of Coldwater, son John Parsons of Saint Marys, daughters: Lisa Harrod of Frazeysburg, Linda Harrod of Texas, Debbie Harrod of Texas, Penny Feucht of Van Wert and Jacqueline (Carl) Martin of Sidney; stepdaughters: Patricia Conner of Pennsylvania and Olivia Meyers of Fort Wayne, Ind.; stepsons: Stephen Meyers of Coldwater and Justin Slavin of Rockford; as well as 11 grandchildren and one step grandchild. He also leaves behind sisters Jeanette (Gary) Whitacre of Celina and Kay Randolph of Celina and a brother, Paul Forwerck of Celina. He is preceded in death by his wife Shirley (Studer) on Sept. 6, 2006, a son Donald Harrod, Jr. and a daughter Rhonda Harrod.

He was employed as a truck driver.

Service were held at Hogenkamp Funeral Home in Coldwater on Monday, March 23, 2009 with Rev. James Alter officiating. Burial was at V. A. Cemetery in Dayton. Hogenkamp Funeral Home in Coldwater handled the arrangements.

## St. Marys bunny trail

Good old Peter Cottontail will be joined by hundreds of kids on the St. Marys Area Chamber of Commerce’s Bunny Trail on Saturday, April 4 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

After they register at Chief Supermarket beginning at 10 a.m., the children and their adult chaperones will hop all over St. Marys collecting treats and goodies in their baskets. They will also be treated to Easter stories at the Canalside Book Shop, free pictures with the Easter Bunny at Kroger and Easter cartoons at the Performing Arts Center at Memorial High School.

The children can stay at the PAC for the 2 p.m. awarding of the big basket full of candy and toys to a lucky winner as well as other toy drawings.

## Lamm's Insurance Agency

Local Agent

Committed to your Local Community

Auto Home Farm Life

Protecting all of your insurance needs!

**Call Today 419-925-5259**

## CHICKEN FRY

**Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**Serving Starts at 4 pm**

**\$6.00 Dine-In or Carryout**

# Knights of St. John Hall

Maria Stein, Ohio  
Beverages Available  
Benefit Knights of St. John

## LOCK ONE THEATER

Now Showing ~ March 27<sup>th</sup> - April 16<sup>th</sup>

# MONSTERS vs ALIENS

— Show Times —

Friday - 7:00 pm, Saturday - 2:00 / 4:30 / 7:00 pm  
Sunday - 2:00 / 4:30 / 7:00 pm, Monday - Thursday - 7:15 pm

Special Matinee Show  
at 2:00 pm & 4:30 pm on March 27, April 9, 10 & 13

www.lockonetheater.com

8 West Monroe Street • New Bremen, Ohio  
419-629-4100

# WANTED

## HOMES THAT NEED ROOFING

A select number of homeowners in **Minster** and the surrounding areas will be given the opportunity to have a lifetime **Erie Metal Roofing System**.

If your home qualifies to install the look of our **NEW Metal Shingle Roof**, we will definitely make it worth your while.

We will offer you fabulous pricing and access to our special low interest unsecured bank financing.

An **Erie Metal Roofing System** will provide your home with unsurpassed “**Beauty and Lasting Protection**”!

**Don't miss this opportunity to save!**

CALL TODAY TO SEE IF YOUR HOME QUALIFIES!

## 1-800-952-3743

email: roofing@eriemetalroofs.com  
www.ErieMetalRoofs.com

Copyright © 2007 Erie Metal Roofing



# Poetry Corner

## Today's Poet: Robert Hoying

### My Land is Your Land

I was proud of my country, land of the free,  
More than anyone could know or see  
It gave me the freedom that I knew  
And put everything in place so true  
God blessed this land of mine  
He made it for me, and that was kind  
I got it to share and not keep alone  
For He let me have it, as a loan  
Our forefathers of many years past  
Made it come about, so it would last  
They called it the land of the free  
And I was proud, as proud as could be  
I knew I had to give something back  
My willingness was nothing to lack  
So to the Marines I designed to go  
And proud as ever to put on a show  
Freedom is a gift from God  
And upon his wishes we should not trod  
But somehow this land of the free  
This freedom we have was not to be  
We are turning our backs on this great gift  
Now of all times, when we need a lift  
We tell now we need Him no longer  
We have other things and need not be stronger  
We took Him out of our schools you see  
But out of the Pledge was not to be  
We turned Him out and turned Him away  
And then we told Him we could not pray  
So now we have the babies killed  
And destroyed all that we have tilled  
The babies were a gift from above  
We told them they were no longer loved  
My flag now is flown, but all in tatters  
We told America it does not matter  
We need to get rid of these precious gifts  
And just to go on with our rifts  
My land and Your land is not to be  
Of the people and by the people too great a fee  
We need to turn this thing around  
And get our country back on solid ground  
Pray, pray that my flag can fly  
So we can salute it as we go by  
I want to be proud of my country again  
Help us to change our ways and get out of sin  
God bless you, God bless me, God please let it be  
Keep us strong, keep us right  
Help us to keep up a good fight.

The Community Post invites all budding poets to submit their poems for publication in the Community Post. This new feature is designed to showcase the talents of local amateur poets of all ages. Poems may be sent via mail or email at publisher@nktelco.net.

# Opinion

## This week in history

A column gleamed from the archives of the Minster (Community) Post, presented by the Minster Historical Society.

**90 Years ago**  
Friday, March 21 two oat smut demonstrations were held in Jackson Township. Some of the farmers attending were George and Joe Thieman, Robert and John Bensman, Joe Roettgerman, Ben Lampert, August Riethman, Frank Horstman and John Kaiser, Jr.

At the Crescent Theatre, programs for the coming week were Unpardonable Sin, The Lone Wolf, Road to France and Hands Up.

Clarence Schaefer, US Army in France, in a letter to his parents, gave a poetic description of the battle of Beaumont Wood where he personally went over the top last Oct. 16. The battle took place during constant heavy rains during which the troops had to stay in the thick of the woods without shelter. They were greatly handicapped through the fact that the French tanks

## From Out of Our Past

BY BOB LAMMERS



that were to support them failed to work, causing the loss of a great many of the boys.

**50 Years ago**  
The Division of Parks Office at Lake Loramie indicated that Boat Licenses are \$1 per boat, up to and including five passengers. There will be an additional 50 cents charged per passenger above that capacity. Motor licenses are \$2 each.

The first meeting of the more than 200 stockholders of the proposed Community Lanes, Inc. will be held Monday, March 30 at the K of C Hall. Named as incorporators are Roger Frericks, Louis Schroeder and Harold Rawers.

Shenks is announcing a new shipment of denim yard goods in checks, plaids and plains. Price is

69cents and 79cents per yard. They are selling pajamas, long and baby doll for \$1.98-\$5.98.

Opening dance will be Saturday, April 4, 1959. Redecorated Eagles park, Minster. Dancing from 9 to 12:30. Mack Finch and His Orchestra.

Mark Schmieder, student at St. Gregory Seminary, arrived home Monday to spend Easter vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schmieder.

**Current News:** Please consider becoming a member/volunteer of The Minster Historical Society. Stop by the museum, on West Fourth street during museum hours on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. While you're here, check out the terrific displays.

## So you think I can dance

Apparently I can dance.

Not really, this is just what my trainer/instructor of my dance cardio class tells me. I beg to differ.

I repeatedly tell her that I am glad my parents didn't spend loads of money on dance lessons for me when I was growing up, because I have 11 left feet. I trip over lines painted on floors in the mall. I fall up stairs, down stairs, run into furniture

## Just Jess



BY JESSICA HONIGFORD

and fall out of doors. I can do the hokey pokey, the Jasper Slide, the moca-rana and the Electric Slide. That's it. No more.

When I was in high school we did the musical

production of Footloose. As you all know this musical/movie is about dancing. I can't dance, yet I was in the musical. In one scene my character, along with most of the rest of the cast, was supposed to be acting like we were in phys. ed. Our director had choreographed a dance for three or four of us girls to make us look like we were learning Tae Bo or some other form of martial arts. No matter how hard I tried, I could not get the steps and kicks and turns down. So we re-choreographed it to make it look like I wasn't getting it. It didn't take much effort on my part and the audience never knew.

I told this to my instructor and she laughed and assured me that I'm doing well in the class. If she says so, I guess.

She says my fiance and I should choreograph a dance for the wedding reception. I'm down with learning the dango or other ballroom move, but I'll leave reproductions of Thriller to the brides who can spin without tripping over their trains.

Now a duet? Maybe. I can't hurt myself singing anyway!

## Stukenborg says...

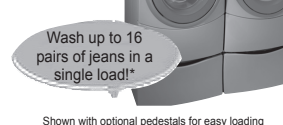
by P.M. Stukenborg  
Guest Columnist



March 27, 2008

### Basketball Forecast

Ada 61, Oak Hill 50  
Kalida 70, Cleveland Lutheran East 61  
Kalida 59, Ada 55  
Tinora 61, Dayton Christian 53  
Cleveland Central Catholic 60, Piketon 52  
Tinora 60, Cleveland Central Catholic 51  
Dayton Marshall 57, Logan Elm 53  
Columbus Desales 61, Akron SVSM 57  
Columbus Desales 63, Dayton Marshall 59  
Columbus Northland 72, Warren Harding 70  
Cincinnati Princeton 71, Toledo St. Johns 55  
Cincinnati Princeton 65, Columbus Northland 57



Wash up to 16 pairs of jeans in a single load!

Shown with optional pedestals for easy loading

WFW9400SW  
**Whirlpool® Duet® Washer**  
• Catalyst® Cleaning Action pretreats stains  
• Uses 69% less water and 61% less energy!

WED9400SW  
**Whirlpool® Duet® Dryer**  
• Senseon™ System-precision drying for improved fabric care  
• Super Capacity Plus easily handles large comforters

\* Various sizes  
\* Savings compared to avg. conventional washers, normal cycle

## B.S. SALE!

To stimulate the National economy!  
To generate sales tax!  
Bob's is having a "Big Savings" Sale!

|                                                  |                                     |   |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| • Locally owned                                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 2 |
| • Custom Delivery by our in-store personnel      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 2 |
| • Same day or next delivery of in-stock products | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 2 |
| • Serving the area for over 52 years             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 2 |
| • Our in-store Factory Trained Repair Servicemen | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 2 |
| • Removal & disposal of your old appliances      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 2 |
| • We provide Service for the products we sell    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 2 |



**TOSHIBA**  
Leading Innovation >>>  
**HDTV**  
15" - 52"  
Super Resolution Technology

# BOB'S

TV • APPLIANCES

Check Out Our Custom-Made  
Solid Oak Flat Screen TV  
Entertainment Stands!

127 S. across from  
Bud's BIG  
American Flag  
Celina, USA  
419-586-2297

MAYTAG • WHIRLPOOL • FISHER & PAYKEL • TOSHIBA • MITSUBISHI

# GET CONNECTED



**NEW KNOXVILLE**  
**NKTELCO**  
TELEPHONE & CABLE

www.nktelco.net  
1-888-NKTELCO

## Score BIG and Save \$165!

### 1st Month of Service Completely FREE!

### FREE Installation!

### 3 Months of FREE DVR Service

All you have to do is sign up for our  
"Best Value Bundle" Package for as low as \$99.95/month.

## That's it.

## No strings attached.

Deals won't get any hotter than this.  
**HURRY! Madness ends March 31.**



**888-NKTELCO**  
**www.nktelco.net**



## Food

From Page 1A

many vendors also provided gift certificates to be given away as door prizes. Bert Schmitmeyer won a \$50 gift card to Wagner's IGA, Connie Meyer won a \$50 saving bond from Minster Bank, Kathy Schafer won a \$25 gift card to Dudleys Flowers & Gifts, Andy Bohman won a \$25 gift card to Creative Catering, Natalie Arn and Taylor Bohman each won a gift card to Howell's, Lillian Zimmerman won a \$25 gift card to Fireside Pub, Delores Bensman won a \$20 gift card to Minster Flowers &

Gifts, Marge Eilerman and Linda O'Reilly each won a Speedway Lanes gift card, and Rich Boeckman and Lois Bender each won a tulip plant from A-Bloom. Vendors were present from New Bremen, Minster, Celina, St. Marys, Botkins, Anna and New Knoxville as well as other towns to promote their businesses.

"We wanted to try to get the word out," said Becky Schmiesing, owner of Haus der Eleganz in Minster. "We've been there for years and people still ask where we are."

"I hope all of the community sees the need to go to their local vendors," said Stricker, who was the promoter and organizer of the event. "We wanted to make this economical so people could see what local businesses are available. With the economy, people really need to support their local businesses."

More than 225 people attended the food show. Special thanks went to Dannon for donating yogurt and to the show vendors and area florists for their generous donations of door prizes.

## Council

From Page 1A

Council voted and passed unanimously to award the bid for construction of the baby pool. The Shinn Brothers hope to have the project completed by June 1, 2009, weather permitting. Paul Enneking from the Journey-men's Club appeared before the council with a plan for a summer day of fun, "Scouting Day in the Park."

The day, planned for the park on Paris St., will include a 3-on-3 basketball tournament for 13-15 year olds, a climbing wall, an obstacle course, a fishing contest and an adult dodgeball tournament.

"All proceeds would go to the Scouts," explained Enneking. "Whether it's Boy Scouts, Adventure Scouts, Girl Scouts, whoever wants to help out."

Other action the council took during the meeting included the following:

- accepted the resignation of Don Baumer from Public Works Department effective June 30, 2009.
- renewed all liquor permits for the sale of alcoholic beverages within the Village, including carry-out and bars.
- accepted a grant in the amount of \$18,890 for communication for the Fire Department.

## Purple is the new orange

By Jessica Honigford  
Community Post

MINSTER – A month from now Minster residents will see their community in a whole new color: purple. The weekend of May 1 will mark "Paint the Town Purple," a fundraising effort for the Relay for Life of Southwestern Auglaize County. Minster Flower and Gifts along with Haus Der Eleganz will be creating ribbons for community members to display in support of the Relay for Life.

The ribbons can be purchased for a

donation at Minster Flower and Gifts at 131 S. Main St. in Minster or at Haus Der Eleganz at 260 E. Fourth St. in Minster starting April 1.

The Relay for Life of South Western Auglaize County will be held at Memorial Field in Minster on June 12 and 13. So far only 11 teams have registered to participate.

Anyone interested in joining or creating a team can contact Patsy Ritter 15 419-629-1415 or Matt Dwenger at 419-753-3062 by April 17.

## St. Baldrick's Foundation



Photo provided

Thirty-one boys and men volunteered to shave their heads to raise money for the St. Baldrick's Foundation. This year the participants raised \$4,200. Shavees included Russel Berning, Clint Knapke, Vince Wilson, Grant Garman, Spencer Kramer, Mitchell Spieth, Sam Wuebker, Justin Hoelscher, Zacharay Mueller, Riley Homan, Carl Wuebker, Tim Boeckman, Scott Keller, Corey Everman, Phil Gehron, Jeff Garman, John Minton, Patrick Minnich, Michale Werling, Tom Sschulze, Shawn Becraft, Cory Mueller, John Seger, Mike Bennett, Wayne Bruening, Seth Seger, Mitch Winner, Steve Hoelscher, Joseph Hoelscher, Jeff Wenning and Joe Seger.

**DELPHOS GRANITE WORKS**  
"Where Quality Is Etched In Stone."

- Specializing in Personalized Memorials
- Diamond and Laser Etching
- Serving all of Minster, St Marys, Southern Mercer County, and Darke County.
- Unconditional Warranty
- Competitive Bronze Memorial Prices

**Thomas Berger**  
Authorized Dealer  
Phone: 419-628-2260  
Cell: 937-726-6181

**1-800-824-6150**  
www.delphosgraniteworks.com

## Calendar of Events

**BRYANT** – The Catholic Adult Singles Club will travel to Bearcreek Farms in Bryant, Ind., on Sunday, March 29 for an outing. For more information, please call 419-204-3013.

**MARIA STEIN** – Prayer and Benediction will be held in the chapel of the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein on April 5 at 6 p.m.

**MINSTER** – The Minster Service Club is sponsoring their annual Palm Sunday Breakfast on Sunday, April 5. The breakfast will be held at the Minster High School cafeteria from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door or by any Minster Service Club member at a cost of \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. The breakfast will feature all you can eat pancakes, sausage and donuts.

**WAPAKONETA** – Power of the Cross, an Easter Youth Musical at First United Methodist Church in Wapakoneta, will take place on April 5, 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. This musical includes contemporary worship songs, dance, puppets and an original script depicting the lives of youth today. The cast gets so caught up in their activities that they make not time for God. Come and see how the power of the cross can change lives. Lunch will be served at 12 p.m., followed by the Spring Fling Egg Hunt at 12:30 p.m.

**MARIA STEIN** – Piecemakers craft group will meet April 7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come ready to share the day with friends while using your talents of sewing, cutting, painting, and quilting to make beautifully crafted items and quilts.

**BOTKINS** – Pastors Peter and Phyllis Doseck and the congregation of Only Believe Ministries Christian Center are pleased to present a moving Easter cantata entitled "Savior: Jesus, Messiah." The presentation is set for Good Friday, April 10 at 7 p.m., with an encore presentation on Easter Sunday at 10 a.m. A sunrise communion service is also scheduled for Easter Sunday at

7 a.m., with a continental breakfast to follow in the church foyer. For more information you may visit obmcc.org or call 937-693-3554.

**NEW BREMEN** – The New Bremen Public Library will host a Make and take Easer Craft for children on Saturday, April 11, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**GREENVILLE** – Darke County Singles will be hosting their monthly dance featuring music by "Hibberd Connection." The dance will be held on Saturday, April 11 from 8:30 p.m. to 12 a.m. at the VFW Hall located at 219 N. Ohio Street in Greenville. The dance is open to all singles 21 years of age and over. Admission is \$5. For information, call 937-968-5007 or 937-901-3969.

**NEW BREMEN** – The New Bremen Public Library Book and Bake Sale will take place April 17-18.

**BOTKINS** – The *God Rocks* live tour will be in Botkins at Only Believe Ministries Christian Center on Sunday, April 19 at 6:30 p.m. *God Rocks* live events are professionally produced family concerts for children of all ages. Utilizing large screen animation, state of the art digital playback, and a professional ministry performance team, the tour has been experienced by over 500,000 children across North America. The *God Rocks* concert is free, and no tickets or reservations are required. Childcare for infants through age two will be available. For more information you may visit obmcc.org or call 937-693-3554.

**NEW BREMEN** – The Grand Lake Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society "Soundwaves Chorus" will present "See the U.S.A.," a concert featuring guest quartets Cadillac Jack and Rhyme Time. The quartet will perform at the New Bremen High School on Saturday, May 2 at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available for \$10 from any Soundwaves Chorus member or by calling 419-268-2184.

New through Sunday

TIME WARNER CABLE

# Bloomin' Spring Sale!

Digital Cable + Road Runner for as low as

## \$69.90

PER MONTH FOR 12 MONTHS

SAVINGS GUARANTEE for 24 months!

Or, get...

- **FREE** DVR Service
- **FREE** Road Runner Turbo
- **FREE** for ONE YEAR

when you order our "ALL THE BEST" Double Play Bundle.

all the best it's our best value.

Order by Sunday and get **SHOWTIME** FREE for 6 months!

**Call Today!**  
**1.877.941.4455**  
www.timewarnercable.com

SALE ENDS SUNDAY 7PM!

TIME WARNER CABLE

Offer expires March 29, 2009 at 7pm. New residential customers only. Standard installation fees apply. The advertised Double Play Bundle price applies to Digital Cable and Road Runner 768 Kbps when purchased together in the "Savings Guarantee Plan." Free DVR Service and free Road Runner Turbo for 1 year are only available with the purchase of the "All The Best" Double Play Bundle in the "Savings Guarantee Plan." Price does not include digital equipment required to receive Digital Service. Call for details. Some restrictions apply. Not available in some areas. SHOWTIME and related marks are trademarks of Showtime Networks Inc., a CBS Company. All rights reserved. ©2009 Time Warner Cable, Inc. All rights reserved. TM & © Warner Bros. Entertainment, Inc. (s09)

©2009 CableQuest — TWMIDWEST-5148 REG



## Golden Years

# Council on Aging introduces veteran program

By Jessica Honigford  
Community Post

ST. MARYS – The Auglaize County Council on Aging is introducing a new program designed to allow veterans to have someone to talk to.

Vet2Vet will allow veterans who live in the county to open up to other veterans about their experiences serving in the country's armed forces.

Trena Chiles, the outreach coordinator at the ACCA in St. Marys says this is a program she has tried to get into the works for about a year.

"The past year has been kind of crazy," she said. "We had our open house in the fall and now that things are getting set into order and we have the room with the wellness center in the back."

Chiles says she thought of the idea of a program for veterans while out doing assessments.

"The reason I wanted to have this is when I go on assessments I always ask if the person is a vet-

eran," Chiles said. "I hear war stories from vets and sometimes I don't understand what they're talking about."

Chiles enlisted the help of Doug Howard, the director and veterans services officer at Auglaize County Veterans Service in Wapakoneta.

Howard, along with a few chaplains that served in war, will attend the first meeting on April 3.

"One person Doug talked about was a man who served in eight different campaigns," Chiles said.

She believes it's important for veterans to have someone to talk to about these stories.

"With my dad, he was in WWI," she said. "He would talk about a lot of things and I think talking is just healthier than holding it in."

Vet2Vet will give veterans the opportunity to talk to people who have been in the same or similar situations and who understand the sacrifice



Shown above is the float in the Oktoberfest parade for veterans of the Korean Conflict. Veterans who served in Korea along with all other veterans in the county will have a new program to participate in at the Auglaize County Council on Aging. Starting in April the ACCA will offer Vet2Vet, a program designed to allow veterans to talk to other veterans about their experiences serving in the nation's armed forces.

and decisions made while serving.

"Anybody that's a vet of any era is welcome to come," Chiles said. "The stories they tell are amazing of what I have heard

so far."

Vet2Vet will take place the first Friday of every month starting in April and will run from 1 to 3 p.m.

"We want to be able

to provide transportation if it's needed," Chiles said, commenting on why the ACCA chose the afternoon for the Vet2Vet meeting time.

Chiles asks any veteran

interested in participating to contact her at the ACCA by calling 419-394-8252.

The service is offered free through the Council on Aging.

## Elmwood Assisted Living coming soon

Kathy Hunt, owner and CEO of Elmwood Centers, Inc., has announced Shawnee Construction & Engineering, Inc., of Fort Wayne as the successful bidder and general contractor for Elmwood Assisted Living, soon to be the area's newest assisted living senior community in New Bremen. The facility will be designed by Dimitri Smirniotopoulos of DSI Architects of Columbus, who specializes in planning and designing senior life care facilities.

Eight companies had provided bids. Many local subcontractors will also be involved in the proposed nine to 12 month project for the construction of the 61-suite, single story, Tudor-style residential senior community to be located at the southwest corner of Amsterdam Road and South Walnut Street, near

Ohio 66. Groundbreaking is set for late spring 2009.

Kathy Hunt of Elmwood Centers explained, "While every effort has, and will be made to utilize local building trades, there was a substantial difference in pricing submitted by qualified bidders. Elmwood's intention is to provide the citizens of New Bremen and the surrounding area with the finest facility possible, at the most affordable price, as this will have a direct impact on the pricing structure for our senior clientele."

"This will be a masterpiece," stated Hunt. "With my own personal years of experience, operating and serving seniors since 1972, along with the expertise of DSI Architects, we feel we are designing a wonderful, custom-made senior

residential community for the New Bremen-Minster market. We are all very excited to begin!"

Elmwood's studio and one-bedroom apartments will each feature a kitchenette and a private bath. Various floor plans will be available. A secured, "Reminiscence Neighborhood," specifically devoted to the special care of individuals with Alzheimer's and other memory impairments will be included in the 50,000 square foot facility.

Elmwood Centers, Inc. owns and operates communities in Tiffin, Fremont, and Green Springs, Ohio and has been offering senior residential services to communities throughout northern Ohio for over 35 years. A video tour of an Elmwood community is available at [www.elmwoodcommunities.com](http://www.elmwoodcommunities.com).



## March for Meals

PSA 3 Agency on Aging is announcing its participation in the national 2009 March For Meals campaign. One of the featured activities was Mayors for Meals day on March 18. Local mayors from our 7-county region accompanied our home delivery drivers as they distributed meals to local residents. Also planned this month: a community awareness campaign and the collection of donations from community groups, clubs, and businesses.

"We are excited about our March For Meals campaign. We hope to raise awareness of senior hunger in our community, and collect donations that will allow us to continue the meals without a waiting list," said Rhonda Davisson, Community Services Director of PSA 3 Agency on Aging.

March For Meals is a national campaign, initiated and sponsored by Meals On Wheels Association of America (MOWAA), to raise awareness of senior hunger and to encourage action on the part of the local community. Senior nutrition programs across the United States, like PSA 3 Agency on Aging's Meals on Wheels, promote March For Meals in their local communities through activities and fundraising initiatives. \$1,500 will provide a local senior with home delivered meals for a year (five meals a week, Monday – Friday for lunch and a shelf stable meals box for weather cancellations and emergencies).

In 2008, PSA 3 served a little over 80,000 home delivered meals to 651 seniors in our 7 county service area. National statistics show that 73% of those receiving home delivered meals are at a high nutrition risk. The majority of our seniors are over 75 years old, live alone, homebound, low income, and have difficulty with activities of daily living like eating, dressing, and walking. Like all non-profit organizations, PSA 3 and its support services have suffered funding cuts because of the unstable economy. Please help us get the message out to the community!



### B & S Excursions

Group Tours & Motor Coach Charters

113 N. Meridian St., Portland, IN 47371

**APRIL 22-25, 2009**

**MAY 5-8, 2009**

**JUNE 17-26, 2009**

**SEPT. 1-4, 2009**

**OCT 3-13, 2009**

**NOV. 11-15, 2009**

**DEC. 2-4**

**SPRINGTIME IN MEMPHIS, TN**

Registration Deadline March 15<sup>th</sup>

**SPRING FLING MYSTERY TRIP**

**"NORTH TO ALASKA"**

**"JOHN DEERE COUNTRY"**

Moline, IL.

**"BEST OF THE SOUTHWEST"**

Pikes Peak, Royal Gorge, Mesa Verde, Durango Narrow Gauge RR to Silverton, Santa Fe, Pagosa Springs, Albuquerque's International Balloon Fiesta

**BRANSON OZARK MOUNTAIN CHRISTMAS**

**SMOKEY MOUNTAIN CHRISTMAS**

Pigeon Forge, Tenn.

Contact **B&S EXCURSIONS** for detailed trip itineraries  
email: [tour@bsexcursions.com](mailto:tour@bsexcursions.com)

**(260) 726-6577 or 1-800-726-2267**

visit our website @ [www.bsexcursions.com](http://www.bsexcursions.com)

[please call to be added to our mailing list!]

## St. Marys Living Center Assisted Living



We recently received a **100%** on the State of Ohio Resident Satisfactory survey. Join our unique assisted living home and experience for **\$89.25** per day.

Contact Lisa Inskeep at  
**419-394-7611**  
for a tour.

Skilled Nursing  
Rehabilitation  
Assisted Living



**St. Marys Living Center**  
1209 Indiana Ave., St. Marys, OH  
**419-394-7611**



## Golden Years

# Our Old Bookcase: Civil War sesquicentennial celebration

By **Joyce L. Alig**  
President Mercer County  
Historical Society

This story is written for the Mercer County Historical Society committee for planning the Civil War (1861-1865) sesquicentennial celebration in Mercer County in 2011-2015.

Mercer County's Civil War veterans belonged to the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization established by Union Veterans of the Civil War. Mendon's Trinda LaMonde, widow of Civil War veteran Orange LaMonde, helped pay for the Civil War monument. The members of the Murlin Post of the G.A.R. were honoring McKendree Murlin, who had been killed in a battle at Nashville, in 1864. Can anyone identify the three men from the Village of Mercer, on the above photograph?

The mission of the G.A.R. was to preserve friendships, honor fallen comrades, aid widows and handicapped and to increase pensions. The first post was formed at Decatur, Ill., on April 6, 1866. The G.A.R.'s first national encampment was held at Indianapolis on Nov. 20, 1866. The last G.A.R. encampment met Aug. 28-31, 1949, at Indianapolis, with six of 16 surviving members present.

One of the better known members of the G.A.R. was Adj. General Richard C. Drum, who initiated the policy of returning captured Confederate battle flags to the South, under President Grover Cleveland, who approved the War Department order on June 7, 1887. G.A.R. leaders and



Members of the McKendree Murlin Post of Grand Army of the Republic attended the dedication of the Civil War Monument, 1908. Left to right: Ira Wollam, Samuel C. Duff, Christopher H. Lampy, Levi Guy, Marion Dick, a man from Mercer, Jeremiah Allen (with flag), Theodore Ross (seated), Levi Davis, George Custer, James H. Moore, John Fryer, a man from Mercer, John Heppard, Cyrus B. Collins (in picture fame). From Monument, left to right: Warren Barber, John A. Murlin, Justus S. (Jet) Allen (seated), John H. Murlin (Abraham's son), John Milton Hussey, William Johnston, Richard Severns, Samuel Selanders, and a man from Mercer.

republican leaders led an angry protest, and Cleveland revoked the order June 15, that same year. Those flags were returned in 1905, during the administration of Theodore Roosevelt. Ohio's most famous member of the G.A.R. was John Wesley Powell, who had lost his right arm during the Battle at Shiloh in 1862. In spite of his handicap, Powell was known for leading the expedition on the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon in 1869.

The above photograph originally belonged to Warren Barber, a member of this post. His son Walter identified the men on the photograph. Walter's daughter Mary next held the photograph. Janice Barber (Mrs. George B.) Reddin, also Walter's daughter, provided this photograph to the Mercer County Historical Society. Thanks to Reddin

for preserving this photograph of Mercer County's history.

Reddin has been a long time member of the Mercer County Historical Society and has worked to preserve Mercer County's history. She also copied the names on local cemetery monuments long before copying cemetery monument

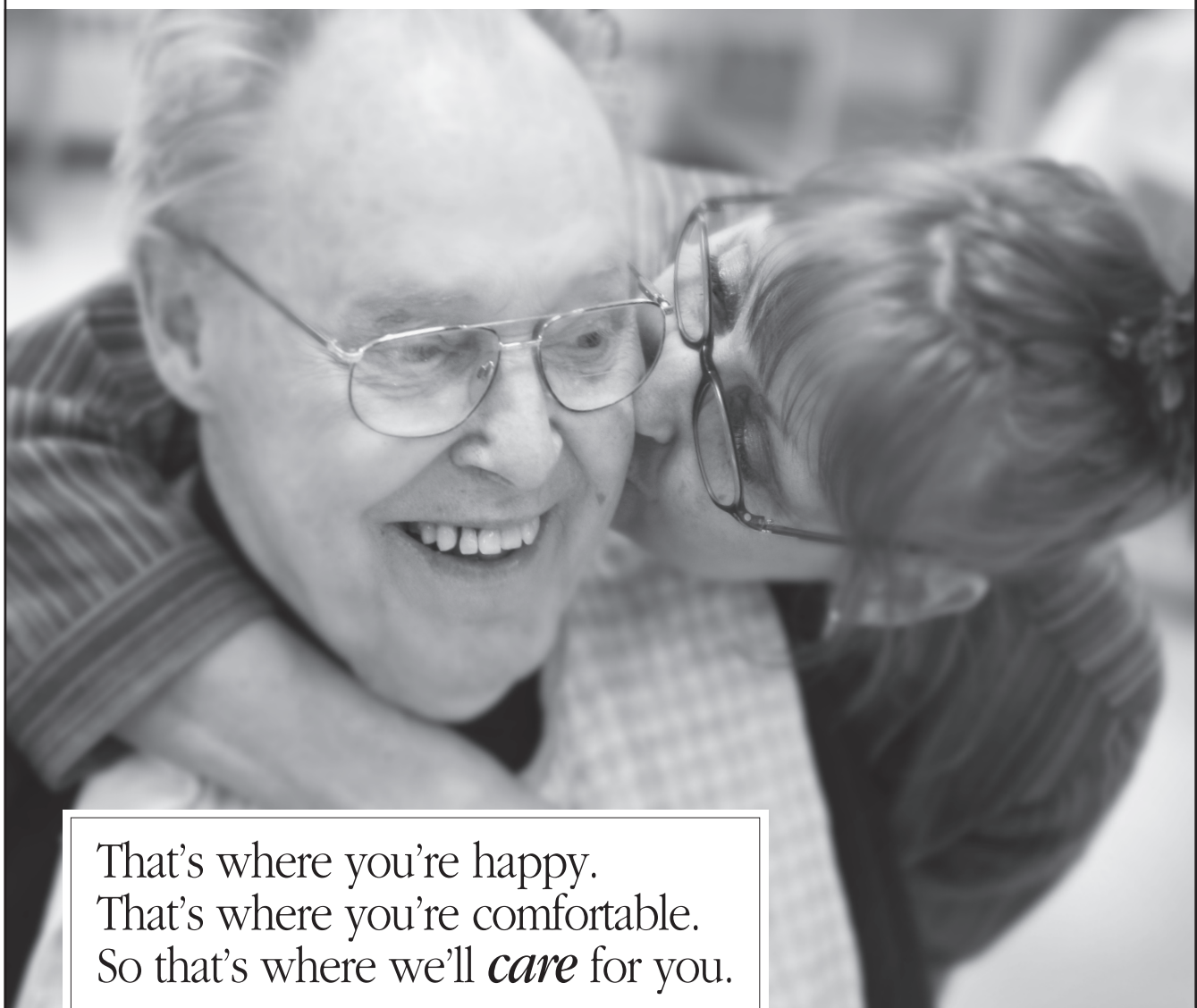
names became popular in the 1970's. Her early records are preserved at the Mercer County Historical Museum archival collections along with the lists of names on monuments of other Mercer County cemeteries, copied by members of the Mercer County Historical Society in the 1970s as requested by the

Mercer County commissioners.

The G.A.R. Civil War veterans held meetings throughout Mercer County communities following the Civil War. The historical society has a photograph of the Celina G.A.R. which was taken in front of the Riley Griffith Hardware Store, Main Street, Celina. The

Ohio Volunteer Infantry, e.g. 71st O.V.I., 54th O.V.I., 57th O.V.I., 117th O.V.I., and 180th O.V.I. held meetings in the area. The Mercer County Historical Society is seeking old photographs and correspondence of the G.A.R. and O.V.I. for the Civil War sesquicentennial celebration in Mercer County in 2011-2015.

# There's no place like *home*.



That's where you're happy.  
That's where you're comfortable.  
So that's where we'll *care* for you.

Grand Lake Home Health and Grand Lake Hospice are the most caring and comprehensive services of their kind in the region. Whether it's to help with recovery from surgery, illness, or injury, or to assist with the handling of a disability or the arrival of a newborn, our doctor-prescribed, nationally-recognized home health services bring care where patients prefer to be – right at home. Hospice provides a full range of services including spiritual counseling, home medical equipment, medication, regular hospice team visits and bereavement support. Together, Grand Lake Home Health and Grand Lake Hospice are uniquely suited to caring for the entire span of life – in the comfort of your home.

Learn more at [www.grandlakehealth.org](http://www.grandlakehealth.org).



**GRAND LAKE  
HOME HEALTH™**

AN AFFILIATE OF GRAND LAKE HEALTH SYSTEM



**GRAND LAKE  
HOSPICE™**

AN AFFILIATE OF GRAND LAKE HEALTH SYSTEM

1122 EAST SPRING STREET  
ST MARYS, OHIO 45885  
419-394-7434  
**GRANDLAKEHEALTH.ORG**

THE PREFERRED CHOICE FOR HEALTHCARE IN THE GRAND LAKE REGION

You'll find a **LIFT RECLINER** to fit every need!  
...small ...large ...heat ...massage  
Starting At  
**\$499**

**WESTRICH**  
Furniture & Appliances

1105 Elda Ave.\* Delphos, OH    [www.westrichfurniture.com](http://www.westrichfurniture.com)    419-695-6045



### Discover the Possibilities of Otterbein St Marys!

Pursue your dreams in a place where you can stay involved,  
explore new opportunities and embrace life to its fullest -  
at Otterbein St Marys. Spend time fishing.

You can even cast a line from your back patio if you'd like.  
Take the pontoon boat out with friends, or work in the woodshop.  
There are things to do with others or by yourself.

Otterbein St Marys offers a variety of living options.  
Neighborhood living in ranch homes, patio homes and  
apartments, assisted living in cozy suites, memory support for  
those with Alzheimers and related dementias and skilled nursing  
services. The community is faith-based and not-for-profit.

**Come for a tour or call for information!**  
**419-394-2366 or 1-800-628-9341**



**OTTERBEIN**  
Retirement Living Communities

ST. MARYS





# Golden Years

## Relay torch bearers

Nominations are now being accepted for torch bearers for The American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Mercer County. This will be the second annual Torch Walk, and it will be held on June 13, 2009, beginning at the court house in Celina.

Nominees must be someone who works or lives in Mercer County or who receives cancer

treatment in Mercer County.

Torch bearer nomination forms may be picked up at the Celina-Mercer County Chamber of Commerce, 226 N. Main St. in Celina or any Mercer County library. Pictured is last year's torch bearer who started the walk from the courthouse to the lakefront in Celina.



## Minster Auxiliary holds March meeting

The Minster American Legion Auxiliary meeting was opened with proper rituals. Twelve members and five officers were present for roll call.

The minutes of the February meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was read and filed for audit. Bills were presented and paid. The auxiliary has met its goal with 87 paid members.

Americanism Girl's State applications were sent in. All the scholarship sent to the department will be awarded at the department convention in June in Dayton. New flags were given to the schools and Wagner's. Alice Moorman presented a check to the Minster Middle School for Project Extra. All the chairmen are busy filling out the green report forms that are

due May 1 to the district chairman.

April 19 will be the carry out chicken fry. Dinners include four large pieces of deep fried chicken, applesauce and a dinner roll for \$6. Tickets are available from members or by calling 419-628-62675.

The auxiliary received a letter from Wapakoneta in regards to the Healing Field which will be July 13 to 20. They are asking for a donation to buy a flag to be flown at the field.

Mary Knpake won the pot of lettuce. The April snack committee is Sally Thiesman and Sylvia Lehmkuhl. Snacks were served by Dorothy Bruns and Ginny Boerger. The meeting closed with prayer. The next meeting is April 20 at 7 p.m.

## Goodyear retirees host reunion in Florida



Photo provided

Retirees of the St. Marys, Ohio Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company met in Sebring, Fla. for their winter reunion. They are pictured from left to right with their years of service: June Hyatt, 30; Nellie Krauss, 33, Elden "Red" Stolzenberg, 38; Carol McDonald, 30; Jewell Sullivan, 33; Neil Cook, 11; Jay Miller, 37; Ken Krauss Sr., 33; Dale Miller, 37; Murlin Doseck, 30; Don Nuss, 40; Jerry DeArmitt, 34; Paul Hirn, 44; Ken Krauss Jr. 39; Kenny Grimm, 34; Tom Grunden, 33, Nick Gillis, 43 and Rollie Hegemier, 35

Eighteen retirees from the St. Marys Ohio Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company met in Sebring, Fla. on March 4 for their annual winter reunion.

After enjoying lunch at Homer's Smorgasbord the group and their guests, had fun reminiscing, taking pictures and looking at ones from past reunions. The retirees worked a total of 577 years at the Goodyear plant.

Retirees in attendance and their years of service were: June Hyatt, 30; Nellie Krauss, 33, Elden "Red" Stolzenberg, 38; Carol McDonald, 30; Jewell Sullivan, 33; Neil Cook, 11; Jay Miller, 37; Ken Krauss Sr., 33; Dale Miller, 37; Murlin Doseck, 30; Don Nuss, 40; Jerry DeArmitt, 34; Paul Hirn, 44; Ken Krauss Jr. 39; Kenny Grimm, 34; Tom Grunden, 33, Nick Gillis, 43, and Rollie Hegemier, 35.

Many residents from Auglaize and Mercer Counties Ohio flock to

Sebring for the winter months. Others have moved to Florida full-time or come down from Ohio just for the reunion.

Organizer Jay Miller said including guests and spouses, 38 people attended this year's event. The reunions started in Lake Placid, Fla. in 1990 and they kept outgrowing places until they found the restaurant with another Ohio connection. Homer Duff is the owner of the former Duff's Smorgasbord in Piqua, Ohio.

Last year only 12 retirees were in attendance. Age, health conditions and the economy have taken a toll its toll on the seniors. Miller, who lives in Sebring for six months and Celina, the other six said, "We're a dying breed but we always seem to have a good time no matter who shows up."

The reunion is held at 11 a.m. the first Wednesday in March every year at Homer's in Sebring.

## ARE YOU RETIRING OR CHANGING JOBS?

*If so, you may be facing some important questions. That's why now is a good time to turn to a Wachovia Securities Financial Network Financial Advisor for some answers.*

Get answers about:

- Retirement Income Sources
- Retirement Plan Distributions
- Rollover IRAs
- IRA Distributions
- Social Security
- Financial Planning and Investing

To schedule an appointment or for a free consultation, call 800-366-5384.



Lisa Katterhenry Howe, CFP®  
Senior Financial Advisor

Eric J. Haubert, Senior Financial Advisor  
Registered Principal

518 West Main Street • Troy, OH 45373-2304  
1-800-366-5384



**WACHOVIA SECURITIES**  
FINANCIAL NETWORK

Securities and Insurance Products: NOT INSURED BY FDIC OR ANY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY • MAY LOSE VALUE • NOT A DEPOSIT OF OR GUARANTEED BY A BANK OR ANY BANK AFFILIATE

Investment products and service offered through Wachovia Securities Financial Network, LLC (WSFN), Member NASD & SIPC. Katterhenry Investment Group is a separate entity from WSFN.

©2009 Wachovia Securities Financial Network, LLC 0309-0536 [73741-v1] 03/09



# VHCC honors Worch Memorial Library staff

The residents and staff of the Versailles Health Care Center recently honored the librarians of Worch Memorial Library. VHCC wanted to thank the library staff for all of the things they do for our residents. Since the pathway has been completed from the library to VHCC it has allowed greater access for residents and their families to utilize the library.

Some individuals do not even go through the library doors but like to sit in the beautiful garden area and look

at the fountain and foliage. VHCC residents: Ruth Kavalauskas, Paul Oehrtman, John Messaros, and Mary Catherine Loxley presented gift bags to library staff members: Christina Thuraiatnam, Deb Didier, Barb Marshall, Pat Crowell, Betty Nickol. Those not available for the picture were Elaine Bohman, Karen Drees, and June Brandewie. Thank you to all of the Worch Library staff for their hard work and dedication to the Versailles community.



## News, upcoming events at Auglaize County Council on Aging



### Timeless

BY CHRIS ROBY

Dear readers:  
**Garage sale items are now being accepted**

Spring has officially arrived and it is long overdue. This past winter seemed unusually long and cold. With warm weather on the way, it is the time of year to open up the house and do your spring cleaning. While you are in the process of cleaning and sorting, designate your unwanted items for the Auglaize County Council on Aging. We are now in the process of accepting items for our yearly garage sale to be held May 1 through May 7.

We are trying a new approach this year. We are holding the garage sale during the community garage sale held the first week-end in May. If you have items to donate you may drop them off at the center between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, until April 24, or you can

call 419-394-8252 and ask for Ed to have your items picked up.

Any donation will be appreciated except for encyclopedias, organs or pianos. We just ask that the items be clean and in working order. Thank you in advance for your contributions.

#### Support groups, services

**Vet 2 Vet** is a new program we are starting in coordination with the Auglaize County Veteran's Service Commission. This is a support group just for veterans. We invite vets of any era to come and talk about when you served, participate in discussion and share stories. Vet 2 Vet will be held on the first Friday of each month, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the center. If interested call 419-394-8252 and ask for Trena.

**Parkinson's/Stroke/Traumatic Brain Injury Support Groups** are held monthly in coordina-

tion with Joint Township District Memorial Hospital. If you are interested in knowing more about these groups call 419-394-8252 and ask for Michelle.

**Today's Senior Living** is a program designed to educate and assist you on the process of growing older by holding quarterly trainings/discussions on topics of senior interest. The next presentation "How to Deal With the Economic Times" will be held April 21 at 12:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

**Wellness Information Center** is available for senior citizens who wish to stay healthy or want to become healthier. Various professionals from the area will speak on different topics each month and provide free screenings. Free blood pressure checks are given each Wednesday from 9 to 11 a.m.

**Transportation Service** provides county-wide transportation for medical appointments, grocery stores, banks, Adult Day Care, etc. and out-of-county medical appointments on a daily

basis. Other coordinated transportation is available and all vehicles are wheelchair accessible.

**Chore Service** provides seasonal needs such as lawn mowing, as well as heavy housecleaning (washing windows and shampooing carpets), and minor home repairs.

**Homemaker Service** enables participants to achieve and maintain clean, safe, and healthy environments. Typical tasks under this service include light house cleaning, bathrooms, laundry, dusting and sweeping.

**Prescription Meal Service** is a temporary meal service to help clients recuperate from surgery or illness. Two meals a day are provided (one hot and one cold) with considerations specifically ordered for the client by his/her physician. Funding is supplemented by the United Way of Auglaize County.

**Friendly Visitor Service** is designed to conquer isolation and loneliness through individual contact between a senior and a volunteer community visitor.

**Computer Classes** are

offered to interested seniors and taught by a local volunteer. Class size is limited and reservations must be made.

**Outreach Service** consists of Outreach I, the personal contact with clients by our Outreach Specialists and Outreach II, which is accomplished through speaking engagements and the agency's newsletter, "Senior Reflections". This publication is free for the asking.

**Information and Referral Service** provides information about and assistance with all types of programs such as HEAP, Medicare, Insurance Supplements, Golden Buckeye and many more.

**Carrier Alert Service** is a back-up system that helps keep a community eye out for the seniors in coordination with the U.S. Postal Service.

**Safe Return Service** helps to identify, locate and return memory-impaired individuals and their care-givers.

**File/Vial of Life Service** makes county wide medical information easier to retrieve for emer-

gency medical personnel. Sponsored by the St. Marys/Wapakoneta Kiwanis and the ACCA.

**Socialization** is provided by a daily meal site held at 11:15 a.m. (24 hour advance notice is required). Many activities are held such as card games, line dancing lessons, bingo, informational speakers, exercises, games, arts and crafts.

**Endowment Fund** is a way to share your blessings by donating to this fund to help future generations of older people in the county to have access to needed services.

**Legal Aid** is provided free of charge by Legal Aid of Western Ohio, Inc. Appointments are made to see a legal representative on a once a month basis.

**The Auglaize County Health Department** provides an immunization clinic on Wednesday afternoons from 1 to 3 p.m.

If you are interested in any of these support groups or services, or have questions, feel free to call 419-394-8252. We are here to serve you.



**STATE of the HEART HOSPICE**

Coldwater, OH • 419.678.4808  
[www.stateoftheheartcare.org](http://www.stateoftheheartcare.org)



**Insurance Agency, Inc.**  
7990 SR 119 • Maria Stein, OH 45860  
Phone: 419-925-4511

315 W. Spring St. • St. Marys, OH 45885  
Phone: 419-394-4141

**Specialist In:**

*Medicare Supplement Coverages*

- Medi-Gap • Medicare Trust
- Nursing Home Coverage
- Charitable Living Trust



**KEMMLER ORTHOPAEDIC CENTER**

Excellence in Orthopedics and Sports Medicine

**JAMES E. KEMMLER, M.D.**  
**DARBY W. WEHRLEY, D.P.M.**

- Joint Fluid Injections For Arthritis •
- Total Hip & Total Knee Replacements •
- Foot & Bunion Surgery • Arthroscopy •

**BOARD CERTIFIED**  
123 Hamilton Street, Celina, OH  
By Appointment

**419-586-5760**



**Your Choice for Complete Home Health Care**

- Visiting Nurses • Hospice
- Personal Care & Assistance

**Community Health Professionals**  
Tri-County (Wapakoneta): 419-738-7430  
Celina: 419-586-1999

The Community Post



**Heritage Manor**  
Skilled Nursing & Rehab Center

*"Quality Care and Respect for the Individual..."*

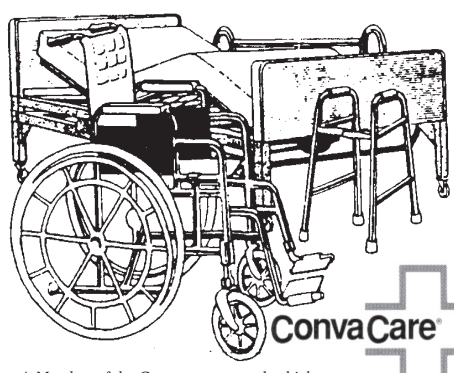
- Assisted Living
- Outpatient Therapy
- Hospice Services
- Skilled Nursing Care
- Respite Care
- Intermediate Care
- Specialized Alzheimer's Wing

*...And Most Important, a Commitment of the Heart."*

For more information, please stop by or call Mandy Siefring at 419-628-2396

**Schwieterman's Pharmacy**

Coldwater • 419-670-3499    Minster • 419-678-2305    Wapakoneta • 419-738-5959  
New Bremen • 419-629-2336    St. Marys • 419-394-5219    Cridersville • 419-645-4009



**AVAILABLE EQUIPMENT**

- Oxygen • Walkers
- Wheelchairs
- Beds • C-Pap Machines
- Nebulizers For Aerosol Treatments

Complete Herbal and Nutritional Supplement Lines  
Pharmacist's Health

Features **SIGVARIS** Hose For Your Leg Support Needs.

**•••Prescription Services To All Area Nursing Homes•••**

We accept Medicare assignment on all Diabetic Supplies and Inhalation Medication by Nebulizer

Visit us on the web at [www.schwietermanpharmacy.com](http://www.schwietermanpharmacy.com)

**SEE US FOR ALL YOUR NEEDS!**



# Classified Advertising

## Adoption

Adoption: Faced with an unplanned pregnancy? Loving, childless couples await. Receive info/pictures: You choose. Open or Closed Adoption. Assistance Available. Call Andrea 1-866-236-7638. 24/7

## Building Supplies

Waynes Building Supply 740-332-0658 Rigid Foam Insulation. Great for barns, garages, attics and more. 4'x8'x1" @ \$6.40; 4'x8'x2" @ \$12.80. Cut to any thickness.

## Business Opportunity

100% Recession Proof! Do you earn \$800 in a day? Your own local candy route. Includes 25 Machines and Candy. All for \$9,995. 1-888-744-4625.

## Business Services

REACH 2 MILLION NEWSPAPER READERS with one ad placement. ONLY \$295.00. Ohio's best community newspapers. Call Kathy at AdOhio Statewide Classified Network, 614-486-6677, or E-MAIL at: kmccutcheon@adohio.net or check out our website at: www.adohio.net.

REACH OVER 1 MILLION OHIO ADULTS with one ad placement. Only \$850.00. Ask your local newspaper about our 2X2 Display Network or Call Kathy at 614-486-6677/E-mail kmccutcheon@adohio.net. or check out our website: www.adohio.net.

## Cars for Sale

\$500! Cars for \$500! Buy Police Impounds! Hondas/Toyotas/Fords and More! For Listings 800-410-7505 ext. A141

CORVETTES WANTED 1953-1972 any condition, competitive buyer, 1-800-850-3656 or corvettebuyer.com. Vince Conn 1610 South Pelham Rd., Jacksonville, AL 36265, 256-435-2648.

## Education/Schools

Adult High School Diploma at home FAST! Nationally accredited. \$399 EZ Payment plan. Free Brochure. 800-470-4723. www.diplomaathome.com.

Truck Driving Academy. Training available in Columbus, Cincinnati, Xenia, Piketon, Wilmington & New Lexington. Offering weekday & weekend programs. Programs \$3995.00. For information: Doug Edwards 1-800-344-6058 ext. 4560/ 1-937-725-9300.

Become Dietary Manager (average annual salary \$40,374) in eight months in online program offered by Tennessee Technology Center at Elizabethton. Details www.ttelizabethton.edu, 1-888-986-2368 or email patriicia.roark@ttcelizabethton.edu.

Classification: Career Training/ Miscellaneous  
AIRLINES ARE HIRING a Train for high paying Aviation Maintenance Career.  
FAA approved program. Financial aid if qualified - Housing available.  
CALL Aviation Institute of Maintenance (888) 349-5387

ATTEND COLLEGE 100% ONLINE - Military Tuition Assistance  
\*Medical, \*Business, \*Paralegal, Computers, \*Criminal Justice. Job placement assistance. Computer available. Call 800-509-5085 www.CenturaOnline.com

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA FROM HOME. 6-8 weeks. Nationally Accredited. Better opportunity for job placement. Payment Plan. FREE Brochure. 1-800-264-8330 www.diploma-fromhome.com Benjamin Franklin High School

## For Rent

Apartment for rent  
1 bedroom  
Stove and refrigerator furnished  
Central air, laundry hookups  
No pets allowed  
937-254-6451

## Health

Online Pharmacy Buy Soma, Ultram, Fioricet, Prozac, Buspar

## Medical Supplies

\$71.99/90 \$107/180 Quantities, Price Includes Prescription! Over 200 meds \$25/Coupon Mention Offer: #61B31. 1-888-428-7495. tridrugstore.info.

WANTED DIABETES TEST STRIPS Any Kind/Any brand Unexpired. Pay up to \$16.00 Per box. We pay shipping. Call 1-713-395-1106. Visit: www.cash4diabetesteststrips.com

## Help Wanted

\$\$FUN JOB\$\$ Travel - Work - Party - Play. 50 States National Co. now hiring 18+ sharp guys/gals to work & travel entire USA. 2 wks. PAID training, transportation & Lodging furnished. Paid daily, returns guaranteed. Call Today! 1-888-741-2190.

Truck Drivers Wanted-Best Pay and Home Time! Apply Online Today over 750 Companies! One Application, Hundreds of Offers! http://hammerlanejobs.com

Driver - Currently Hiring Experienced Teams and Solos with HazMat. Dry Van & Temp Control available. O/Os welcome. Call Covenant (866)-684-2519. EOE.

Drivers - CDL/A: Weekend Home Time! Paid Vacation/Holidays. Benefits, 401K and More! Flatbed Carrier since 1928. 6 months OTR required. 1-800-441-4271 x OH-100.

Drivers - Express Fleet Regional Runs. Great Pay & Full Benefits. Class A CDL = 1 yr. OTR Exp. Must live within 50 miles of Columbus. 1-800-539-8016 www.landair.com.

Drivers - Van & Flatbed Drivers Needed. OTR Runs. Excellent Pay. Great Benefits and Home-time. Smithway Motor Xpress. CDL-A 23 YO., 1 yr. OTR 1-888-839-2013 www.smxc.com.

NUCLEAR POWER TRAINEES - Career with potential. Paid training w/benefits plus \$ for school. No exp. needed. HS grads ages 17-34. Call Mon-Fri. (800) 282-1384.

Over 18? Between High School and College? Travel and Have Fun w/Young Successful Business Group. No Experience Necessary. 2 wks Paid Training. Lodging, Transportation Provided. 1-877-646-5050.

Earn up to \$500 weekly assembling your angel pins in the comfort of your own home. No experience required! Call 1-813-333-5897 or visit www.angelpin.net

HVAC Tech Training. EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES for EPA and OSHA Nationally Certified. 3.5 wk training program. Local Job Placement and Financing available. 1-877-994-9904

FEDERAL POSTAL JOBS! Now Hiring! Earn \$12 - \$48 per hour / No Experience Full Benefits / Paid Training 1-866-409-2663 ext. 22

MYSTERY SHOPPERS - Get paid to shop! Retail/Dining establishments need undercover clients to judge quality/customer

## Miscellaneous

service. Earn up to \$150 a day. Call 1-877-306-3966

Get Your New Power Wheelchairs, Power Scooters And Hospital Beds At Absolutely no Cost If you qualify! Fastest Delivery Available!! Call Toll Free 1-800-470-7562.

Get Your New Power Wheelchairs, Power Scooters And Hospital Beds At Absolutely no Cost If you qualify! Fastest Delivery Available!! Call Toll Free 1-800-470-7562.

Absolutely No Cost To You! All brand new Power Wheelchairs, Hospital Beds and Scooters. Immediate Delivery. Call Toll Free 1-888-998-4111 To Qualify.

CANADIAN FISHING CABINS FOR RENT. Walleyes, jumbo perch, northerns. Call Hugh or Doris toll free 800-426-2550 for free brochure. Or look at our website www.bestfishing.com.

Homeowners Wanted!!! Kayak Pools is looking for demo homesites to display our virtually maintenance-free Kayak pools. Save thousands of \$\$\$ with this Unique Opportunity. Call Now! 800-315-2925 kayakpoolsmidwest.com. Discount Code: 897-L15.

FREE DIRECTV 4 Room System! 265+ Channels! Starts \$29.99! FREE HBO, Showtime, Starz! 130 HD Channels! FREE DVR/HD! No Start Up Costs! Local Installers! 1-800-234-9094

STEEL BUILDINGS ANY SIZE WELCOME Spring SPECIALS! Steel prices are Down! ADDITIONAL Discounts Available. Don't Wait! World Class Service. CALL NOW! www.greylensteel.com 1-866-802-8573

Name Brand Laptops Absolutely Free! Get the Laptop You Deserve New! Super Thin Super Fast Includes Free Shipping Log In Now! www.FreeLapTopStore.com

Name Brand Laptops Absolutely Free! Get the Laptops You Deserve New! Super Thin Super Fast Includes Free Shipping Log In Now! www.FreeLapTopStore.com

## Personals

Secret Encounters 1-800-442-MEET .69 p/m Ladies Free!! 1-800-201-TALK

## Real Estate

Acreage For Sale Salt fork Lake Acreage 5 Acres of Terrific Outdoor Recreation mostly wooded, w/small pond \$19,900 owner Financing 740-489-9146.

TEXAS LAND -0- Down! 20-acre Ranches, Near El Paso. Beautiful Mountain Views. Road Access. Surveyed. \$15,900. \$159/mo. Money Back Guarantee. Owner Financing. 1-800-843-7537 www.sunse-tranches.com

3bd 2ba \$218/mo! Buy Foreclosed Homes! (5%dn, 20yrs @ 8.5%APR) For Listings 800-508-8176 ext. 1999

\*\*\*FREE Foreclosure Listings\*\*\* Over 400,000 properties nationwide. LOW Down Payment. Call NOW! 1-800-817-6272

Place an ad today by calling 419-628-2369 or e-mail publisher@nktelco.net.

Visit us online at [www.minster-communitypost.com](http://www.minster-communitypost.com).

## MOVING GARAGE SALE ALL MUST GO!!

Wurlitzer Victrola, Shop Smith wood working tools, upright freezer, stove & oven, furniture, fabric, crafts, home accessories, picture frames, old Minster School desk, pool of ribbon, bikes, seasonal decor.

278 S. Lincoln St., Minster. April 3-4, 2009, 8:00 a.m. till 6:00 p.m.

## COMMUNITY BOARD

To advertise your business or service, call Carol at 419-628-2369

## Interior (re)design

our goal is to fit your design needs, style, and budget.

EMBELLISHMENTS

6 E. Mechanic Wapakoneta 419.738.1212

## THOBE TV & SATELLITE

8559 State Route 119  
Marla Stein, OH 45860  
**419-925-4022**

\$\$ We Buy \$\$  
Cars, Van, Pick ups & SUVs  
**POEPELMAN AUTO**

419-925-4747  
St. Rt. 274, Carthagen  
[www.rpauto.net](http://www.rpauto.net)

**NK STUMP REMOVAL**  
**FREE ESTIMATES**  
**REASONABLE RATES**  
**TOM LEFFEL**  
**419-753-2617**

## THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY MARKETPLACE

| America's Nationwide Classified Market With Over 10 Million Readers                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>MISCELLANEOUS</b><br><b>DIRECTV</b><br>FREE 4-Room System!<br>265+ Channels!<br>Starts \$29.99!<br>FREE HBO, Showtime, Starz!<br>130 HD Channels!<br><b>FREE DVR/HD!</b><br>No Start Up Costs!<br>LOCAL INSTALLERS!<br><b>800-973-9044</b> | <b>BIG BEAUTIFUL ARIZONA LOTS</b><br>Near Tucson<br>\$0 down<br>\$0 interest<br>Starting \$129/month<br>No Credit Check!<br>Pre-Recorded Message<br><b>(800)631-8164</b><br>mention code ACAN<br>Or Visit our website at:<br><a href="http://www.sunsiteslandrush.com">www.sunsiteslandrush.com</a> | <b>REAL ESTATE</b><br>*****<br><b>FREE Foreclosure Listings!</b><br>*****<br>More Than 400,000 properties Nationwide!!<br>LOW Down Payment<br><b>CALL TODAY!</b><br><b>800-817-6272</b>                                                                                                   |
| <b>BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY</b><br><b>ABSOLUTE GOLDMINE!</b><br>Recession proof business!<br>Explosive NEW gourmet super energy product!<br>15 vending machines<br><b>ONLY \$4995.00!</b><br><b>CALL US NOW!</b><br><b>800-536-4514</b>           | <b>MISCELLANEOUS</b><br><b>DIRECTV</b><br>Satellite Television<br>FREE EQUIPMENT<br>FREE 4-Room Installation<br>FREE HD or DVR Receiver Upgrade<br>Packages from \$29.99/mo<br>Call DIRECT Sat TV for details<br><b>1-888-436-0083</b>                                                              | <b>MISCELLANEOUS</b><br><b>DISH Network</b><br>**SPECIALS!**<br><b>TurboHD</b><br>The <u>ONLY</u> 100% HD Package from DISH!<br>Get it TODAY starting at \$9.99/mo for 6 mos.<br><b>ORDER TODAY!</b><br>FREE Equipment!<br><b>CALL NOW!</b><br><b>1-888-383-3845</b><br>Promo Code: 31694 |

For advertising rates and information on National Classified Advertising: Contact **Diane Hendrixson** 1-888-593-6357 or email me at: [dianeh@surge.net](mailto:dianeh@surge.net)

**The Safest and Best Smelling Candles!**

*Scentsy Wickless Candle Opportunity*

Are you looking for a fun and easy way to earn some extra money? Contact me to sell Scentsy! A great company, fantastic products that practically sell themselves, low start-up costs, and so much more!

**Sara Speechly**  
Independent Star Director/Leading Coach  
Email: [safestcandle@gmail.com](mailto:safestcandle@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.safestcandles.com](http://www.safestcandles.com)

**For a Free Information Packet go to [www.safestcandles.com](http://www.safestcandles.com)**

**The Community Post**  
Your hometown newspaper since 1896  
326 North Main St., #200 \* P.O. Box 155  
Minster, OH 45865  
Open Monday - Friday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
419.628.2369 \* FAX 419.628.4712  
[publisher@nktelco.net](mailto:publisher@nktelco.net)

Deborah A. Zwez, Publisher  
Allison Roorda, Editor  
Carol Kohn, Ad Manager  
Jessica Honigford, Reporter

The weekly deadline for all advertising is Monday at 4:30 p.m.

Publisher reserves the right to reject, edit or cancel any advertising at any time.  
Publisher's liability to error is limited to the amount paid for advertising.

Published weekly on Thursdays by Horizon Ohio Publications, Inc.  
ISSN 8750-1066

Subscriptions in Auglaize, Shelby, Mercer and Darke Counties are \$26 per year.  
All other areas are \$29 per year.  
50 cents per issue on newsstands

Postmaster: Please send changes to P.O. Box 155, Minster, OH, 45865

*The Community Post* welcomes letters to the editor and submissions on relevant topics that concern our communities.

All submissions must be submitted no later than noon on Monday the week of publication. Any submissions received after that deadline will not be printed until the subsequent issue. Submissions may be edited for content, grammar and length.



# MARION LOCAL

## 2008-09 Marion Local Varsity Baseball

|      |                         |      |
|------|-------------------------|------|
| 3/30 | Greenville High School  | Away |
| 3/31 | Celina High School      | Home |
| 4/02 | New Bremen HS           | Away |
| 4/03 | Russia High School      | Home |
| 4/04 | Bradford HS (DH)        | Home |
| 4/06 | Lehman Catholic HS      | Home |
| 4/07 | Fort Loramie Jr/Sr H.S. | Away |
| 4/10 | Houston High School     | Home |
| 4/11 | WCSM Tourney            | Away |
| 4/14 | New Knoxville HS        | Away |
| 4/16 | St. Henry High School   | Home |
| 4/18 | Ansonia HS (DH)         | Away |
| 4/19 | Fort Loramie Jr/Sr.     | Away |
| 4/21 | Versailles High School  | Away |
| 4/23 | Celina High School      | Away |
| 4/24 | Delphos St. Johns       | Away |
| 4/25 | Upper Scioto Valley     | Home |
| 4/28 | New Bremen HS           | Home |
| 4/30 | Anna High School        | Home |
| 5/01 | Parkway High School     | Away |
| 5/05 | Fort Recovery HS        | Home |
| 5/07 | St. Marys Memorial      | Away |
| 5/08 | Coldwater HS            | Away |
| 5/12 | Minster High School     | Home |



Photo by Allison Roorda

Front row: Manager Cole Griesdorn  
Middle row (left to right): Jarren Griesdorn, Tyler Thobe, Troy Prenger, Jason Wolters and Marcus Moeller.  
Back row (left to right): Coach Craig Riethman, Monte Imwalle, Travis Winner, Jake Bertke, Ben Smith, Nate Thobe and Coach Greg Bruns.



Photo provided by The Daily Standard

Front row (left to right): Managers Mindy Puthoff and Brianna Bragg.  
Middle row (left to right): Ashley Wilker, Amber Fleck, Rachael Puthoff, Tara Hartings, Nicole Goettemoeller, Kensey Schwieterman, Melisha Kramer, Michelle Thobe and Kristen Subler.  
Back row (left to right): Coach Russ Puthoff, Jodi Otte, Dari Koesters, Andrea Mescher, Nicole Schwieterman, Gina Hietkamp, Ellen Mescher, Amanda Arling and Assistant Coach Denise Hartings.

## 2008-09 Marion Local Varsity Softball

|      |                        |      |
|------|------------------------|------|
| 3/28 | St. Marys (DH)         | Home |
| 3/30 | St. Marys Memorial     | Away |
| 3/31 | Lincolnview HS         | Home |
| 4/02 | Wapakoneta HS          | Away |
| 4/03 | Ansonia High School    | Away |
| 4/04 | Bradford HS (DH)       | Home |
| 4/06 | Lehman Catholic H.S.   | Home |
| 4/07 | Fort Loramie Jr/Sr     | Away |
| 4/11 | Houston High School    | Away |
| 4/13 | Celina High School     | Home |
| 4/14 | Coldwater High School  | Away |
| 4/16 | St. Henry High School  | Away |
| 4/18 | Russia HS (DH)         | Away |
| 4/20 | Versailles High School | Home |
| 4/21 | New Bremen HS          | Home |
| 4/23 | Lima Shawnee HS        | Home |
| 4/24 | Russia High School     | Home |
| 4/27 | New Bremen HS          | Away |
| 4/28 | St. Henry High School  | Home |
| 4/30 | Parkway High School    | Home |
| 5/01 | Spencerville HS        | Away |
| 5/04 | Fort Recovery HS       | Away |
| 5/05 | Anna High School       | Away |
| 5/07 | Coldwater High School  | Home |
| 5/11 | Minster High School    | Away |



Photo provided by The Daily Standard

Sitting (left to right): Alex Post, Dustin Schemmel, Greg Schwieterman, Shawn Beyke, Greg Hartke, Chris Heitkamp, Jake Heitkamp, Trevor Homan, Jeff Knapschaefer, Mitch Kremer and Mark Wuebker.  
Kneeling (left to right): Austin Berning, Ben Fortkamp, Todd Heitkamp, Garret Homan, Jay Pierron, Taylor Stucke, Drew Bernard, Niles Keller, Adam Muhlenkamp, Alex Obringer, Ellis Pohlmann and Aaron Post.  
Standing (left to right): Coach Matt Schmackers, Coach Chris Keller, TJ Bernard, John Broering, Josh Heitkamp, Jeff Moeller, Dillon Kremer, Austin Pohlmann, Dallas Schulze, Coach Rod Pleiman and Coach Randy Jutte.

## 2008-09 Marion Local Varsity Track

|      |                         |      |
|------|-------------------------|------|
| 3/28 | Versailles Invitational | Away |
| 4/02 | New Knoxville           | Home |
| 4/02 | Delphos St. Johns       | Home |
| 4/02 | Coldwater               | Home |
| 4/04 | Versailles Invitational | Away |
| 4/07 | Anna, Parkway           | Home |
| 4/09 | Spencerville Relays     | Away |
| 4/14 | St. Marys, Versailles   | Away |
| 4/16 | Fort Recovery           | Away |
| 4/18 | Minster Memorial        | Away |
| 4/21 | Fort Loramie, Ansonia   | Away |
| 4/23 | New Bremen, Minster     | Away |
| 4/28 | Coldwater, St. Henry    | Away |
| 5/02 | Cardinal Invitational   | Away |
| 5/07 | Mercer County Meet      | Away |
| 5/08 | Mercer County Meet      | Away |
| 5/12 | MAC Meet                | Away |
| 5/15 | MAC Meet                | Away |



**The Community Post**

Serving our community since 1896



**Machine & Tool Co.**  
2411 Cassella-Montezuma Road  
Maria Stein, Ohio  
419-925-7222  
Fax: 419-925-6222



**Huelsman Automotive, Inc.**  
Service Garage  
10 W. Franklin St.  
Chickasaw, Ohio



**CARRIAGE WERKES Inc.**  
"Specializing In Collision Repair"  
Joe Bruggeman, Owner  
421 N. Eastern Ave.  
St. Henry, OH 45883  
(419) 678-4530 • 1-800-441-0826



Photo provided by The Daily Standard

Sitting (left to right): Rachel Hess, Jessica Homan, Brie Jutte, Stephanie Mescher, Janel Schulte, Claire Schwieterman, Margaret Schwieterman, Mindy Hartings, Taylor Rengers and Abby Schlarman.  
Kneeling (left to right): Allison Bruns, Holly Bruns, Patricia Buening, Ashley Dirksen, Rachel Platfoot, Carla Rutschilling, Abby Schmitmeyer, Lauren Bruns, Heather Brunswick and Renee Dirksen.  
Standing (left to right): Coach Matt Schmackers, Coach Chris Keller, Annette Bruns, Kristina Bruns, Kylee Chrisman, Elizabeth Reichert, Heidi Schemmel, Megan Arling, Chessey Brodbeck, Coach Rod Pleiman and Coach Randy Jutte.



**Chickasaw Quik Stop**  
Corner of 716 & 274  
Chickasaw, Ohio  
419-925-8888



**THOBE TV & SATELLITE**  
8559 State Route 119  
Marla Stein, OH 45860  
419-925-4022



**Thobe Body Shop**  
2265 Rolfes Rd.  
Maria Stein, Ohio 45860  
419-925-4427



**KCRNER KAFE**  
7995 St. Rt. 119  
Maria Stein, OH  
419-925-4040



**MOELLER DOOR & WINDOW**  
2015 U.S. 127 • ST. HENRY, OHIO  
CORNER OF STATE ROUTE 119 & U.S. 127  
419-925-4748 • 1-800-814-4000  
www.moellerdoors.com  
Family Owned & Operated by Pat Moeller



**KEMMLER ORTHOPAEDIC CENTER**  
Excellence in Orthopedics and Sports Medicine  
James E. Kemmler, M.D.  
Darby W. Wehrley, D.P.M.  
Board Certified • 123 Hamilton Street • Celina  
419-586-5760



**LEUGERS INSURANCE AGENCY**  
315 W. Spring St. • St. Marys, OH 45885  
Phone: (419) 394-4141  
7990 State Rte. 119 • Maria Stein, OH 45860  
Phone: (419) 925-4511



**Osgood State Bank**  
www.osgoodbank.com



# MINSTER



Photo by Jessica Honigford

Minster baseball team: Brian Mueller (#2), Robert Gruber (#17), Jack Griner (#16), Chris Helmer (#4), Tim Brown (#33), Max Dues (#7), Sam Otting (#30), Austin Baumer (#18), Alex Schmiesing (#13), Ross Wuebker (#44), Cory Otting (#14), Josh Watercutter (#34), Eric Trushaw (#9), Adam Sherman (#11), Chase Paxson (#10), Craig Purpus (#8), Ben Heitbrink (#21) and Mitchel Poepelman (#26). Coaches: Mike Wiss and Tim Baumer.

## 2008-09 Minster Varsity Baseball

|      |                          |      |
|------|--------------------------|------|
| 3/31 | Russia Local             | Away |
| 4/02 | Spencerville             | Home |
| 4/03 | Anna                     | Away |
| 4/04 | Memorial                 | Home |
| 4/06 | Wapakoneta               | Away |
| 4/07 | Botkins                  | Away |
| 4/09 | Covington                | Away |
| 4/10 | Jackson Center           | Home |
| 4/11 | Ft. Loramie (DH)         | Away |
| 4/14 | Saint John's             | Home |
| 4/17 | New Bremen               | Away |
| 4/21 | Parkway                  | Home |
| 4/22 | Crestview                | Home |
| 4/23 | Fort Recovery            | Away |
| 4/24 | Ft. Loramie Invitational | Away |
| 4/25 | Ft. Loramie Invitational | Away |
| 4/26 | Ansonia                  | Away |
| 4/27 | Celina Senior            | Home |
| 4/28 | Coldwater                | Home |
| 4/30 | Bath                     | Home |
| 5/01 | Versailles               | Away |
| 5/05 | New Knoxville            | Away |
| 5/08 | St. Henry                | Home |
| 5/09 | Sectional 1st Round      | Home |
| 5/12 | Marion Local             | Away |
| 5/13 | Sectional 2nd Round      | Home |

## 2008-09 Minster Varsity Softball

|      |                   |      |
|------|-------------------|------|
| 3/31 | Celina Senior     | Away |
| 4/03 | Houston           | Home |
| 4/04 | Delphos Jefferson | Away |
| 4/07 | St. Henry         | Home |
| 4/09 | Covington         | Away |
| 4/11 | Memorial          | Away |
| 4/14 | Anna              | Home |
| 4/16 | New Bremen        | Home |
| 4/17 | Jackson Center    | Home |
| 4/20 | Parkway           | Away |
| 4/23 | Fort Recovery     | Home |
| 4/24 | Botkins           | Home |
| 4/25 | Fort Loramie      | Home |
| 4/27 | Coldwater         | Away |
| 4/28 | Spencerville      | Home |
| 4/30 | Versailles        | Home |
| 5/01 | Anna              | Away |
| 5/04 | Russia Local      | Away |
| 5/05 | New Bremen        | Away |
| 5/07 | St. Henry         | Away |
| 5/08 | Wapakoneta        | Away |
| 5/11 | Marion Local      | Home |
| 5/12 | Van Wert          | Away |



Photo by Jessica Honigford

Minster softball team: Lynn Sherman (#22), Emily Winner (#14), Stacey Seger (#19), Laura Timmerman (#7), Holli Berger (#8), Dana Brandewie (#10), Megan Steuve (#15), Molly Thobe (#9), Claire Winner, Emily Thiemann, Hanna Floyd, Megan Timmerman, Megan Hanenkraft, Jayden Hahn, Kassi Brown, Sammi Brown, Lauren Jutte, Brittany Heitkamp, Janie Wagner, Halie Byers and Kaitlyn Lehmkuhl. Coached by Thomas Berger.



## 2008-09 Minster Boys and Girls Track

|      |                               |      |
|------|-------------------------------|------|
| 3/28 | Versailles Girls Invitational | Away |
| 3/31 | Tri-Meet (Bath/Memorial)      | Home |
| 4/04 | Versailles Boys Invitational  | Away |
| 4/09 | New Bremen                    | Away |
| 4/11 | Anna Invitational             | Away |
| 4/14 | Quad-Meet                     | Home |
| 4/18 | Minster Memorial Invitational | Home |
| 4/23 | Tri-Meet @ New Bremen         | Away |
| 4/25 | Milton Union Invitational     | Away |
| 4/30 | Quad-Meet @ Parkway           | Away |
| 5/09 | Ada Invitational              | Away |
| 5/12 | M.A.C. Championships          | Away |
| 5/15 | M.A.C. Championships          | Away |
| 5/21 | District Meet                 | Home |
| 5/23 | District Meet                 | Home |

Photo by Jessica Honigford

Minster girls track team: Lei Bornhorst, Bernadette Burke, Kelly Dahlinghaus, Lauren Fausey, Stacey Sherman, Becca Steinemann, Jessica Albers, Sarah Huelsman, Alyssa Kemper, Kelli Kemper, Jenni Richard, Emily Barhorst, Hannah Blanke, Averie Bornhorst, Holly Brandewie, Maria Dahlinghaus, Kayla Langenkamp, Chelsey Olberding, Katie Richard, Sophia Richard, Stacey Riethman, Courtney Beck, Samantha Hoelscher, Kelly Mueller, Heather Schmiesing, Dana Stucke, Johanna Winner and Kayla Wuebker. Coach: Cindy Nelson.



Photo by Jessica Honigford

The Minster boys' track team: Chris Baker (622), Peter Blanco (611), Derek Collins (608), Brandon Kreig (608), Conner Moorman (619), Sam Schroeder (626), Francis Slonkosky (610), Ryan Will (651), Jake Winner (654), Seth Arnold (601), Oliver Barga (604), Bernd Bergmann (614), Jacob Davis (658), Zach Davis (658), Evan Eshlman (656), Jake Goodwin (616), Austin Hegemann (615), Jack Olding (605), Craig Philpot (649), Sam Philpot (635), Alex Schwieterman (600), Brandon Schwiik (633), Jared Sekas (655), John Tebbe (612), Oliver Weaver (637), Adam Will (603), Zach Wyen (657), Josh Borges (631), Scott Borges (612), Brendon Conrad (659), Jacob Dirksen (618), Evan Forsthoefel (641), Louis Fullenkamp (650), Nathan Mckenzie (602), Paul Morsey (621), Paul Niekamp (625), Travis Osterloh (624), Eric Piening (634), Ben Thobe (638), Ty Whitford (620), Alex Abbott (613), Caleb Ahrens (606), Albert Barga (626), Jordan Boeke (636), Matt Buening (655), Josh Corbit (623), Jake Kaiser (629), Bryan Philpot (628), Jake Philpot (644), Tyler Richard (630), Brad Sekas (653), Joby Stechschulte (617) and Dan Winner (627). Coached by Larry Topp and Tim Thien.

Stroh, Johnson & Company LLP

Wapakoneta & Minster

419-628-3175

Gregory Bergman, M.D.

4463 State Route 66

Minster, Ohio

419-628-3821

WAGNER'S IGA

WAGNER'S Village Market

257 E. Fourth St. 200 S. Main St.

Minster Ft. Loramie

419-628-3537 937-420-3537

MINSTER STORE OPEN MON.-SAT. 7 AM-10 PM, SUN. 8 AM-6 PM; FT. LORAMIE STORE OPEN MON. - SAT. 6 AM-10 PM, SUN. 8 AM-9 PM

24 Hour Emergency Service

Free Estimates • Generator Sales & Service

Where Customer Satisfaction Equals Success

305 W. First St., Minster, OH

419-628-3407

Buschur Electric Inc.

Heritage Manor

Skilled Nursing & Rehab Center

24 N. Hamilton St., Minster • 419-628-2396

Bud's Pizza

6 S. Main St.

Minster

419-628-3518

DANNON

Minster, Ohio

ALBERT FREYTAG INC.

Masonry Contractors & Steel Fabricators

2233 STATE ROUTE 362

MINSTER, OH

419-628-2018

Emmy's Bridal

complete formal wear selection

www.emmysbridal.com

419-628-7555

Eagle Plaza • 336 N. Main St. • Minster OH

across from Minster's stadium

GARMANN MILLER & ASSOCIATES

38 SOUTH LINCOLN DRIVE

MINSTER, OHIO 45865

PHONE: (419) 628-4240

www.garmannmiller.com

ARCHITECTS ENGINEERS

WEIGANDT

BUILDERS • DEVELOPERS

REAL ESTATE LTD

SecurCom

Family SharePlans

Full Line of Cell Phones & Accessories

Excellent Customer Service

ST MARKS 1246 Indiana Ave. (419) 394-2597

MINSTER 96 W. Fourth St. (419) 628-1717

WAPAKONETA 30 W. Anglin St. (419) 738-6483

www.securcom.com

MINSTER SERVICE CLUB

DEDICATION SINCE 2009

HEYNE CONSTRUCTION INC.

General Contractors

REHABILITATION SERVICES

JOINT TOWNSHIP DISTRICT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

AN AFFILIATE OF GRAND LAKE HEALTH SYSTEM

419-394-3335 • www.grandlakehealth.org

MASTER DRY

Master Maintenance

181 N. Main St., Minster

419-628-3181





Photo by Brian Smith  
New Bremen softball team: Brianna Bertke, Brittani Blaine, Megan Broerman, Taylor Carter, Kristen Dahlinghaus, Rebecca Dwenger, Amy Elking, Sydney Goens, Gina Griesdorn, Michelle Griesdorn, Shelby Hagan, Jodi Heitkamp, Lauren Hohler, Beatriz Lorenzatto, Rylie McKinney, Kirsten Miller, Sarah Niekamp, Krysta Obringer, Hannah Overman, Lindsey Pape, Emily Philpot, Jessie Rindler, Morgan Russell, Timri Sadler, Jaclyn Scheer, Marissa Sharp, Stacy Timmerman, Hadley Williams and Christina Wisvari.

2008-09 New Bremen Varsity Track

|                                    |      |
|------------------------------------|------|
| 3/28 Versailles Girls Invitational | Away |
| 4/02 Quad Meet                     | Home |
| 4/04 Versailles Boys Invitational  | Away |
| 4/09 Minster High School           | Home |
| 4/11 Anna Invitational             | Away |
| 4/14 Quad Meet                     | Home |
| 4/18 Minster Memorial              | Away |
| 4/21 St. Henry High School         | Away |
| 4/23 Minster-Marion Local          | Home |
| 5/02 Cardinal Invitational         | Home |
| 5/05 St. Mary's Quad Meet          | Away |
| 5/12 MAC Track Semifinals          | Away |
| 5/15 MAC Track Meet – Finals       | Away |

Photo by Brian Smith  
New Bremen boys' track team: Richard Bell, Philip Borkowski, Dillon Boroff, Adam Bushman, Benjamin Chaney, Robert Clark, Tanner Davis, Justin Eilerman, Robert Franks, Jared Gilberg, Jordan Gilberg, Jonathan Hamilton, Nevin Hirschfeld, Steve Homan, Kyle Knapke, Trey Kohlrieser, Jacob Kosch, Nicholas Kramer, Douglas Kremer, Jeffrey Kremer, Scott Lammers, Zachary Linniman, Austin Luedeke, Brandon Meyer, Derek Nietfeld, Dillon Otting, Aaron Schmitmeyer, Jay Schwartz, Matthew Sindelar, Nathan Skinner, Jeffrey Smart, Nathan Smith, Zachary Speckman, Austin Suchland, Kaleb Swiger, Cody Topp, Matthew Travis, Michael Travis, Brock Verhoff, Dillon Webster, Elliott Westerbeck, Caleb Williams, Troy Williams, Simon Yang, Evan Zircher and Matthew Zirkle.



Photo by Brian Smith  
New Bremen girls' track team: Jenna Ahlers, Caitlin Chaney, Jaclyn Dabbelt, Renee Dicke, Tayla Haynes, Taylor Jones, Sarah Kaiser, Stephanie Kemper, Kassandra Krauss, Samantha Kremer, Abreil Lodes, Jessica May, Andrea McGregor, Alexis Niekamp, Jackie Niekamp, Jill Rhoades, Taylor Richard, Emily Rutschilling, Taylor Schemmel, Chynna Shurelds, Elayne Speckman, Kyleigh Suchland, LeAnn Topp, Bethany Webster and Christina Wissman.

2008-09 New Bremen Varsity Baseball

|      |                                |      |
|------|--------------------------------|------|
| 3/30 | Bradford High School           | Home |
| 4/02 | Marion Local High School       | Home |
| 4/03 | Celina High School             | Away |
| 4/04 | Indian Lake High School (DH)   | Away |
| 4/06 | St. Marys Memorial             | Home |
| 4/07 | Anna High School               | Home |
| 4/11 | Jackson Center (DH)            | Home |
| 4/13 | Fort Loramie High School       | Home |
| 4/14 | Coldwater High School          | Away |
| 4/17 | Minster High School            | Home |
| 4/18 | Van Wert (DH)                  | Home |
| 4/20 | Covington High School          | Home |
| 4/21 | New Knoxville High School      | Away |
| 4/24 | St. Henry High School          | Home |
| 4/28 | Marion Local High School       | Away |
| 4/30 | Lehman High School             | Home |
| 5/01 | Delphos St. John's High School | Home |
| 5/02 | Upper Scioto Valley            | Away |
| 5/05 | Versailles High School         | Home |
| 5/08 | Parkway High School            | Away |
| 5/12 | Fort Recovery High School      | Home |
| 5/13 | Sectional Semifinals           | Away |
| 5/14 | Spencerville High School       | Away |



Photo by Brian Smith  
Ryan Evers (#3), Corey Jutte (#5), Dylan Crisp (#10), Andy Timmerman (#12), Jared Cox (#17), Nathan Fenters (#19), Brice Imwalle (#20), Hank Zwiep (#24), Calib Cox (#25), Marcus Bergman (#30), Adam Meyer (#34) and Spencer Rohr (#44). Coaches are Greg Cox, Josh Wuebsock and Mike Holdren.

Precision Reflex

710 Steine Drive  
New Bremen, Ohio  
419-629-2603

ThinkFirst  
First National Bank

New Bremen: 419.629.2761  
Sidney: 937.492.1292  
Botkins: 937.693-1597  
Wapakoneta: 419.738.2194  
New Knoxville: 419.753.3456

THE CROWN STORE

130 W. Monroe St. • New Bremen, OH 45869  
Monday-Friday 10am-7pm • Saturday 9am-4pm

Featuring Historical Memorabilia  
and Name Brand Clothing  
Open to the Public  
Shop Online: crown.com

GOOD LUCK, CARDINALS!

NEW BREMEN  
AMERICAN LEGION

St. Rt. 66, New Bremen

419-629-2357 For Reservations

NEW KNOXVILLE  
SUPPLY CO., INC.

Commercial • Residential • Industrial  
Electrical • Plumbing • Heating • Sheet Metal  
Air Conditioning • Contractors  
Since 1931

205 Industrial Park Drive  
New Knoxville, Ohio

Phone (419) 753-2444 Fax (419) 753-2195

Auglaize/  
Mercer Counties  
YMCA

South Branch  
04075 Wuebker Rd  
Minster, OH  
419-629-9622

Jason E. This

Attorney at Law  
5030 State Route 66  
P.O. Box 42  
New Bremen, OH 45869  
(419) 629-8108

SCHWIETERMAN'S  
PHARMACY

New Bremen 419-629-2336 Wapakoneta 419-738-9959 St. Marys 419-394-3219  
Minster 419-628-2305 Coldwater 419-678-3435

Gilberg-Hartwig  
Funeral Home

629-2147

Southland Family Medical Associates

3920 Southland Road  
New Bremen, OH  
419-629-2772



FORT LORAMIE

# Fort Loramie's playoff run ends

By Jordan Barhorst  
Sports Correspondent

For a season that some could say should have been a re-building year for Fort Loramie, the Redskins proved to the masses that they didn't have to re-build anything. First year coach Karl Ratermann led his team to an almost Cinderella-like season, which finally came to a close last Tuesday at the hands of Cincinnati area powerhouse Lockland.

The Skins, who finished the season 16-9, didn't go down without a fight. In fact, after the first quarter, it looked as though the Redskins might have had what it took to pull off yet another upset. The Redskins put a lot of points on the board in a hurry on the coat tail of junior center Mark Frilling, who dominated the post for the majority of the first half. Frilling, who has visibly grown into one of the area's most dominate players over the course of the season, was playing his center position like a man possessed, aiding

the Redskins to a 21-16 first quarter lead.

But once Frilling drew his second foul in the second quarter, Lockland was able to capitalize and never looked back. Riding on the success of Cortez Howell, Ricardo Maxwell and Jordan Smith, the Panthers out-scored Loramie 25-10 in the second quarter, greatly contributing to the 10-point Lockland lead going into the half.

The rest of the game was a battle between Frilling and Smith, with Frilling dominating the inside and Smith hitting almost every shot he attempted. The second half featured Loramie in comeback mode for its entirety, and for a little bit it looked as though the Redskins were going to pull off a storybook comeback. The battle between Frilling and Smith continued, with both players having their fair share of help in Cody Albers and Jake Boerger for Frilling and Howell and Maxwell for Smith. In the end it would be

Frilling with the most points, his 27 points trumping Smith's 23, but Smith would come out on the winning side of things, helping his Panthers avoid the Redskin comeback and advance to the next round of the tournament. The final score was 64-58 in favor of the Panthers.

Frilling posted a near triple double, finishing with double digits in both points and rebounds and posting nine blocks. Albers and Boerger finished neck and neck, posting 10 and nine points respectively. The Panthers, while not having as many scorers, had three players in double digits, with Smith finishing with 23 and Howell and Cortez both finishing with 14 points.

The game would be the last for Loramie seniors Eric Drees, Nathan Brandewie, and Jacob Marurer. Drees was able to put up six points in his finale. With the Redskins losing only three seniors this year, things look good for next season for this young Fort Loramie team.



Photos by Jake Stephens

Above: Jake Boerger aims for a trey in the battle between the Redskins and the Panthers on Monday, March 17.

Left: Redskin leader Mark Frilling clears the way for teammate Cody Albers.



**Ernst Service Center**  
200 N. Main St.  
Ft. Loramie, OH  
(937) 295-3600

**A & B Printing**  
400 Enterprise Drive  
Fort Loramie, OH

**REHABILITATION SERVICES**  
JOINT TOWNSHIP DISTRICT  
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL  
AN AFFILIATE OF GRAND LAKE HEALTH SYSTEM  
419-394-3335 • [www.grandlakehealth.org](http://www.grandlakehealth.org)

**5th STREET BARBER SHOP**  
Kevin Knapke  
Closed Monday • Walk-In Tue-Fri 12:00 noon  
Appointments: Everyday After 1:00 pm • All Day Saturday

**SELECT ARC INC.**  
600 ENTERPRISE DRIVE  
FT. LORAMIE, OHIO

**KEMMLER ORTHOPAEDIC CENTER**  
Excellence in Orthopedics and Sports Medicine  
James E. Kemmler, M.D.  
Darby W. Wehrley, D.P.M.  
Board Certified • 123 Hamilton Street • Celina  
419-586-5760

**Ratermann INSURANCE AGENCY**  
Established 1904  
311 N. Main Street, Ft. Loramie  
937-295-2131  
[sratermann@ratermanninsurance.com](mailto:sratermann@ratermanninsurance.com)

**WAYNE TRAIL TECHNOLOGIES, INC.**  
203 E. Park St., Ft. Loramie  
937-295-2120  
[info@waynetrail.com](http://info@waynetrail.com)



Photos by Jake Stephens

Above left: Senior Eric Drees takes the ball down the court.

Above right: Mark Frilling goes up for a basket against Lockland's defenders.

Right: Fort Loramie students cheer on their team in the Division IV regional semi-finals at Fairlawn.



**SecurCom**  
Family SharePlans  
Full Line of Cell Phones & Accessories  
Excellent Customer Service  
ST MARVS 1246 Indiana Ave. (419) 394-5397  
MINSTER 96 W. Fourth St. (419) 628-1717  
WAPAKONETA 30 W. Angeline St. (419) 738-6883  
[www.securcom.com](http://www.securcom.com)

**Osgood State Bank**  
MEMBER FDIC [www.osgoodbank.com](http://www.osgoodbank.com)

**Auglaize/ Mercer Counties YMCA**  
South Branch  
04075 Wuebker Rd  
Minster, OH  
419-629-9622

**Heritage Manor**  
Skilled Nursing & Rehab Center  
24 N. Hamilton St., Minster • 419-628-2396

**The Community Post**  
Serving our community since 1896

**DAN EILERMAN CONSTRUCTION**  
• New Homes • Additions  
• Concrete Work  
• Light Commercial Construction  
(419) 582-3824  
FT. LORAMIE

**WAGNER'S Village Market**  
257 E. Fourth St. 200 S. Main St.  
Ft. Loramie Ft. Loramie  
419-628-3537 937-420-3537  
MINSTER STORE OPEN MON.-SAT. 7 AM-10 PM, SUN. 8 AM-8 PM;  
FT. LORAMIE STORE OPEN MON. - SAT. 8 AM-10 PM, SUN. 8 AM-8 PM

**Keyhole Pizza**  
(937) 295-2826

**Tooling Technology, LLC**  
A TOOLING TECH GROUP COMPANY  
100 Enterprise Drive, Ft. Loramie, OH 45845  
tel: (937) 295-3672 fax: (937) 295-3677  
...WHATEVER IT TAKES - ON TIME, EVERY TIME

**Tom & Jerry's Inc.**  
9943 Dawson Rd.  
Ft. Loramie, Ohio 45845  
Phone 937-295-3243  
628-3267  
FAX 937-295-2849

**Gaier's**  
DODGE • CHRYSLER • JEEP  
FT. LORAMIE, OHIO

**FORT LORAMIE DENTAL CENTER**  
Christopher M. Ashby, D.D.S.  
John R. Campbell, D.D.S.  
20 South Main Street • Ft. Loramie, Ohio 45845  
(937) 295-3400

**Keyhole Pizza**  
(937) 295-2826