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Sen. Rob Portman visits local businesses



U.S. Sen. Rob Portman speaks with Jack Buschur, owner of Buschur Electric in Minster July 20.

Staff photo/Michelle Stein

By MICHELLE STEIN
Staff Writer

MINSTER — U.S. Sen. Rob Portman recently paid a visit to local businesses, addressing concerns about small business regulations.

On July 20, Portman made stops at Dannon, Crown Equipment and lastly to Buschur Electric in Minster, where he spoke with owner Jack Buschur.

“The senator and I have had some discussion in the last week at different meetings we had to be together at,” Buschur said. “We discussed our concerns and frustrations with what’s

going on right now with regulations — regulations that may not necessarily affect Buschur Electric, but tremendously affects our customers. And therefore our customers aren’t willing to spend money on new equipment, are extremely worried about uncertainty and worried about healthcare.”

Portman also held a roundtable with area business owners and government officials on his trip, addressing the topic of workforce development.

“We have legislation that we’re working on reforming federal re-training programs as

part of the workforce development,” he said. “Two-to-three billion dollars spent in Ohio, we are now 42 programs spread over six or seven different agencies or departments — and so part of what we’re trying to do is to streamline and consolidate those programs and make them better for Ohio businesses so we can access the existing federal dollars in a way that makes more sense to ensure that we can be competitive in Ohio.”

Favoring an approach that

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Speaker talks Lake Loramie

By MALLORY KEMPER
Staff Writer

MINSTER — On July 18, the Minster Service Club hosted Charlotte Smith as a speaker to talk about the Lake Loramie Improvement Association and the new plans for Lake Loramie State Park.

The Lake Loramie Improvement Association has 370 members and has been around since 1938 as a non-profit organization.

“Our purpose is to improve the lake and the surrounding areas,” said Smith, secretary and treasurer of the Lake Loramie Improvement Association.

“As a result, we don’t really raise money for the campground because we feel that they have a source of revenue. Our campground at Lake Loramie is one of the few self-sufficient campgrounds — they are actually 105 percent self-funded.”

Smith explained that

Ryan Miller is now the general manager of both Grand Lake St. Marys and Lake Loramie. There is an intern, Heidi Gibson, who is learning how to be the park manager and to help assist Miller in the future.

Smith said the Lake Loramie Improvement Association has two major fundraisers: Including a booth at Liberty Days and the Fall Festival.

“We have a booth at Liberty Days, which we sell raffle tickets and we receive half of the selling price of the tickets and it has been very good for us,” said Smith.

“The Fall Festival is our biggest fundraiser and we were one of the first parks to institute a beer tent, so we bring in good entertainment on Friday and Saturday nights. That has been very successful and that money stays within Lake Loramie and is used for the campground and to bring in

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Photo provided

Kierstyn Oberdorf of Minster recently donated 12 inches of hair to Locks of Love for the second time.

Girl donates to Locks of Love

By MICHELLE STEIN
Staff Writer

MINSTER — A Minster girl recently made a unique donation in memory of her great-aunt, who passed away in 2003.

Kierstyn Oberdorf, age 9, donated 12 inches of hair to Locks

of Love, a foundation that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children suffering from long-term medical hair loss. Kierstyn had her very first haircut in 2010, when she also made her first donation to Locks of Love.

“We had never had it cut before,

and it was all the way down to her legs past her hips,” said Kierstyn’s mother, Christine Oberdorf.

“She decided she wanted to get it cut for the first time because it was starting to bother her.”

After her first donation, Kierstyn

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Silent retreat held at spiritual center

By MALLORY KEMPER
Staff Writer

MARIA STEIN — This past week, sisters and members from different congregations had the opportunity to attend a silent retreat at the Maria Stein Spiritual Center, hosted by the Rev. Clarence Williams.

During the week of July 16-20, 19 members attended the retreat



Staff photo/Mallory Kemper

Pictured above is the Rev. Clarence Williams, who hosted a silent retreat at the Maria Stein Spiritual Center July 16-20.

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NB Fireman’s Picnic to be held July 28

By MICHELLE STEIN
Staff Writer

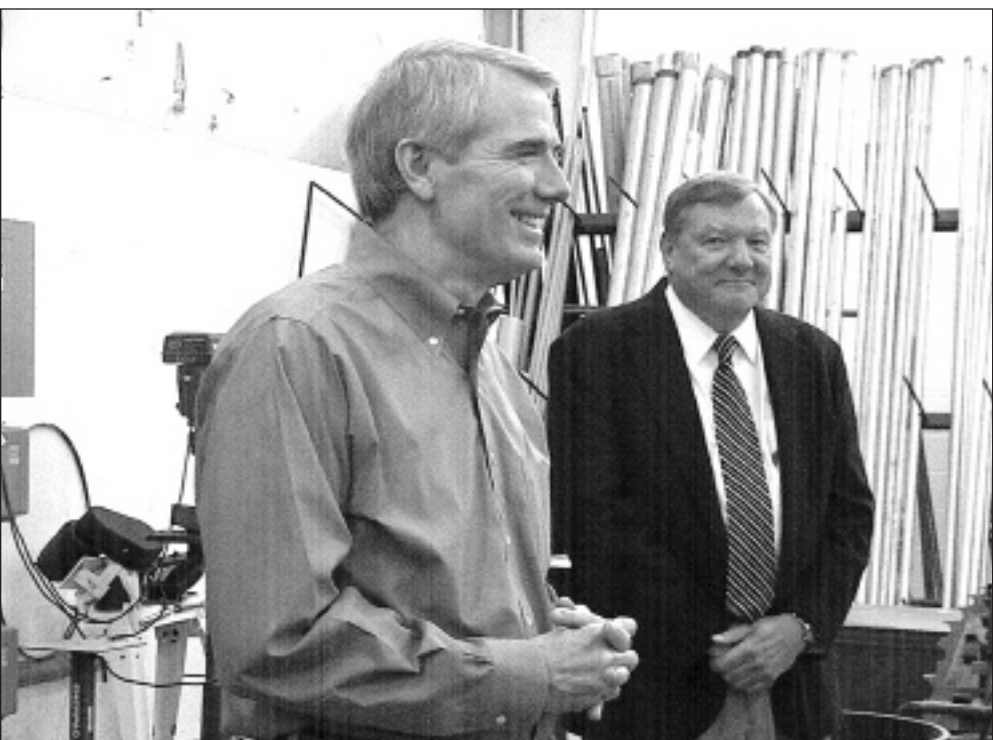
NEW BREMEN — Those interested in supporting their local fire department while enjoying a day of family games and activities might consider stopping by the New Bremen Fireman’s Picnic this weekend.

The 91st annual New Bremen Fireman’s Picnic will once again offer a line-up of events on July 28. Proceeds from the

event will go right back to the department itself, said Jeff Utz, a firefighter with the New Bremen German Township Fire Department.

“We use it as a fundraiser for the department,” he said. “We use it to buy equipment — things that we need for the department. It kind of helps offset some of those high expenses that are associated

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U.S. Sen. Rob Portman stopped at Dannon, Crown Equipment and Buschur Electric July 20 to address concerns about small business regulation.

Portman

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weighs the cost of a reform before it is implemented, Portman said an accessible regulatory environment is a must in order to jump-start the economy.

"Our bill forces the agencies to go through a cost-benefit analysis and then use the least-burdensome alternative," he said. "It forces them to include jobs impact as part of the cost of regulation, and then frankly, it holds their feet to the fire in terms of having judicial review of major regulations."

Portman also noted

this is one of Mitt Romney's platforms, as Romney has promised to put in place a top-to-bottom review of all government regulations the day he is sworn into office if elected president.

"I'm excited, as you know, about Mitt Romney's candidacy for a number of reasons," Portman said. "One thing is he understands business, he's got a record of success in business, he understands the role of government in business — what the government should and shouldn't be doing and he's got good policies and plans to be able to move the country forward."

When asked about the

possibility of his selection as Romney's vice-presidential candidate, Portman once again shrugged off rumors and speculation.

"I'm focused on doing my job in Washington for the people of Ohio," he said. "I'm fortunate to be where I am, representing the whole state. I do support Mitt Romney strongly. I do believe our country needs a change of direction, and I think that has to be in terms of the policies, but also leadership — somebody who has the experience in working in the private sector, has a record of working across the aisle, bringing people together, getting things done."

Lake

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more entertainment the following years."

She explained that with the money that Lake Loramie raises during the fundraisers, they buy a lot of playground equipment and also have built two handicapped fishing piers, put in a fish habitat through the lake, built several boat launches and have removed stumps for safe boating.

Smith then went on to explain the new addition of Earl's Island pavilion, and that people misunderstand that Lake Loramie Improvement was not a part of it, but they did help endorse it.

"They contributed \$10,000 toward the project, but there were approximately 13 people who worked as a committee raising funds," said Smith.

"We raised about \$185,000 and we also had contributions with wildlife and water craft to put in the boat ramps there, and there was money for the rest rooms also. We consider it a wonderful project and we turned it

over to the state of Ohio and they are the owners, keepers and maintainers."

Smith then went on to explain the different activities that Lake Loramie Improvement Association hosts every year.

"We do three events that are free to the public each summer," said Smith.

"We have a old boats motors and fishing lures day. This year we had approximately 8 to 10 old boats. We also give historic pontoon boat rides and offer a digital photography class."

The Lake Loramie Improvement Association also sponsors events during the spring and summer, including a fishing derby in May and a "coons skin cap" weekend during the summer.

"We provide \$750 worth of prizes to be handed out during the fishing derby," said Smith.

"We also sponsor coons skin cap, which happens on a weekend for 10 to 17 year-olds. We just had for the first time a kids passport fish-

ing day, where the kids go through four stations and they are given a rod, reel and tackle box and learn about the ins and outs of fishing and what there is to it. They will be doing another one of these on September 7 for women who want to learn more about fishing."

Recently, there was also a boat parade with eight pontoons that participated in decorating a boat as a "zoo."

"The theme is different each year and this past year it was a day at the zoo so it was neat to see all the different boats decorated," said Smith.

"We also have an annual picnic for all of our members once a year and it follows the boat parade. We also sponsor a catfish derby around the first of September."

A new addition to Lake Loramie State Park was just added recently, noted Smith.

"At Luthman Road, we just put in the boat ramp and repaved the parking area," she said.

"Also, at Fliburn's we added a boat launch, basketball court and playground



Charlotte Smith spoke to the Minster Service Club July 18 about Lake Loramie State Park.

equipment."

Smith also mentioned the new project that the Lake Loramie Improvement Association has been working on.

"We are looking at a 26-by-40 shelter house to go in the Daniels area that would be behind the present park office on Fort Loramie-Swanders Road," said Smith.

"There is a modern rest room that went in there about two years ago. This will kind of just finish off that area and make it another area for people to use and it's always for the people there first or it can be reserved also."

In addition with Grand Lake St. Marys having a rough time, Smith said that Lake Loramie has been really fortunate and

the lake water is perfectly safe.

"We are trying to prevent problems that Grand Lake is having and so far are lake is perfectly safe," said Smith.

"We have also saw more boating activity probably because of Grand Lake having problems but the campground is full almost every weekend, so that's a good sign."

Locks

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decided she wanted to grow out her hair again to make a second donation, Christine explained.

"We talked to her about what Locks for Love does, and she was just so interested in it that she said when she got it cut, she wanted to do it again," Christine said. "Since then, we've been

letting it grow and it's taken two years, and she finally got 12 inches."

In order to be eligible to make a donation to Locks of Love, a person must be able to provide 10-12 inches of hair, Christine noted.

"There are specific instructions on the Locks of Love website," she said.

"You have to put it back in a ponytail holder, and then they clip it, and

then you have to seal it in a zip-lock bag and put it in an envelope and send it."

Kierstyn had her cut for her Locks of Love Donation at Razor's Edge in Sidney by Tina Phyllaier; she donated it in memory of her great aunt, Teresa Roeth.

"Two years ago, in July, we lost Teresa," Christine said.

"She had been diagnosed with breast cancer

seven years before that — so that would have been in 2002. But as far as we knew, she had won the battle, and then she died of an aneurysm."

She was just so involved with the Relay for Life and everything," Christine said. "So we just wanted to do it in her memory ... The first time she donated her hair was a month after Teresa died. She really liked her aunt Teresa."

After her second donation, Kierstyn has decided that she wants to continue donating to Locks of Love, with plans for a third donation.

"She wants to do it again," Christine said. "I personally don't have the patience to let it get that long, but she does."

Kierstyn, who will enter the fourth grade this fall at Minster Elementary School, is involved in

softball, soccer and Girl Scouts. She also loves reading and riding her bike.

"I decided to donate my hair because I want to help other people," Kierstyn said.

"And I didn't want it to get cut off and go to waste because I've been growing it for so long."

For more information on making a donation to Locks of Love, visit www.locksoflove.org.

Retreat

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— 15 sisters and four women who were apart of different religious congregations.

Williams took over the retreat, helping women to meet God and help them practice their exercises speaking to God on a daily basis. Williams said that he took over for the Rev. Kevin Schalf because he was given another assignment that took him out of the Maria Stein area for the week.

"This is one occasion when we get together, another occasion when they share with one another with what they have been experiencing with the Lord," said Williams.

"In a retreat, you try to use as many avenues as you can to help them process the Lord. A retreat is how we can do these different exercises in everyday life to get you where you need to be involved with God in your life."

The women stayed at the Spiritual Center for a week and had their meals prepared for them and learned how they can speak to God in different ways.

The retreat was about "Weeds and the Wheat," noted Williams. He took each day explaining what the "Weeds and the Wheat" was and how it fits into everyone's life.

"In our life, the good and the bad grow up together and the Lord's response to that, 'Let it

continue and at the harvest it will separated,'" said Williams. "The different implications of that for the spiritual journey that in pulling up some things, you pull up a lot of the good. So you kind of undo yourself when you do that, so the reason the weeds grow so big is because their roots are wide. So if you go and pull them up you pull up all the wheat that is innocent to you."

In the retreat schedule, the women did a lot of spiritual exercises, explained Williams. Each day, there was a morning prayer, retreat talks, lunch, shared contemplation, spiritual direction, eucharistic liturgy, supper, reconciliation and an evening prayer.

"After the talks, the

women meditate on it and I do a stone exercise where each lady has a stone and it has words on the stone that say, 'faith courage and sore,'" said Williams.

"We sit around and say from what we learned today, what is the stone we picked and what does the stone say to us. You don't need a right answer when we do this exercise, you just need to say how the stone relates to what we talked about and how it forms to you. Each person here at the retreat is at a different place, so I want to help them with resources to do the work that they only know that they need to do."

Williams explained that he had never been a part of a women's retreat, but has done different

retreats with high school students and on male spirituality.

"I got here and found that the ladies were all familiar to so many different retreats that I think we have done well," said Williams. "I like to show the women that they are included in the Apostles of Revolution and that women do have a place in religious beliefs. I like to show women that they have a powerful place throughout the whole tradition of the Bible."

Sister Elizabeth Westgerdes from Holy Trinity Parish in Coldwater attended the retreat and shared her experience with Williams.

"I feel that Rev. Clarence is very intellectual and that comes through in his talks and the background that he has — I

find that good," said Westgerdes.

"I like the retreat because it brings out how we see life and how we get through it and how we stay in touch with God. God brings out the idea that everybody has a certain capacity to take things in or not to take things in. It doesn't always depend on others things it's within ourselves and I find Father very good at that and explaining what God has brought to us."

Williams will lead a tour through Israel and Egypt into the Holy Lands on April 8-19.

For more information contact Williams at 313-608-1597 or by email at HL2013@live.com. The pilgrimage is open to all the people of God and of all ages.

Obituaries

Lorena K. Vannett

Lorena K. Vannett, 93, of 323 E. North St., Coldwater, died on Monday, July 16, 2012, at her home. She was born on Aug. 28, 1918, in North Star, the daughter of the late George and Mary (Overman) Zumbrink.



On Aug. 16, 1941, she married William F. Vannett, and he preceded her in death on July 3, 1980.

She is survived by two daughters, Sharon Thomas of Coldwater, Jayne and Ronnie Norton of Celina; a daughter-in-law, Pam Vannett of Delphos; 16 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; a special niece, Linda Linn of Celina.

She is preceded in death by a daughter and son-in-law, Carla and Werner Depweg; a son, William N. Vannett; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Leona and Albert Everman, Romania and Bevan Linn.

She was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Coldwater, and the St. Ann's Rosary Altar Sodality of the church. Lorena worked as a babysitter for many years.

A Mass of Christian burial was held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, July 20, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Coldwater, with the Rev. Marc Soellner officiating. Burial followed at St. Elizabeth Cemetery in Coldwater.

Condolences may be left at hogenkampfh.com.

Norbert A. Gels

Norbert A. "Doc" Gels, 94, of 162 John St., St. Henry, died on Monday, July 16, 2012, at Celina Manor Nursing Home.

He was born on July 20, 1917, in St. Henry, the son of the late Aloys and Anna (Selhorst) Gels.



On Dec. 1, 1956, he married Dolores (Huyer) Luttmmer Gels, and she survives in St. Henry.

He is also survived by three children, Eric and Shirley Luttmmer of Wilmington, N.C., Jane and Joe Boeckman of Columbus, Mary and Bruce James of Celina; seven grandchildren, Justin and Brooke Luttmmer, Gretchen Luttmmer, Karissa and Chris Bowman, Erin Boeckman, Elizabeth Boeckman, Gabe James, Leana James; a great-granddaughter, Adelia Luttmmer.

He was also preceded in death by four brothers, Jerry, Elmer, Raymond and Arthur; an infant sister, Mary Catherine.

He was a member of St. Henry Catholic Church, a charter member of Mercer County Elks and a lifetime member of the St. Henry American Legion.

Doc served as a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army during World War II. He retired as a partner from the former Mrs. A.J. Gels & Sons in St. Henry.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 21, at St. Henry Catholic Church in St. Henry, with the Rev. Benedict Magabe officiating and Deacon Randy Balster assisting. Burial with military honors followed at St. Henry Cemetery in St. Henry.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Cancer Association of Mercer County or the St. Henry CCD program.

Condolences may be left at hogenkampfh.com.

Loretta C. Schroer

Loretta C. Schroer, 79, of 318 S. Third St., Coldwater, died on Wednesday, July 18, 2012, at her home.

She was born on March 8, 1933, in Coldwater, the daughter of the late Ferdinand and Mary (Lefeld) Roessner.



On Aug. 13, 1955, she married Joseph H. Schroer, and he preceded her in death on April 9, 1982.

She is survived by three daughters, Cindy and Gary Schmiesing of Portland, Ind., Brenda and Chuck Smith of Rockford, Melissa and John Hilgeford of Cassella; 17 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a sister, Antoinette Garrity of St. Henry; a sister-in-law, Jean and John Sandy of Illinois.

She was preceded in death by a son, Randy Schroer; a sister, Rita Koesters; two brothers, Thomas Roessner and Bruno Roessner.

She was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ladies Sodality and the Coldwater American Legion Auxiliary. She was also a volunteer at the Mercer County Home.

A Mass of Christian burial was held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, July 23, at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Cassella. Burial followed at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Cassella.

Condolences may be left at hogenkampfh.com.

Stella P. Evers

Stella P. Evers, 89, of 7097 Fort Recovery-Minster Road, Maria Stein, died at 6:30 a.m. Saturday, July 21, 2012, at her home.

She was born on June 6, 1923, in McCartyville, the daughter of the late Bernard and Mary (Hoying) Pleiman.



She married Gregor B. Evers on Sept. 7, 1949, in McCartyville, and he preceded her in death on March 29, 2005.

She is survived by her children, Willard and Ellen Evers of Maria Stein, Ann Evers of Kettering, Elaine Ever of Maria Stein, Roger and Mary Lou Evers of Maria Stein; nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; a sister, Norma Puthoff of Fort Loramie; sisters-in-law, Sally Pleiman of McCartyville, Eileen Pleiman of Osgood.

She was also preceded in death by her brothers and sisters, Henry, Albin, Leonard, Ann Henry, Corrine Bornhorst, Sylvester, Bernard and Jerome.

She was a member of St. Rose Catholic Church, the ladies Sodality of the Church and a former member of St. Rose Choir.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 25, at St. Rose Catholic Church, with the Rev. Tom Brenberger and the Rev. Ken Pleiman concelebrants, and assisted by Deacon Greg Bornhorst. Burial was held in St. Rosa Cemetery.

The family requests memorial contributions be directed to State of the Heart Hospice. Condolences may be made at www.hogenkampfh.com.

Golf winners named

Arrowhead Ladies Mary Jane Kaylor, 2nd results from July 18 — Jean Kaiser

are: • 2nd Flight: 1st — Cathy Bernhold, 2nd — tie Susan Quellhorst and Dianne Sielschott

• Play of the Day: Low Net on Odd Holes • Championship Flight: 1st — Lisa Griner, 2nd — Sharon Mueller • Results of Putt Pot: Jane Poeppelman, Lisa Griner, Mary Jane Kaylor

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Pictured above is Marlene Black, a bereavement specialist for State of the Heart Hospice.

State of the Heart Hospice is hosting a six week Adult Grief Support Group series beginning Monday, July 30 and ending August 27 at the agency's office, 1350 N. Broadway in Greenville.

There are two time options for those attending. There is a session from 2 to 4 p.m., or one can choose a later time, from 6 to 8 p.m.

"The meetings are particularly good for those who have lost a loved one and are grieving their loss and need help dealing with their grief," stated Marlene Black, bereavement specialist for State of the Heart.

The sessions are free and are open to anyone in the community who is dealing with grief, she added.

"A person need not have an association with hospice care," she said.

Black said the two

different sessions allows those attending to choose the time that is most convenient for them.

"For some who work, the evening sessions will be more convenient," she said.

"For those retired or not working, the afternoon meetings will be a good option."

State of the Heart, with offices in Greenville, Portland and Coldwater, cares for families and patients confronting a life-limiting illness.

Bereavement support is an important part of the care provided by State of the Heart.

Registration is necessary.

Please call Marlene Black at 1-800-417-7535 for more information and to register.

Visit the agency website at www.stateoftheheartcare.org.

News from Osgood

Osgood Garage Sales will be held Sept. 14-15 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please call 419-582-4272

by Aug. 5 to have your name on the map and your items listed. There will be a small fee picked up at the day of sale for advertising.

Catechist Dinner for St. Louis and St. Nicholas Catechists will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 1 at St. Louis Church at 6:30 p.m.

The American Legion (Osgood) Youth Raffle Drawing winners for July are Orville Borchers, Nick

Wenning, Allen Bohman, Louis Grieshop, Eugene Grisey and Bob Poeppelman..

The 6th annual breast cancer awareness benefit cruise-in will be held Sept. 9. Registration will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be a fee of \$10. Awards are a 4 p.m. and will be for the top 25 cars. There will also be other awards. A DJ and concessions will be available, and barbecue chicken dinners will be served at 11:30 a.m. For more information, call Jude at 937-526-4239.

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Our Old Book Case



Photo provided

Edgewater Park, Summer Resort with dancing and roller skating. The sign reads

By **JOYCE ALIG**
President, Mercer County
Historical Society

Local citizens have been beating the summer heat by spending time at the summer resorts around Grand Lake St. Marys.

One of the oldest summer resorts on the west side of the lake, was the Nye and Riley Summer resort, which became Edgewater Park in March 1899.

On May 22, 1938, the Immaculate Conception band led the Celina Parade to the "Grand Re-opening of Edgewater Park," by its new owner, B.A. Myers.

Stories have been told about the good times dancing at Edgewater park, with music from Les Brown and His Band of Renown, Dorsey Brothers,

Billy Butterfield, Stan Kenton, Guy Lombardo, Ray Anthony, Louie Armstrong, Chubby Checkers, and local dance bands.

On Nov. 9, 2006, Pat Fitzgerald, WBGU-TV, invited me to participate in planning their television PBS documentary of the "Amusement Parks of Northwest Ohio."

Therefore, on Nov. 27, 2006, I hosted a program at the Mercer County Historical Museum asking Senior Citizens, who remembered Edgewater Park, to be interviewed by the WBGU-TV crew. That PBS documentary was aired on television in April 2007. At that time, a copy of that PBS video was placed at the Mercer County Library in Celina.

Senior citizens, please have your grandchildren type the story on their

computer as you tell them your memories of Edgewater Park.

Ask them to keep a copy of your stories for your family. I will ask you, if you will share your memories and have your grandchildren email a copy of your Edgewater Park memories to me, for the Archival Collections of the Mercer County Historical Society.

Remember that those days were the days before air-conditioned buildings and air-conditioned cars. How did you stay cool? Thanks for helping the Mercer County Historical Society preserve local history.

The Mercer County Historical Society President Joyce Alig, may be contacted at 3054 Burk-St. Henry Road, Saint Henry, OH 45883, or histalig@bright.net or 419-678-2614.

Historical society hosts its first ever trivia night

The Auglaize County Historical Society recently hosted its first annual Trivia Night at the Wapakoneta Eagles. Nine teams vied for the right to be called "The Smartest People in Auglaize County." The winners were the team "Undecided," whose members included Brenda Hoffman, Jennifer Miltner, Ryan Miltner, Jeff Eschmeyer, and Deb Eschmeyer. "Undecided" won prizes totalling more than \$700, and is the current keeper of the traveling trophy known as the Vintage Silver Tray of Knowledge.

Second place went to the Girty Town Four, formerly known as the St. Marys Savages, whose members included Al Meinerding, Mike Lynch, John Meinerding, Dave Larkin, and Tom Hunter (alternate — he does not appear in the

enclosed picture).

Third place was won by the Four Wise Fathers: Ryan Loy, Matt Bradley, Jerry Szelagowski, Ryan Schneider, and Aaron Stiger.

Other teams included the Wizards of Aug, Three Ps and a T, The Remembering Andy Griffiths, The Bookends, Insert Clever Name Here II, and the NonNative Species. Had there been an award for Best Costume, it would have been won by Non Native Species — Allison and Neal Brady, Mike and Sharon Schnell, and Joyce Pugh, who wore head-dresses made with plants not native to Auglaize County.

The Historical Society extends thanks all who made the event such a success and such fun for all who participated.

Local students named to MU president's list

Miami University students who achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average for second semester 2011-12 have been named to the president's list recognizing academic excellence.

- Paul Steven Niekamp of Minster, Ohio 45865 (Auglaize County, OH)
- Thomas Michael Lange of Osgood, Ohio 45351 (Darke County, OH)
- Megan Renee Schaefer of Maria

Stein, Ohio 45860 (Mercer County, OH)

- Kensey Jo Schwieterman of Maria Stein, Ohio 45860 (Mercer County, OH)

• Miami University is a public university located in southwestern Ohio offering more than 100 degree programs in humanities, science, engineering, business, education and fine arts.

From Out of Our Past

By **GARY OLDIGES**
Minster Historical Society

Note: This column is created from the archives of the Minster Community Post by Minster Historical Society volunteers for your enjoyment. Larry Prenger edits and translates the 100 Years Ago.

100 years ago

Louis Ley has had to stay in the house for several days. A horse stepped on his foot causing a painful injury.

On Saturday of last week another robbery occurred at half past two o'clock in the morning. Telegraphist J.E. Pickering was in a look out tower just east of Versailles. A masked man began to shoot at the tower. When his fire was not returned, he cautiously climbed up the tower with a drawn revolver. He called Pickering now to give him his money. There was altogether 51 cents. This seemed to not be enough. The robber asked him if he was married. Pickering was so the robber gave back the money and left. Authorities were notified of the incident. It is the third attack of its kind.

John Knostman, who is employed by the Minster Cooperage Co., had the misfortune to have his legs scalded by escaping steam.

On Saturday night L.G. Fischer stepped on a nail with his right foot, and thus incurred a painful injury.

Herman Oldiges who was missing since Saturday, was found again with his brother in Toledo. Herman Oldiges, an employee of the Minster Milling Co. had a mysterious adventure. He left Minster

on Saturday morning and went to Lima where he wanted to undergo a test sample at various local flour mills. He finished his business in one mill and started walking to another along the railroad track. Now, a man must have approached him from the rear and struck him a blow on the head. This stretched him unconscious on the ground. When he came to, it was evening and he found himself in a freight car. Here his memory left him and he remembers nothing more than that he found himself again working.

75 years ago

Miss Paulina Kramer arrived at her home in Minster on Wednesday after spending a few days in Cincinnati as the guest of her brother Attorney John Kramer and his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Aloys Hausfeld and sons Linus and Neal spent last week at a cottage at Filburn's Island, Lake Loramie. Miss Kathaleen Schunck was their guest for a few days.

The judging committee that had charge of the award at the Crescent theatre in Minster on last Wednesday night called John Sebring to the stage and presented him with a \$65 purse.

A water well has been opened up at Filburn's Landing that will enhance on the conveniences there. The well was opened Frank Seger, of Oran, who had to send his drill far down into the bowels of the earth ere he was able to find pure water in a large quantity.

The pastor of the St. Augustine parish reported the baptism of Joseph Bornhorst. The lad is a son of Joseph Bornhorst and Eleanor Schmitmeyer.

The sponsors were Frank Meyer & Clara Ripploh

50 years ago

Diana Albers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Albers Sr., and Peggy Liesner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Al Liesner, are spending the week at Bluffton College at Bluffton, attending the north-west region Farm Bureau Youth Training Conference.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wente are parents of a eight-pound five-ounce son, Ronald Lee, born last Thursday at the Joint Township Hospital in St. Marys.. The Wentes have two other children, a boy and a girl.

The Shrine of Holy Relics announces the addition of the almost completed sister building, the Maria Stein Retreat House. When the first Sister of the Precious Blood, eight in number, arrived Sept. 24, 1846, they little realized the shrine would become a mecca for pilgrims over the world.

The New Bremen Board of Education will seek voter approval of a bond issue of \$130,000 to finance construction of six elementary classrooms, Supt. Robert Strahm announced.

The board took this action after the state board of education refused to approve construction and remodeling proposals totaling \$432,000. Included in building plans were remodeling, construction of six elementary classrooms and construction of an auditorium gymnasium.

Current news

Museum hours are Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.



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Shown above and below are photos from the Auglaize County Historical Society's first annual Trivia Night.



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2012 golf classic nets over \$50,000 for Wilson Foundation



Shown above is Dr. Robert McDewitt, Pete DeLuke and Dr. Yoga Raval.

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July 8 marked the 18th annual Wilson Memorial Hospital Foundation Golf Classic held at Shelby Oaks Golf Club in Sidney. Net proceeds for the event were over \$50,000, which will be used to build the Foundation's general endowment fund. This fund provides perpetual support to Wilson Memorial Hospital. Total net funds raised since this event's inception in 1995 are nearly \$1,193,000.

155 golfers played in the event corporately supported by six Titanium sponsors: Advanced Composites; Dale Peterson and Associates, Inc.; Honda of America Manufacturing, Inc.; NK Logistics Group; NKTelco; and Premier Physician Services.. The event attracted a total of 69 sponsors.

Retired OSU men's golf coach, Jim Brown, and Archie Griffin, former American football running back who played for the Ohio State University, were guests of outing chair, Dale Peterson. Griffin is college football's only two-time

Heisman trophy winner and was the first player ever to start in four Rose Bowls.

Kettering Anesthesia Associates, Inc. sponsored a hearty brunch served prior to the 11:00 a.m. shotgun start. Beverages on each Par 3 hole were provided by Orthopedic Associates of SW Ohio. Cocktails and dinner were offered at 5:00 p.m., followed by awards and prizes. Dinner, underwritten by NKTelco, included a prime rib and chicken buffet and was catered by The Spot Restaurant.

Cart sponsors included Aetna; Dale Peterson & Associates; Hartland Co.; KTH Parts Industry; and Schmiesing Veterinary Clinic.

Rashel Reier, was the winner of the closest-to-the-pin prize, a one-week stay in a Westin Resort villa at Hilton Head courtesy of the Wilson Memorial Hospital Foundation. Dave King won the putting contest sponsored by Dale Peterson & Associates, Inc. and received the \$500 reward.

Overall first place winners of the event included: David Andrick, Julie Covault, Margo O'Leary and Patricia Hoch of the Ohio State Wexner Medical Center Team; second place winners were the Freshway Foods Team - Devon Beer, Larry Couchot, Frank Gilardi and Phil Gilardi. Third place was a tie between two teams which included Mark Dunham, Matt Ratterman, Josh Ross and Elmer Schlater who played for the Ruese Team and the Premier Physician Services team of Steve Broughton, Ben Cole, Bill Cole and Dan Sadlier.

The SKINS winning teams splitting a \$780 prize were The Plastipak team of Sean Boley, Mike Dunson, Mitch Kastein and Dean Wurster; and the US Bank team members Norm Barthorst, Andy Counts, Tim Geise and Charlie Rhyhan.

A total of \$150 in prize money was donated back to the Wilson Memorial Hospital Foundation.

All golfers received various gift items and door

prizes. Outstanding proximity prizes were awarded to 27 golfers. Donors of these prizes included: Allied Supply; Atlantis Casino Resort & Spa Reno; Cal Jones; Cincinnati Reds; Cleveland Indians; Dan Hemm; Dollywood; Elsass, Wallace, Evans, & Schnelle; Emerson Climate Technologies; Hampton Inn; Hansbarger's Solutions; Paul Kent; The Medicine Shoppe; Norcold; NCR Country Club; Piqua Country Club; Primary EyeCare Associates; Rumpke Waste & Recycling; Shelby Oaks; Sheraton Suites Columbus; Sidney Inn; Sollmann Electric; Tree Care, Inc. of Troy; and US Foods.

Forty community volunteers, the Fairlawn golf team, Volunteers from Wilson Memorial Hospital along with the Hospital's maintenance department assisted with the event.

Next year's outing is scheduled for Monday, July 13, 2013 at Shelby Oaks. If you wish to be added to the mailing list, call 937-498-5540.

Native American gathering set this fall

The Shelby County Historical Society will host the first Shelby County Native American Gathering Sept. 6-9 at the fairgrounds and other Sidney sites.

"That's the same weekend as Applefest," said society Director Tilda Phlipot. "We hope it will enhance the Applefest experience for those who have been attending the festival for many years and we know Applefest will add to the enjoyment of people who come here specifically for the gathering."

The Native American event will comprise performances by Native American dancers and drum circles, demonstrations by craftsmen, storytelling, visits to local schools, an exhibit at the Ross Historical Center and a speech by one of the country's leading authorities on Native American history.

The project was the brainchild of the late Martin "Tallhorse" Chambers, of Fort Loramie. A Vietnam veteran and descendant of the Shawnee tribe, he approached Phlipot with an idea for a program that would commemorate Native Americans' roles as warriors in recent American conflicts and educate the public on Indian history.

Chambers died in May, before he could see the manifestation of his idea.

"He wanted people to know how Native Americans were treated in the past and how they are now," said his widow, Mary. "There are a lot of Native military people.

They weren't just people like the movies and TV portray. He didn't want people to think the Natives were what TV portrayed them to be." Martin and Mary, who is descended

from the Cherokee Nation, participated in more than 20 pow wows together in Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Michigan and North Carolina. Martin served as head veteran (the equivalent of executive director), master of ceremonies or ring director (the equivalent of stage manager) for many of them. He also was a drummer. He performed on the youth drum for the Black Swamp Singers and Dancers, of Celina, for many years.

A welder and pipefitter by trade, Martin came by his Native American lineage from his maternal great-grandmother, a Tall Man. Mary, too, traces her Native roots through the maternal side of her family.

"Our elders don't talk about being Natives because they're still afraid they'll lose their land," Mary said. "We were told when we were growing up that we were Welsh and black Dutch.

There's no such thing as black Dutch. When the Natives went on the trail of tears, their neighbors were Dutch, so they just said they were black Dutch." She noted that, as a result, it's difficult for Natives to research their genealogy. Martin served three tours of duty in Vietnam and succumbed to heart disease at 67, possibly brought on by exposure to agent orange.

"It was important to him that we recognize veterans during the gathering," Phlipot said. "We'll do that during the grand entry Saturday afternoon."

All events comprising the gathering will be free and open to the public except the programs that have been scheduled for the schools on Sept. 7.

Eldora

USC sprint 50 lap chase worth \$10,000 set for July 28 at Eldora

The NAPA Auto Parts Sponsored July 28 Event at Eldora Speedway includes NRA Sprints and Stock Cars.

With \$10,000 to win, a unique racing format, an increase in Feature Race laps and a bonus for the winner determined by their starting row, the ingredients are present for a United States Auto Club (USAC) non-winged Sprint Car event indicative of its title – the July 28 Summer Sprint Car Shootout, presented by NAPA Auto Parts at Eldora Speedway. The benchmark occasion will

celebrate the 50th anniversary of USAC Sprint Car racing at Eldora and include NRA Sprint Invaders and Eldora Stock Cars in the tripleheader program.

The impressive money flow doesn't stop at first place. By offering \$2,000 for tenth place and \$1,000 to take the green flag; the Shootout becomes one of the highest paying events on the 2012 USAC Sprint Car schedule.

Getting a shot at that \$10,000 is going to take an 'all out' racing approach from the drivers.

While the standard format of two-lap time trials will place the cars into traditional heat races, the similarities of a conventional USAC Sprint Car event end there. From that point forward, all further starting positions, including the 50-lap Feature Event, will be determined by a driver's finishing position in their qualifying event rather than their time trial effort.

Based upon a four-heat program, the top four finishers of each qualifying heat race will advance to the rewarding Feature,

while the next three will line-up in the B-Feature and the remaining finishers into the C-Feature; again based upon their finishing position in the heat race. After the heat races, the quickest two cars from time trials that did not advance will be locked into positions 17 and 18. The balance of the field will consist of the top five finishers from the B-Feature and a provisional spot reserved for the highest finishing driver from the 2012 Indiana Speed Week that did not transfer through the preliminary events.

Adding intensity to the winner's payoff will be the unique "more you pass-more you cash" bonus that offers \$500 for every row advanced from the start. An example of that would be if the winning driver came from one of the starting positions in row 8; that driver would earn an additional \$4000 to make for a \$14,000 payday.

The Eldora/USAC association dates back to April of 1962, when Stan Bowman laid claim to the first USAC Sprint Car checkered flag on Eldora's .500 mile clay

oval. Since that afternoon, 180 additional USAC Sprint races have been staged, with 70 different drivers tasting the flavor of an Eldora victory.

Tickets for the Summer Sprint Car Shootout presented by NAPA Auto Parts may be purchased online at www.EldoraSpeedway.com 24-hours a day or by calling the Eldora ticket office 937-338-3815 during normal business hours. You can follow all of the Eldora happenings on the website, Facebook or Twitter.

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Michelle Katherine Short and Jonathan David Kaylor have announced their engagement and approaching marriage.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Harry and Donna Short of Lake Forest, Ill. She is a 2004 graduate of Lake Forest High School and graduated from Miami University in 2008. She is employed as an analyst at Pepsi Company in Chicago, Ill.

The prospective groom is the son of Mary Jane Kaylor of Minster and Richard Kaylor of Celina. He is a 2004 graduate of Minster High School and graduated from Miami University in 2008. He is employed as a technology consultant at Deloitte Consulting in Chicago, Ill.

The couple will exchange vows on Sept. 22, 2012, in Lake Forest, Ill.

Bornhorsts welcome son

Mark Thomas Bornhorst was born on April 27, 2012, at Southwest General Medical Center in Middleburg Heights to Troy and Mandy Bornhorst of Minster.

Mark weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces. He was welcomed home by his sister, Brynn, 20 months.

The maternal grandparents are Ruth Ann Shaw and the late Thomas Shaw

Couple announces daughter

Ava Mary Schwartz was born on June 25, 2012, to Eric and Molly Schwartz of Beaver Creek.

Ava weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and was 20 inches long.

She was welcomed home by her sister, Emma, 3.

The grandparents are John and Marcia Livingston, of Richwood, and Mike and Vicki Schwartz, of Minster.

The maternal great-grandmother is Margaret Baker, of Richwood, and the paternal great-grandmother is Dorothy Wolf, of Minster.

25th anniversary for Schmitmeyers



Marty and Marie Schmitmeyer will observe their 25th wedding anniversary with a Mass of Thanksgiving on Aug. 4 at St. Sebastian Catholic Church in St. Sebastian.

After the Mass, there will be a reception and dinner at Romer's Catering in St. Henry for family and invited guests. An open house will begin at 7:30 p.m. at Romer's Catering in St. Henry.

Marty Schmitmeyer and the former Marie Lenzmeier Zweber were married on July 3, 1987, at St. Charles Catholic Church, Lima. The Rev. Robert Sidner officiated and the Rev. Louis Barga and the Rev. Chuck Denny, St. Rita's Chaplain were co-celebrants.

Members of the bridal party were Cindy (Zweber) Free, Bernard Schmitmeyer, Fred

Schmitmeyer, Tom Schmitmeyer and Jeff Zweber.

The couple has 14 children: Judy (Dan) Marchal, North Star, Dan Schmitmeyer, deceased, Ben (Linda) Schmitmeyer, Portland, Indiana, Fred (Sandy) Schmitmeyer, St. Henry, Tom (Kelly) Schmitmeyer, St. Sebastian, Cindy (Steve) Wynk, Montezuma, Sharon (Dean) Moeller, Maria Stein, Cindy (Ed) Free, Monica (Walter) Niemczura, Tina (Bryon) Konvolinka, Indianapolis, Indiana, Jeff (Sherie) Zweber, Brookfield, Wisconsin, Mary Jane Selvaggio, Andrea (Kess) Stadler, Marietta, Georgia, Amy (Robert) Lundy, St. Petersburg, Fla.

The couple has 39 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



Olberding attends Zeta Tau Alpha Convention

Tiffany Olberding (center, shown above,) a resident of Minster, represented Zeta Tau Alpha Fraternity's Delta Theta Chapter at Ohio Northern University at the organization's 51st National and 40th International Convention in Louisville KY, June 27- July 1. She serves as her chapter's president.

Olberding joined more than 800 ZTA collegiate and alumnae members and National Officers at the biennial convention, including the fraternity's legislative body, which consists of delegates from 159 collegiate chapters and more than 235 alumnae organizations.

The chapter received the following awards at the convention: Anne Wines Redmond Service Award, this award recognizes a chapters philanthropic efforts based on volunteer hours to service on the campus and in the community and fundraising efforts, Crown Chapter, Quota/Total, Academic Achievement, and Founder's Club Recognition.

Zeta Tau Alpha was founded in 1898 at the State Female Normal School (now Longwood University) in Farmville, Va., and has more than 218,000 members worldwide. One of the nation's largest Greek women's groups, ZTA develops members' leadership, academic, and service skills, and supports breast cancer education and awareness as its national philanthropy.

Girls State delegates speak



Malorie Bergman and Claire Heitkamp, Girls State delegates, spoke at the Maria Stein Legion Auxiliary meeting about their experience at Buckeye Girls State. On the left is Malorie Bergman, daughter of Jon and Julie Bergman. She spoke about her experience of being a city engineer. Her job was to make a map of the city and build bridges. On the right is Claire Heitkamp, daughter of Howard and Susan Heitkamp. She was on the city council and they passed five by-laws.



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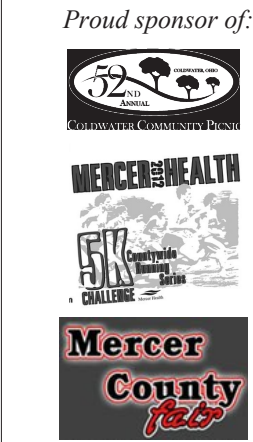
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Senior Section

Legion auxiliary holds meeting

The July meeting of the Maria Stein Legion Auxiliary was held on Monday, July 9 at the post home with 20 members present.

The meeting was opened according to ritual and the minutes and treasurers report was read and approved.

The bills for the month were to Janie Luebke for mileage, food and parking at the Department Convention in Columbus. Treasurer, Rosie McClurg also presented Countryfest bills for the Bake Shoppe for 39 pies, the Dairy Station for 223 ice cream cookies and 156 dip and dots and to Schwan's Ice Cream.

The bills for Winner's Meats and Chickasaw Quick Stop will be presented at the next meeting. Ginny Tangeman made a motion to pay these bills and Marilyn Holdheide seconded it. McClurg also reported that the 990 form has been sent in and approved.

A request for a donation to the March of Dimes was received but the auxiliary decided not to send a donation.

A "Thank you" was received from Ray Koesters for the hearing aid batteries he received from the auxiliary.

President, Tammy Schwieterman is beginning to check into a "gambling" outing for the auxiliary this fall. She found a Sept. 19 booking for the Hollywood

Casino in Toledo which included a show at the theatre. It was decided to also check into the Casino at Anderson for just a gambling outing.

Berite Bruns, legislative representative urged members to write Senator Sherrod Brown to tell him to oppose the cuts on Medicare and Social Security.

Americanism chairman, Janice Piekembrock presented the two Buckeye Girls' State delegates to the members.

They each gave a short report on their experience at girl's state. Mallory Bergman, daughter of Jon and Julie Bergman, said she was a city engineer which included making a map of the city and building bridges. Claire Heitkamp, daughter of Howard and Sue Heitkamp, was a member of the city council. She reported that they mostly passed laws.

Both of the girls enjoyed the experience, learned a lot and made of new friends during their experience when they were there.

Luebke and Schwieterman attended the Department Convention in Columbus that was held on July 6, 7 and 8.

Schwieterman reported that while talking to the other units, they decided that a way to increase membership would be to check the legion membership and contact their wives and ask anyone that

is not involved.

She also was urged to order "poppies" earlier. Last year, five men made 200,000 poppies which cannot be accomplished in a short amount of time. It was also noted that the units are still sending "coupons" overseas.

The award given at the Department of Convention were: Connie Fullenkamp who was third place in VA&R. Rosie McClurg placed second in national security. Diana Pohlman placed second in community service.

Barb Rohr received a blue ribbon for first goal unit in District 2 and Betty Overman received a 9000 hour bar for the ditty bags and lap robes she has made for the veterans.

Irene Bruns received a red star and a blue star for sending in the star unit submission form.

Luebke constructed a book on our oldest "Charter Member", Agnes Pohlman. She took the narrative and photo book to the department convention.

It was a beautiful and informative book.

Delores Schlarman, public relations chair lady, received a plaque at the department convention for the "best public relations report" in the state. Schlarman said that auxiliary members have a lot to be proud of.

Expert explains why elderly are more susceptible to heat

By MALLORY KEMPER
Staff Writer

ST MARYS — Christina Roby, director of the Auglaize County Council on Aging, explained why elderly people are more susceptible to heat and offered tips to help people beat the heat.

Roby explained that people over the age of 65 are more prone to heat than younger people.

"Elderly people do not normally adjust well to sudden changes in temperature," said Roby.

"A lot of them have chronic medical conditions that can change their normal body responses to heat. Many of them are on prescription medicines that can impair the body's ability to regulate its temperature or that inhibits the perspiration."

Roby explained that everyone complains about the heat, but in reality, we all wait for the sunshine.

However, it is difficult to cope when the heat approaches. She noted that people of all ages should drink plenty of liquids when exposed to the heat.

"There are a lot of various aspects of heat that can happen more often to the elderly, like heat stroke and you really have to watch out for heat stroke and heat exhaustion," said Roby.

Roby explained the best thing to do when elderly are showing signs of heat exhaustion is to put them in a shady area or get them to an air conditioned place.

ditioned place.

"You can spray the person with cold water," said Roby. "The person should drink a lot of cool non alcoholic beverages. A lot of elderly take water pills, so they are going to need to rest and take a cool bath. If at all possible get the person into an air conditioned environment and if you don't have that they can always come here or go to a neighbors."

Roby explained the symptoms of heat exhaustion and what to do for the elderly in the time of need.

"Heat can be life threatening for our elderly and we by all means do not want anything to happen and if you see symptoms like very high body temperature or red, hot and bright skin with no sweating or a rapid strong pulse, bad headaches, dizziness and nausea they may be showing signs of heat exhaustion" said Roby.

"Those are some of the signs that you really need to watch out for. The skin may also be clammy or cool and moist or breathing could be fast and shallow."

Heat stroke and heat exhaustion may cause permanent disability and even possibly death, and it can develop over several days of exposure to the sun and hot temperature, noted Roby.

Robert Warren, safety service officer at the Auglaize County Council on Aging, explained some tips that most people are unaware of while in the heat or when the power goes out.

"A lot of people forget this during a disaster when their electricity is out — their water heaters usually have 30 to 50 gallons of water and you can drink that water and even use it to flush the toilet," said Warren. "If they expect the electricity to be out several days, you need one gallon of water per person in the home to survive."

Warren noted that if it is an electric water heater, he would recommend to turn the breaker off or the gas or propane and shut the water heater off so they are not hurting the tank when the power does come back on.

Warren explained that people should stock up on Gatorade in their house when the heat is scorching or if the power goes out.

"The other thing I like to remind people is to drink sports drinks like Gatorade that will replenish the body with nutrients needed and that's a good thing to have around especially if you know you are going to be without electricity and you will need a way to cool yourself," said Warren.

"Also, try to avoid Kool-aid, different sodas and fruity drinks with a lot of sugar in it."

"Our main goal is to keep the elderly safe and secure and healthy as possible so getting the message out there is really important as what we can do to help them and in any kind of an emergency assistance you definitely want to call 911," said Roby.

ACCA schedules Canadian trip

The Auglaize County Council on Aging Travel is offering a Canadian fall foliage trip to the Island of Coudres, and the beautiful Charlevoix region of Quebec from September 3rd – 11th. This 9 days/8 nights trip includes a day

of whale watching and a trip to a casino. The cost for this trip is \$910.00 per person, double occupancy.

Another trip scheduled for the Biltmore Estate decorated for Christmas during the December 3rd. This 4

days and 3 nights trip costs \$359.00 per person double occupancy. For more information call Evelyn Hartley at 419-394-8252.

For more information, call 419-394-8252 and ask for Evelyn for further information.



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At the June Auxiliary meeting, Marilyn Holdheide presented Irene Bruns with the Past President pin for all of the duties Bruns did for the American Legion Auxiliary 571 of Maria Stein in the past year.

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Senior Section

Poker run set for August 18

The second annual Keith J. LaFountain II Memorial Run will be held Saturday, August 18 with the run beginning and ending at the Rockford American Legion Post 508, 105. W. Bridge St. Last year was the first year for the poker run, and \$1,500 was raised for State of the Heart Hospice's annual Camp BEARable for grieving children. Funds raised will again be directed to Camp BEARable. The Memorial Run is organized by Yvonne and Roger Patch as a way of remembering son Keith and to help State of the Heart. The couple had attended grief support meetings held by State of the Heart following Keith's sudden death in an work-related accident in the summer of 2010 and felt so grateful for the help they received that they wanted to help the organization. They had also been thinking of a way to remember their son.

Registration for the Memorial Run is at 12 noon, with the first bike or vehicle out at 1 p.m. The last bike in will be at 5 p.m. The run is for motorcycles and automobiles. "It is open to anyone who wants to participate," said Yvonne Patch. The cost of participation is \$10.

In addition, Patch explained, there will be a

50/50 drawing, and plenty of door prizes. "The event will be held, rain or shine," she said, "and everyone is certainly welcome." State of the Heart Hospice, with offices in Coldwater, Green-

and there need be no association with hospice care. Actually, over 90 percent of the youth have no association with hospice care. This year, over 60 youth are expected to attend the



ville and Portland, cares for patients and families in eastern Indiana and western Ohio who are confronting a life limiting illness. This year, for the 12th year, State of the Heart will hold Camp BEARable July 13-15 at the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein. It is open to any child, six to 15, who has lost a loved one and is dealing with grief. There is no charge to attend the camp and it is open to any youth,

camp. Funds raised by the Memorial Run will be used for next year's camp. For more information about the Keith J. LaFountain II Memorial Run, please contact Yvonne and Roger Patch at 419-771-8881. For information about State of the Heart, which is a nonprofit agency, go to the agency web site at www.stateoftheheartcare.org. Shown above is Roger and Yvonne Patch.

Health care remains uncertain

Despite the U.S. Supreme Court's recent ruling on the Affordable Care Act the future of health care remains uncertain, local health care officials said during a July 11 State of Health Care luncheon. "We still don't know what the ground rules are," said Bryan Bucklew, President and CEO of the Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association (GADHA), during the luncheon coordinated by the Chambers of Commerce in Miami County.

The uncertainty prevails because more than 50 percent of the reform rules/regulations for the law, also known as Obamacare, have not been written, Bucklew said. Between now and 2014, when the new law goes into effect, people will experience higher health care costs and issues accessing care, Bucklew said. State Rep. Richard Adams, R-Troy, said the Ohio General Assembly, like most individuals who don't have enough information to

make a decision, will wait before deciding exactly how to provide health insurance required under the law. Today, 39 cents out of every \$1 in sales and income taxes in the state goes to pay for Medicaid for more than 1 million adults and children, he said.

That amount will only continue to grow, he said.

"Until we get all of the information we need, we aren't going to do anything in spite of lot of pressure from some to do at least something," Adams said. Tom Parker, President and CEO of Upper Valley Medical Center, said more focus will be on creating healthier work forces and keeping people out of the hospital. Reform, he said, "will put a screeching stop to the old ways." As an example of focusing on healthier work forces, Parker pointed to the city of Piqua's plans for an in-house wellness clinic for employees. Piqua City Manager Gary Huff, said a similar program used in Indiana, where he previously

worked, saved \$700,000 in health care costs a year for the city. The idea is "to move beyond penalties for employee health issues to something that works," Huff said. Even with all the changes in health care and on the horizon, Upper Valley Medical Center continues to be a busy place, Parker said. He noted the hospital had a record number of both emergency department visits and hospital admissions in 2011. The hospital is working closely with other providers to help divert people, when possible, from expensive emergency department treatment, Parker said. UVMC has joined forces with Miami County Health Partners, Hospice of Miami County and the newest, Miami County Dental Clinic. The number of people seeking care at the emergency department for chronic dental problems pointed to the growing need to open up access for local residents to dental services, Parker said.

ACCA accepts garage sale items

The Auglaize County Council on Aging will start accepting garage sale items on Monday, July 2. If you have items to donate you may drop them off between the hours of 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. Mon-

day through Friday. Items may be dropped off at the door under the awning.

If you have items to be picked up, the chore department can do that. The ACCA requests items not to be dropped off outside after working hours.

The ACCA will not be accepting large items such as furniture until August 1. Any donation will be appreciated except for encyclopedias, organs or pianos. The garage sale is slated to be held August 9 through August 17.



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Senior Section

ACCA to hold first harvestfest arts and craft show October 13

On Saturday, October 13, the Auglaize County Council on Aging will be holding their first annual fundraiser at the Auglaize County Fairgrounds in Wapakoneta from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. Arts and crafts will be offered for sale all day long. Booths can still be reserved for a cost of \$50.00.

There will be an antiques and baked goods auction held throughout the day.

The ACCA is asking for donations of good quality antiques and baked items.

Also being offered are tractor rides, food, musical concerts and all types of fun.

This event offers

something for every age. For more information, or to reserve a booth, contact Bob or Trena at 419-394-8252 or email: outreach@auglaizeseniorservices.com.

Mark your calendars and make an effort to attend this event. All proceeds go to the ACCA for Auglaize County senior services.

Loramie auxiliary holds meeting

The past president's parley of unit #355 of the Fort Loramie American Legion auxiliary met prior to the regular meeting. Four past president's were present to hear the present president, Dorothy Quinlin, led the prayer.

Past president, Quinlin reviewed much of the years activities. Maria Siegel and Natalie Muhlenkamp received \$200 to help with their nursing programs that have helped them throughout their career.

The regular meeting was also headed by Dorothy Quinlin acting president in the absence of Helda Siegel who have been in and out of the hospital and Versailles Health Care Center.

The minutes were read

and approved. In correspondence and bills were read. Quinlin welcomed Shiley Maurer District 2 president Quinlin and congratulated Rose Raterman for signing up 147 members, which made Unit #355 quote. Rose worked diligently as the membership chairperson.

The girls who were chosen to attend the Buckeye Girls State at the University of Mount Union are: delegate Victoria (Tori) Rosengarten, daughter of Charles and Renae Rosengarten and Megan Brune, daughter of Jeanne Bruns Riethman, alternate.

The summer round table was held at the Sidney Unit #217. Attending from Unit #355 were Shirley Simon and Julie Frey. Frey reported that the memorial ser-

vices was a very special service headed by Simon of Unit #355. Chaplain Helen (Del) Barhorst and Esther Seger, Past President passed away during the 2011-2012 year.

Eileen Barhorst and Julie Frey collected money at the Osgood State Bank for the needs of veterans.

The highlight of the evening was District 2 president, Shirley Maurer spoke on the awards that Unit #355 earned in 2011-2012.

Quinlin, children and youth, received a first place on her report along with a gift of a candle. Simon, community service chairperson received a first place on her report. Simon, Veteran of Affairs and Rehabilitation chairperson received a third place on her report.

ACCA hosts Monday movie day

Starting July 2 and on every Monday thereafter, movies will be shown at the Auglaize County Council on Aging at 10 a.m. Snacks will be provided. Draw-

ings for gift cards will be held at the end of each month for those attending.

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State of the Heart Hospice aide shares her talent with patients



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Shown above is Rose Lanning with some of her "quilling" art pieces.

State of the Heart Hospice Aide Rose Lanning has a special talent which she shares with her patients. Lanning, who works out of the State of the Heart Portland office, does "quilling" which she describes as a "paper craft, similar to scrapbooking."

"I have been doing quilling since I was in high school," she explained. Her parents found some of the tools needed at a garage sale and she used them to begin her craft. About three years ago, she began doing special "quilling" cards for her co-workers at holidays and still continues doing that. Each card is unique. She also gives her specially crafted cards to some of her patients.

"When I have a patient who reaches age 90, I do a quilling piece for them," she said. Often, these can be as big as 15 by 20 inches. "I think once a person reaches 90, that is pretty special.

I write on the piece I give them 'You are special.'"

The patients, she said, "love and display them in their home." One patient, Ruth Sibley of Winchester, recently received one of Lanning's art works and has it proudly displayed in her living room. "She was really excited when Rose gave it to her. It meant a lot to her to have it done especially for her," said her son, Walker Wasson.

When Lanning went to Sibley's home to give her the gift on her 90th birthday, she found several coincidences that were somewhat amazing to her. "My twin sister and I both turned 45 on the day that Ruth reached 90," Lanning explained. "And, our combined ages totaled 90 years which was Ruth's age. On top of that, we found that Ruth's middle name was Naomi - Ruth Naomi - and my sister's name is 'Naomi Ruth,' both of these names being biblical names," Lanning added. "We could not get over the coincidence of all of this."

Lanning, who has been a Certified Nursing Assistant since 2007, said she enjoys quilling and finds it "relaxing, fun and challenging." She added, "I am glad to do this for

our patients and find it rewarding.

"It is often the little things in life that make our patients happy," said Lanning. "We all don't have a lot of time on this earth, so it is good to try to make the best of the time we have here." Lanning relates to her elderly parents as she cares for her patients. While her father is deceased, her mother is 87. "I want her days to be as good as possible and that is the way I feel about the patients I care for."

She was recently surprised when she attended the viewing of a patient she had cared for. "There, with all of the flowers displayed at the funeral home, was the piece I had done for the patient. I was surprised and honored that the family brought it to the viewing. It meant a lot to me."

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State of the Heart Hospice offers golf outing August 10



Shown above is Christena Subler with two of the gift baskets.

As part of State of the Heart's "Get Tee'd UP FORE State of the Heart Hospice" golf outing Friday, August 10 in Portland, the nonprofit agency is holding a raffle to help raise funds in conjunction with the outing. Four gift baskets, each containing items worth over \$100 each, will be raffled off in the next several weeks leading up to the golf outing.

"We're already getting interest in purchasing raffle tickets," explained Christena Subler, a State of the Heart employee who is coordinating the raffle. She has solicited businesses in the various communities served by State of the Heart and gotten gifts for the baskets. Each one has a theme.

She has wrapped them in a colorful display basket. Tickets for the basket raffle are \$1 for one chance and five tickets for \$6. If you purchase several tickets, you can mix and match your tickets depending on which basket you would like, she explained. The baskets will be on display in the agency's Greenville office the week of July 16. The baskets will be at the Coldwater office the week of July 23, and in the Portland office the week of July 30 until the date of the out-

ing. The raffle is open to staff members and to the general public.

To purchase a ticket, visit the Greenville office at 1350 N. Broadway; the Coldwater office at 230 W. Main St., and the Portland office at 1237 W. State Rd. 67 near Walmart on W. Votaw Street..

Each basket has a theme, Subler explained. The baskets are all unique with a variety of items. One basket, donated by Grilliot Alignment of Greenville, has a variety of Starbucks coffees, mugs, and gift certificates. Another basket is designed to "pamper yourself," Subler said. It has a variety of lotions and gels, massage and pedicure certificates. One basket is titled "A Day at the Salon," and it includes a massage, VIP hair cut and style, styling gels and aides.

This was donated by A Cut Above in Portland. Another basket is considered a "Griller's Paradise" as it contains grilling utensils, various spices and seasonings, and 20 pounds of ground beef.

"It was fun putting these baskets together," Subler said. "I think it will help make our golf outing a great fund raiser for State of the Heart."

This is the first year for State of the Heart to hold a golf outing in Portland. It will be at the Portland Golf Club. Proceeds will provide care for patients who need hospice services but lack the funds to pay for the care.

The agency also plans to use a portion of the proceeds to purchase grief support materials for school officials in Jay County schools.

Registration for the tournament is at 10:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at noon. The outing is open to all golfers, stated Ryan Gathard, Fund Development Director for State of the Heart. The format is best ball scramble. The cost is \$200 per team, and the cost for sponsoring a hole is \$100.

"We're excited about our first golf outing in Portland and look forward to having many in the community support our cause for patient care and for placing the grief support materials in Jay County schools," Gathard said.

Chickasaw VFW Auxiliary holds July meeting recently

The meeting of Chickasaw VFW Post 919 took place July 11 at the post with full ritual from the new President Rosie McClurg with 13 members were present.

The secretary read the report and it was noted the winners of the door prize and pot of gold were reversed in last month's minutes.

The treasurer's report was read with no corrections.

The general fund and the relief fund are balanced and there were no bills noted.

In old business, regarding the quarter auction; the last Sunday of February in 2013 is avail-

able for the use of the Chickasaw Church basement.

The rental hall fee needs to be known and Brad Knapke is available to be the announcer. Karen Schultze moved for the quarter auction to be held and Elsie Balster seconded it.

The sodality will be contacted to see if they wish to participate.

The Voice of Democracy (High School) and the Patriots Pen (8th-grade) applications are being readied for the school year by Sue Wolters.

In new business, the carpet needed cleaned at

the post and Deb Kremer did the cleaning.

The post commander, Ralph Liette has been advised of the new President and he will work with this year.

The bonding payment is due for president and treasurer.

The warrant for President Rosie McClurg to be president has been taken care of.

A plastic tub will be secured for Auxiliary records, was made with a motion by Lucille Dresch and second by Sue Wolters.

The dues for 2013 are \$12.00. These are due by the next meeting which is Aug. 1.

Ohio Senate honors Otterbein

Otterbein St. Marys Senior Lifestyle Community recently received a commendation from the members of the Senate of the 129th General Assembly of Ohio, who extended special recognition to the full-service continuing care community for being acknowledged with a deficiency-free rating for 2012.

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a letter from Sen. Tom Niehaus, president of the Ohio Senate, and Sen. Keith Faber, president pro tempore.

Fred Wiswell, executive director of Otterbein St. Marys, is thrilled with the recognition.

"Whenever the community's care efforts are recognized so highly by the Ohio Department of Health, we are genuinely pleased," he said. "To provide excellent care consistently is a focus we take very seriously. We are proud to tailor our services in alignment with the individual resident. The solid expectations established by ODH and the resulting commendations continue to drive our efforts in this blessed ministry. It comes down to passion and purpose.

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The Ohio Senate said it is through the contributions of assisted living communities such as Otterbein that Ohio has gained a reputation as a pleasant place to live and work; and that through its unwavering commitment to superior health care delivery, Otterbein St. Marys will certainly carry its tradition of excellence long into the future.

"With great pride, we commend Otterbein St. Marys for outstanding achievement and salute its administrators and staff as some of Ohio's finest citizens," Niehaus and Faber said.

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Celina Lake Festival Preview

Celina Lake Festival set for July 27 & 28

Friday, July 27
Sidewalk Sales: 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
In Downtown Area:
Craft Show: 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
In Downtown Area and Lakeshore Park
Concessions: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
In Downtown Area and Lakeshore Park
Mercer County Help Me Grow Program: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 117 West Fayette Street, Celina, OH
Pony Rides: Friday, Saturday and Sunday
Rides: 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Rides by Classic Midway at Lakeshore Park
Goldwing Motorcycles: 5:30 p.m. Until After Fireworks near the Lighthouse on State Route 127
Cruise In: 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Registration 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Lakeshore Park by the Hot Water Hole — Sponsored by: Buds Chrysler - Dodge - Jeep - Chevrolet - Buick Celina & St. Marys, Goettemoeller Garage LLC, Lockwood Performance, CAPT of Celina, Lee Berry with Lloyd's Auto Service, Chippewa Lake Water Ski
Show Team: 7:00 p.m. on The Lake — Sponsored by Lake Improvement Association
Amphicar "Swim Inn" 7:45 p.m.
Lakeshore Park Hot Water Hole
Sierra Shame: 8:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.
Entertainment Tent - Lakeshore Park, Sponsored by: Wabash Communications, Gateway Outreach and Zeilsoft Dairy Queen
Fireworks: 10:00 p.m. on the Lake by Lakeshore Park — Sponsored by: American Legion Post 210, Celina Lake Festival Steering Committee, Deluxe Dry Cleaners, Neal Hollerman MD, Romers Catering Inc., Walmart, Anonymous: In Memory of Foss O'Brien
Fireworks Rain Date** Saturday Evening After the Parade
Saturday, July 28
5-K Run: 8:00 a.m.
Registration from 7:15 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. at Lakeshore Park — Sponsored by Mercer Health
Women's Walk For Wellness: 8:15 a.m.
Registration at 7:30

a.m. at Lakeshore Park — Sponsored by Grand Lake Health Systems
Boat or Car Poker Run: 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Registration at Celina Eagles
Sidewalk Sales: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Concessions: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
In Downtown Area and Lakeshore Park
Craft Show: 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
In Downtown Area and Lakeshore Park
Car Show: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Downtown area and Lakeshore Park will be the 42nd Annual Collector
Downtown Near Courthouse Square — Sponsored by: Buds Chrysler - Dodge - Jeep - Chevrolet - Buick Celina & St. Marys, Goettemoeller Garage LLC, Lockwood Performance, Lee Berry with Lloyd's Auto Service, CAPT of Celina
Celina High School "Lift-A-Thon": 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Courthouse Lawn — Sponsored by Ovicso Sportswear & Awards
Rides: 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Rides by Classic Midway at Lakeshore Park
Celina Flip-A-Thon: 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Courthouse Lawn
Chippewa Lake Water Ski Show Team: 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. down by the Lake — Sponsored by Lake Improvement Association
Cardboard Duct Tape Boat Race: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. with registration at 1:00 p.m. at the Lake — Sponsored by: Celina Ace Hardware and RCS Construction Service
Bed Races: 4:30 p.m.
Downtown Main Street (In front of Courthouse)
Goldwing Parade: 6:15 p.m.
On the Parade Route Collector Car Parade: 6:15 p.m.
On the Parade Route Antique Tractor Parade: 6:15 p.m.
On the Parade Route Grand Parade: 6:30 p.m. with over 150 units - begins at Market St. & County Rd.
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Grand Marshall: Bill Nietfeld
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At Dusk - Entertainment Tent
Sunday, July 29
Celina Lake Festival Volleyball Tournament: 9:30 a.m.
Registration: 9:00 a.m.
- Entry Fee \$60 per team Coed 6 on 6 - At Mercelina Ball Park
Craft Show: 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Lakeshore Park
Concessions: 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Lakeshore Park
Chicken Barbecue: 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Lakeshore Park — Sponsored by MCERV
Childrens Fishing Derby: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Ages 3 to 12, Registration at 11:00 a.m. at Lakeshore Park near the Shelter House — Sponsored by the Celina Volunteer Firefighters & Grand Lake Health Systems
ZUMBA with Josie Hemmelgarn: 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at Lakeshore Drive under the Big Red Tent
This is a free class open to the public
Rides: 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Rides by Classic Midway
Chippewa Lake Water Ski Show Team: 12:30 p.m. down by the lake — Sponsored by Lake Improvement Association
Life-Flight Helicopter Fly In: 1:00 p.m. at Lakeshore Park
Garden Tractor Pull: 1:00 p.m., West of Mercelina Ball Park — Sponsored by: Celina Lake Festival Steering Committee, Western Ohio Garden Tractor Pullers Association
Kiddie Tractor Pull - NKTPA: 1:00 p.m. at Lakeshore Park — Sponsored by the Celina Lake Festival Steering Committee
Horseshoe Pitching Tournament: 2:00 p.m.
Registration at 1:15 p.m. - At Fairgrounds
"Duck For A Cure": 2:00 p.m. at Lakeshore Park Hot Water Hole — Sponsored by Iota Gamma Chapter of Phi Beta PSI
Harley Davidson Giveaway: 3:00 p.m. at The Entertainment Tent



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Shown above are photographs from Celina's Lake Festival.

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New Bremen Fireman's Picnic

Picnic

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with our emergency equipment."

The picnic kicks off with a 5k run/walk at 9 a.m., Utz noted, which is also part of the Grand Lake Road to Fitness Challenge. A fun run will also be held at 8:30 a.m. Registration for these events begins at 7 a.m.

"We've been doing that for a number of years, and really, the course has changed a couple of times over the years, so it's not the same course if somebody did it the first year or two," he said.

"It's a nice run, and actually finishes along the canal path there."

Prizes will be awarded to top finishers and in age categories, as well as door prizes, Utz said.

"We actually do have one guy that runs the whole thing in full turnout gear," he said.

"He was really good friends with one of the firefighters that was killed in the line of duty back in 2003, I believe. So he does it in kind of his memory."

A wiffle ball tournament will be featured starting at 10 a.m. and lasting all day, Utz noted. Registration for the wiffle ball tournament

will be accepted through July 26 at \$30 per team..

"The tournament usually lasts all day, so we encourage not only teams to participate, but we encouraged people to come out and watch," he said. "It's very entertaining."

One new feature of this year's fireman's picnic includes entertainment by junior high/high school-aged bands.

"We are doing a youth band showcase," he said.

"We're going to have four or five youth bands from the area that are going to play in the afternoon ... It's kind of something new that we're going to try out and give the kids an opportunity to be on the big stage."

Picnic-goers can also look forward to a waterball tournament this year, which was canceled last year because of weather conditions, Utz said.

"Waterball was canceled last year due to the drought that we had last year," he said.

"This year, we're actually not going to be doing the senior waterball, but we are going to be having a youth waterball ... We give trophies and stuff to the kids, but for them, it's more about the fun of getting to wear the fire helmet and using the fire hose."

The picnic has a decent turnout each year, Utz said, listing a number of reasons people return to it each year.

"It's one of those traditions everybody always looks forward to," he said.

"It's the first festival that we have in town, so Bremenfest follows three weeks later. But I think it's such a tradition, and some of the traditional things that we have there that really bring people out. It's the first chance together, within the community, to get out and enjoy the summer weather."

Utz encouraged area residents to stop out July 28 at the New Bremen Fireman's Picnic to support a worthy cause.

"It supports a good cause — it supports the fire department," he said.

"The picnic is run 100 percent by the firemen and their wives, so we don't necessarily ask for any other participation from the town, just that they come out and enjoy the picnic and support what we all want to provide for the community. And also at the same time, we want people to partake because putting on the picnic is a lot of work, but it's our way of showing the community that we appreciate them coming out and supporting us."



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7:00 a.m. - Sign up for 5K

8:30 a.m. - Fun Walk (1 mile)

9:00 a.m. - 5K Run/Walk

10:00 a.m. - Whiffle Ball Round Robin, registration deadline is July 26, call Jeff Utz at 419-733-4874

11:00 a.m. - Food and Beed Stand Open

12:00 p.m. - High School Lift-a-Thon

1:00 p.m. - Sign-up for Jr. Water Ball

1:30 p.m. - Jr. Water Ball Tournament

3:00 p.m. - Sign-up for Corn Hole

4:00 p.m. - Corn Hole Starts

4:30 p.m. - In-flatable Rides Open

4:30 p.m. - Free Pony

5:00 p.m. - Sr. Water Ball

5:00 p.m. - BBQ Chicken Dinners, by Perfect Party Catering

6:00 p.m. - Bingo, Cake Wheel & other Kids

Games

7:30 p.m. - Wood Carving Auction, wood carving all day with Tim Kuenning and family

7:30 p.m. - Games of Chance

8:00 p.m. - Chez-Cheese

11:00 p.m. - Raffle Drawing Rides Contact any New Bremen-German Township fireman in advance for raffle tickets and pre-sale chicken dinner tickets.



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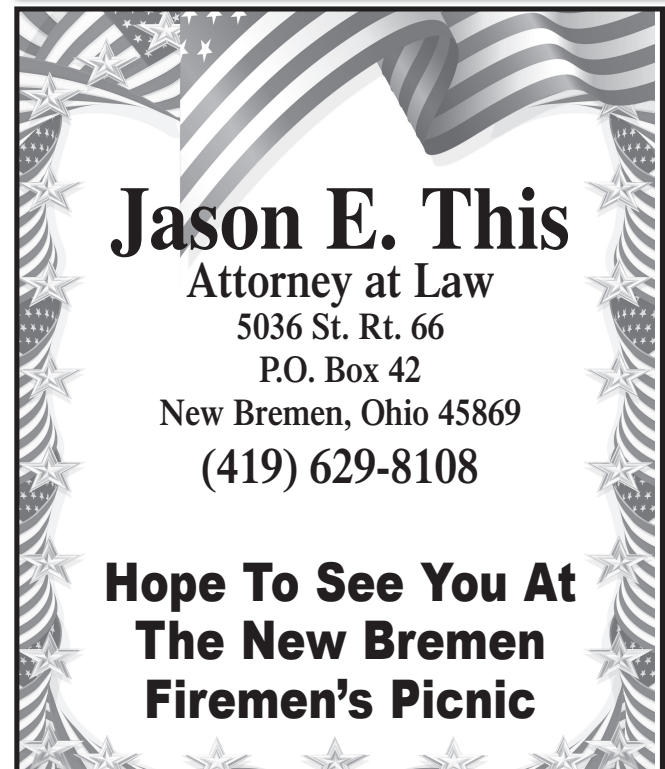


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Auglaize County Fair Preview

Auglaize County Fair Schedule of Events

• Sunday, July 29

9 a.m.: Open horse show
10 a.m.: Booths available for set-up — Commercial Building; open horticulture show — Horticulture Building; open canned good and baked goods show — Horticulture Building
12:30 p.m.: Open horse-shoe pitch tournament (Class B tournament)
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.: Children Choosing Christ — Gospel Tent
2 p.m.: Open beef breeding show, followed by live part Junior Fair Beef Carcass Show, followed by Open Steer and Feeder Calf Show, immediately followed by Cattleman's Born and Raised Steer Show — Show Barn 1
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.: Dare Program — Kid's Tent
4 p.m.: Open Class Barrow or Gilt; Truck drag racing
4 p.m. & 7 p.m.: Wrestling Mike Swaney Free Entertainment Tent
5 p.m.: Mike Bishop Comedy Hypnotist — G.A. Wintzer Tent
6 p.m.: Truck Wars featuring Viper Monster Truck — Free Grandstand; first place and best of show cake auction — Kid's Tent
7 p.m.: Mike Bishop Comedy Hypnotist — G.A. Wintzer Tent
7:30 p.m.: Just Us Quartet — Gospel Tent
8:30 p.m.-10 p.m.: Flight Risk — Mike Swaney Free Entertainment Tent
9 p.m.: Mike Bishop Comedy Hypnotist — G.A. Wintzer Tent

• Monday, July 30

Noon: Ribbon cutting — Front Gate; registration for Auglaize County Pork Producers Adult and Pee Wee Showmanship closes
Noon to dusk: New Knoxville Historical Society displays and demonstrations — Log Cabin
2 p.m. to 8 p.m.: COSI — Kid's Tent
5 p.m.: Adult Pee Wee Pork Producers Showmanship; Mike Bishop Comedy Hypnotist — G.A. Wintzer Tent
6:30 p.m.: Open horse-shoe pitch tournament (Class A tournament) — Horseshoe Pits
7 p.m.: District 12 Holstein show — Show Barn 1;
7 p.m.: Junior Fair King and Queen Coronation — Free Grandstand
7 p.m.: Mike Bishop Comedy Hypnotist — G.A. Wintzer Tent
7:30 p.m.: Peda Bull — Mike Swaney Free Entertainment Tent, Gold City — Gospel Tent, Cheerleading Contest — Free Grandstand
9 p.m.: Mike Bishop Comedy Hypnotist — G.A. Wintzer Tent
• **Tuesday, July 31**
9 a.m.: Cookies, donuts and juice for seniors only — Gospel Tent
Noon to dusk: Cridersville Historical Society displays and demonstrations — Log Cabin
Noon to 4 p.m.: Strolling on the Grounds, Mike Hemmelgarn (comedy, juggler, ventriloquist)
Noon to 5 p.m.: Kids' Day on the Farm — Kid's

Tent
12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.: Steven Puppets — Kid's Tent
3 p.m.-4 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.: Steven Puppets — Under the Grandstand
4 p.m.-5 p.m.: Mike Hemmelgarn on stage (comedy, juggler, ventriloquist) — Kid's Tent
5 p.m.: Mike Bishop Comedy Hypnotist — Kid's Tent
5 p.m. to 8 p.m. — Bette's Polka Band/German Heritage Night — Mike Swaney Free Entertainment Tent
6:30 p.m.: Harness racing (Moon City Trot) — Free Grandstand
7 p.m.: Mike Bishop Comedy Hypnotist — G.A. Wintzer Tent
7:30 p.m.: Inspirations — Gospel Tent; pig and calf scramble — Horse Arena
7:30 p.m.: Mark Trammell Quartet — Gospel Tent
9 p.m.: Mike Bishop Comedy Hypnotist — G.A. Wintzer Tent

• Wednesday, Aug. 1

Noon to dusk: New Bremen Historical Society displays and demonstrations — Log Cabin
1 p.m.-3 p.m.: Sun safety education by OSU — Horticulture Building
1 p.m.-4 p.m.: Children Choosing Christ — Gospel Tent
5 p.m.: Mike Bishop Comedy Hypnotist — G.A. Wintzer Tent
6:30 p.m.: Horseshoe pitch (Class B team tournament) — Horseshoe Pits; Harness racing (Moon

Walk Pace) — Free Grandstand
7 p.m.: Mike Bishop Comedy Hypnotist — G.A. Wintzer Tent; Floral show and baking contest — Horticulture Building
7 p.m.-11 p.m. T-102 Country Star Playoffs featuring Pete Schlegel (finals) — Mike Swaney Free Entertainment Tent
7:30 p.m.: Youth Night — Gospel Tent
9 p.m.: Mike Bishop Comedy Hypnotist — G.A. Wintzer Tent

• Thursday, Aug. 2

9 a.m.: Auglaize County Born and Raised Barrow/Gilt Show
Noon to dusk: Auglaize County Historical Society display and demonstrations — Log Cabin
1 p.m.-6 p.m.: American Red Cross Bloodmobile
1 p.m.-3 p.m.: Sun safety education by OSU — Horticulture Building
1 p.m.-4 p.m.: Children Choosing Christ — Gospel Tent
5 p.m.: Mike Bishop Comedy Hypnotist — G.A. Wintzer Tent
6 p.m.: Veterans' day program — Mike Swaney Free Entertainment Tent; deadline for entries for the baking contests and floral show
6:30 p.m.: Horseshoe pitch doubles tournament — Horseshoe Pits
7 p.m.: Mike Bishop Comedy Hypnotist — G.A. Wintzer Tent; demolition derby — Free Grandstand; Tim Kuenning and Son, woodcarvers — On the Grounds
7:30 p.m.: Soul'd Out

Quartet — Gospel Tent
7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.: Cracker Jax — Mike Swaney Free Entertainment Tent
8:30 p.m.-10 p.m.: Flight Risk — Mike Swaney Free Entertainment Tent
9 p.m.: Mike Bishop Comedy Hypnotist — G.A. Wintzer Tent

• Friday, Aug. 3

Noon to dusk: Minster County Historical Society displays and demonstrations — Log Cabins
1 p.m.-3 p.m.: Food safety education by OSU — Horticulture Building
1 p.m.-4 p.m.: Children Choosing Christ — Gospel Tent
3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.: Weigh-in sheep and goats
5 p.m.: Mike Bishop Comedy Hypnotist — G.A. Wintzer Tent
5:15 p.m.: Open Born and Breed Market goat show; horseshoe pitch (Class B invitational) — Horseshoe Pits
6:30 p.m.: Jackpot Market Lamb — Shoe Barn 2; horseshoe pitch (Class B invitational) — Horseshoe Pits
7 p.m.: Mike Bishop Comedy Hypnotist — G.A. Wintzer Tent; Motorcycle racing; Tim Kuenin& Son, Woodcarvers — On the Grounds
7 p.m.-8 p.m.: Food safety education by OSU — Horticulture Building
7:30 p.m.: Brian Free and Assurance — Gospel Tent
8 p.m.-11 p.m.: Earthquakers — Mike Swaney Free Entertainment Tent
9 p.m.: Mike Bishop Comedy Hypnotist —

G.A. Wintzer Tent
• **Saturday, Aug. 4:**
11 a.m.: Auglaize County Fair Speed Show — Horse Arena
Noon to dusk: Uniopolis and Buckland Historical Society displays and demonstrations — Log Cabin
Noon to 1 p.m.: Steven Puppets — Kid's Tent
Noon to 4:30 p.m.: Strolling the Grounds Mike Hemmelgarn (comedy, juggler, ventriloquist) — On the Grounds
1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.: Mike Hemmelgarn (comedy, juggler and ventriloquist) — Kid's
3 p.m.-4 p.m.: Steven Puppets — Under the Grandstand
4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.: Mike Hemmelgarn (comedy, juggler, ventriloquist) — Kid's Tent
5 p.m.: Mike Bishop Comedy Hypnotist — G.A. Wintzer Tent; Woodcarver auction — Free Grandstand
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.: Ohio Idol
6 p.m.: Baggo tournament — Horseshoe Pit; Moon City Nationals NTPA Grand National Truck Pull — Free Grandstand
7 p.m.: Mike Bishop Comedy Hypnotist — G.A. Wintzer Tent
7:30 p.m.: The Issacs — Gospel Tent
8 p.m.- 11 p.m.: Nashville Crush — Mike Swaney Free Entertainment Tent
9 p.m.: Mike Bishop Comedy Hypnotist — G.A. Wintzer Tent



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