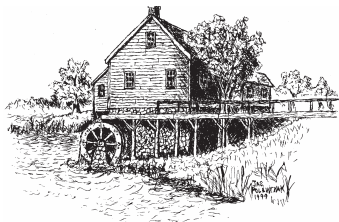


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Update: Town Hall Renovation

As many residents may recall, three years ago, in August of 2008, the Munson Board of Trustees began a process to plan and build a new town hall/community center facility on the township campus at the corner of Auburn and Sherman Roads. The architectural firm of Leber-Brown guided a design program over the course of 18 months that led to the development of a plan for a separate, stand-alone building. Drawings were on display at the current town hall and public meetings were held in the spring and summer of 2009, and bid documents were prepared that fall, with an anticipated ground-breaking in May of 2010.

In the spring of 2010 the trustees tabled the project in order to give consideration to the Fowlers Mill Golf Course proposal. In October of 2010, with Fowlers Mill Golf Course settled, the trustees turned their attention back to the town hall project. After some discussion, it became clear that the Board of Trustees no longer had the unanimous agreement needed to continue with the building as planned, and the stand-alone building plan was abandoned.

Early in 2011, after revisiting the facilities needs of the township, the Board decided to reconsider renovating the existing town hall and possibly expanding the facility to better meet the changing needs of our community. Over the summer the trustees interviewed architects, and last September selected Hank Penttila of Chardon to lead the process for the redesign, renovation, and expansion of the current Munson Town Hall.

Hank examined the current building, has met with staff and trustees, and assembled the necessary information regarding the current use and the inadequacies of the

building, as well as the needs and expectations for an upgraded facility to be developed in the new project. At our January 10, 2012 meeting, Hank presented a summary of the findings from that exercise. Hank has indicated that he intends to present a building program with a site and building relationship plan for initial consideration at our February 14th regular meeting. We anticipate preliminary drawings to be available for trustees and residents to look over in early March. The trustees invite residents to attend any regular meeting as well as any special meetings, and we encourage folks to offer comment and feedback on the plans as the process moves forward. Residents are also welcome to share ideas, suggestions, and concerns via e-mail through the township website, including a link directly to the architect, Hank Penttila. We expect to be ready to break ground in June of this year.

As a reminder, the trustees want to assure residents that all costs associated with the planning, redesign, and construction of the town hall will be fully covered by tax monies collected from estate taxes of deceased residents, with the funding set aside specifically for this purpose. No personal property taxes will be used to pay for any part of this project. We are excited by the opportunity to provide a quality building and facility that meets our needs and is energy efficient, cost efficient, and attractive. Please feel welcome in joining our community process to create a building of which we can all be proud.

Residents are encouraged to attend meetings and to view and comment on the project. Information will be placed on the township web site as it becomes available, or call the township office 440-286-9255.

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2011 In Review ...

January – Trustees re-appoint Jim Tekavec to the Zoning Commission, Sophie Horvath and Don Alexander (alternate) to the Board of Zoning Appeals, and John Kaczynski and Joe Rosboril to the Park Board. Trustees begin discussion for an addition to the town hall. Fire Department receives a \$50,000 grant from the Fairmount Minerals Foundation [Best Sand], and uses it to purchase turnout gear, a new cot for the squad, and an extractor to wash the gear. Several fire departments respond to an incident at Alpine Valley when a ski lift malfunctions. Zoning department brings concerns about injection wells to the attention of the trustees.

February – State auditors complete their 2009/2010 audit of the township's records. Unsafe structures at 10880 Mayfield Road [Scenic River] are demolished. Trustees approve Munson's disaster plan, part of a county-wide plan. Scholarships are awarded to Phoenix Cooke, Danielle Megger, Brandon Ferris, Matthew Dwyer, Louis Seiler, Nicholas Stephens, Natalie McDaniel, Jenna Deutsch, Taylor Wilkes, Mayim Hamblen, and Dina Farone. Board approves completion of the Legend Creek Drive project. Park Board sponsors an indoor flea market February 26 in the community room and fire bay.

March – Resident Tom Benda, recipient of the 2011 Leadership Geauga Emerald Leader award, is honored by Township resolution. ODOT certifies 48.125 miles of roadway for Munson to maintain. Township Records Commission holds its first meeting to initiate a township records retention schedule. Trustees approve purchase of a new truck for road department. The Blankenship family donates a plaque to commemorate all boys who achieved the rank of Eagle Scouts in BSA Troop 91 and a plaque picturing the first troop. The plaques are hung in the town hall.

April – Township remembers former Trustee Bruce A. Ward who passed away on March 30. Trustees approve a lean-to addition to the salt storage building. After a naming controversy, the Township's first Easter Egg Hunt is held Sat. April 23 at the Munson Twp. Park. The Trustees approve applications to NOPEC for energy savings grants totaling \$50,000 to be used to upgrade the road department heaters and to improve the lighting in the fire station.

May – Memorial Day service is held Monday, May 30 at Maple Hill Cemetery, invocation by Pastor Larry Hobbes, Maple Hills Church, speaker Lieutenant Colonel Thomas E. Lippert, USA (Retired). The Township honors Eagle Scouts William Lewis Blankenship, Brett Michael Sroka, Matthew William Dwyer, and Michael James Depner, by resolution. County engineer attends meeting to discuss major project to realign the Auburn/Sherman intersection. Park Board sponsors Community Fishing Derby May 21 at Scenic River.

June – Trustees unanimously agree to renovate and expand the existing town hall. The following Munson residents, co-valedictorians of Chardon High School, are hon-

ored by resolution, Jenna Deutsch, Dina Farone, Garrett Gustafson, Kristen Liggett, Nicholas Stephans, and Emily Witosky. E-loo restroom project approved for Scenic River.

July – First concert held July 22 at Scenic River – music provided by Swamp Rattlers. Employees John Toth and Larry Morrison are promoted to road foreman and shop foreman. 1995 Horton ambulance, slated for auction, is donated to the Mount Hebron Fire Department in Alabama, which was devastated by tornados.

August – Completed records retention schedule forwarded to the Ohio Historical Society for approval. Architects interviewed for the Town Hall project. New command vehicle approved for the fire department. Fire Chief raises concerns about rust and corrosion damage to fire vehicles due to increased use of calcium chloride. Fence ordered for the recycling center. Asphalt rejuvenator RePlay applied to Nicoles Way, Raymond Drive, Allen Drive, Flat Rock Drive, Holden Ridge, Autumn Ridge, and Julie Drive. The 8th annual community day picnic was held at the Munson Township Park on August 6th.

September – Trustees honor Notable Munson Residents Jack L. Schinness and George W. Collins II on Sept. 13 at the Notre Dame auditorium. Asphalt grindings approved to improve the surface and reduce dust at the recycling center, and the park driveways and parking areas.

October – Residents bring concerns about electrical outages and brownouts to the Trustees. Fire Station opens the doors to the community for their annual open house on Halloween October 31.

November – Discussion initiated for lighting for a sled hill at Scenic River. Trustees invite representatives from FirstEnergy to listen to residents' concerns about electrical outages.

December – Dennis Wynne reappointed to the Zoning Commission, Lucy Longo to the Board of Zoning Appeals, Kristen Bluemmel to the Park Board, and Heather Crawford (new appointment) alternate to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Park Board sponsors Breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Fire Chief outlines aggressive program to treat vehicles to withstand corrosion. Trustees approve contract with Sheriff's department for additional patrol for 2012. Trustee Irene McMullen is sworn in by State Senator John Eklund.

Minutes from township meetings are available on the township website www.munsonwp.com.

Message From the Road Department

The Munson Township Road Department **will no longer collect waste oil and antifreeze** from residents effective immediately. Waste oil may be taken to the Geauga Trumbull drop off facility in Warren beginning in May and there will be a one-day collection event for household hazardous waste at the county engineer's yard from 9-noon on May 12 (see page 4 of this publication for more information).

Important Message About Recycling - Please Read Carefully

More and more residents are taking the time to recycle. The Munson Township Trustees provide a drop-off facility for recycling at the Vetter Ball Field parking lot to the north of the fire station. However, abuse of the site and ignorance of what items may be recycled are placing the program in jeopardy.

Mixed Recycling - The following items may be recycled: clear, green, and brown glass, plastic, aluminum and bi-metal cans, and aluminum foil and foil pans (if clean). All plastics are not recyclable. All glass and all aluminum are not recyclable. Plastic must have a small triangular symbol with a number, one through seven, in the center. Without the number, the recycling facility cannot determine the type of plastic and therefore cannot process it. Exceptions are the plastic bags from grocery and retail stores, which do not need to have the printed triangle. **Tarps, laundry baskets, garden hose, lawn furniture, large plastic toys, and plastic pots**

and buckets are **NOT** recyclable unless there is a triangular symbol. Glass is restricted to bottles and jars – **no plate glass windows, no corning ware, no drinking glasses, no mirrors, and no canning jars**. And, please, **no electronic equipment, no styrofoam, or aluminum gutters, window frames or cooking pans**. Recyclables should be rinsed clean with lids and caps removed, and should be separated from garbage. Never leave bags on the ground.

Paper Recycling - Cardboard, newspapers, magazines, office paper, mail, phonebooks and paperback books (**no hardback books**) can now be commingled in the smaller yellow and green receptacles. Always flatten cardboard and never leave items on the ground. Shredded paper must be bagged in a see-through bag - handlers will discard a bag if they cannot see the contents. No pizza boxes or waxed containers. Remove and discard all packing materials.

We hope that residents, once informed, will be more conscientious about what they bring to the site.

Munson Township wishes to thank the following vendors and patrons for their contributions to our Community Picnic:

A Dog's Life-Ted Berr; Alpine Valley; All-Ways Flasher Service; Andy Bushman; Aqua Doc; Auto Zone; Avalon Gardens Nursery; Avanti Salon; Bass Lake Tavern; BelleAmore; Best Sand (Fairmount Minerals); Bluemmel Family; Bon Appetit Management Co.; Breier Family; Bremec Greenhouse & Nursery; Brookfarm Designs-Richard Vyse; Capp's Pizza; Cabanas Island Restaurant; Chardon Dairy Queen; Chardon Martial Arts; Chip's Club House; Cleats; Cleveland Indians; Cold Nose Companions; Eleanor Havel; Fath's Rags to Rugs; Gander Mountain; Geauga PC-Matt Moormeier; Georgio's Pizza; Giant Eagle; Gilliam Family; Golf Dome Driving Range & Golf; Guido's Restaurant; Highland Dental Professionals; Ianiro's; Irene McMullen; Joey's Italian Grille; Judy Toth; Junction Auto; Kinetico; Knitting on the Square; Lake County Captains; Legend Lake Golf Club; Mangia Mangia; Maple Stitchers/Quilt and Caboodle; Marci's Hair on the Square; Mary Kay (Jennifer Scerbo); Mayfield Sand Ridge Golf Club; Medicine Shoppe; Morgan's Place; Mary Beth & Jim O'Neill-Keller Williams; Payne & Payne Management Company; Pineview Lake; Pleasant Hill Golf Course; Quality Tire; Refound Treasures; Richard's Maple Products; Rising Sun Automotive; Sage's Apples; St. Denis Golf Club; Signature Lawns & Landscaping; Sophie Horvath; Sport Rack; Squeaky Clean Car Wash; Staples; Joe & Mary Ellen Sweet; Target; The Fowlers Milling Co.; Tim Snyder for Judge; Tractor Supply Company; Wal-Mart; Western Reserve Farm Cooperative; White House Chocolates; Xpressions Hair & Nail Salon; YMCA Geauga; Zepp's Pizzeria (Chardon).

A Recap of 2011 Park Events ...

Fishing Derby Fishing at the lake at Scenic River Retreat Park, 10900 Mayfield Road, is always open to Munson residents. You do not need a fishing license to stop by and enjoy our well-stocked lake; however, we do ask that you catch and release only - please! The Third Annual Munson Township Fishing Contest was held Saturday, May 21, coordinated by Park Board member Kristy Bluemmel. Anglers of all ages enjoyed a morning of fishing fun and prizes.

Easter Egg Hunt The township sponsored its first Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 23, at the Munson Township Park. The event was coordinated by volunteer Julie Johnston. Following a spirited hunt for Easter eggs, the children turned in their eggs for a bag full of candy. Finders of special eggs received an additional prize. The Easter bunny arrived in a fire truck and gave plentiful hugs and picture opportunities. The event was a huge success judging by the smiles on the faces of the children and their parents. The township extends a sincere thank you to Enzoco Corporation for their generous donation of \$500 to defray the cost of the event.

Concert in the Park Munson Township sponsored its first Concert in the Park on Friday, July 22 at the Scenic River Retreat, 10900 Mayfield Road. An early afternoon shower dampened attendance, but those who came out had a truly enjoyable evening. The music was provided by the Swamp Rattlers and the event was paid for by a generous donor. The band set up in the lower pavilion with the lake as a backdrop. Boy Scout Troop 91 sold hotdogs, chips and soft drinks in the upper pavilion. The terrain, rising uphill from the pavilion made a natural amphitheater and everyone agreed it was an ideal place for a concert. More concerts will be planned for 2012.

Pictures of these events may be found on the township web site www.munsontwp.com.

Cemetery Cleanup

All artificial flowers, decorations and containers in the Munson Cemeteries must be removed by May 1st. Those items remaining will be disposed of to prepare the cemeteries for Memorial Day and summer mowing. Also, iron plant hooks are no longer permitted in the cemeteries.

Join us at the Maple Hill Cemetery on Memorial Day, Monday, May 28 at 8:30am for a short, but very meaningful ceremony to honor our veterans.

Munson Rubbish Day

Bring your large items and boxes of accumulated rubbish to the **Vetter Ball Field Parking Lot** located behind the Munson Fire Station, 12200 Auburn Road

Saturday, April 28
7 am to 3 pm

(No Friday drop off this year) Items NOT accepted: construction remodeling debris, liquids, paint or other hazardous materials, rocks, yard waste, or household garbage. Reduce wood or pipe to six foot lengths. We can no longer accept televisions, computer monitors, or other small appliances with electronic components. Consolidate all small materials in strong boxes or containers. We will accept unbroken car batteries, lawn mowers, and tires off the rim - 4 per load. Call the township if you have a junk auto or truck to dispose of 440-286-9255.

Recyclable items such as cardboard and newspaper will not be accepted. Munson Residents only. Identification may be requested.

Geauga Trumbull Seasonal Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Waste Recycling Facility

Located at 5138 Enterprise Blvd., Warren, Ohio. The facility is open during the week on Wednesdays only from May 2-Sept 26 - hours 10am-6pm. Also open three Saturdays: Saturday, May 5; Saturday, June 2; and Saturday, August 4, 2012 from 9am until noon.

Household hazardous waste such as paint, oil, anti-freeze, propane tanks, etc. and electronic equipment (E-waste) will be accepted at the seasonal facility. There will be a small fee for television sets.

Check out the Geauga Trumbull web site www.startrecyclingnow.com or call 1-800-707-2673.

Senior Assistance for Rubbish Days

The Geauga County Department on Aging and Munson Road Department will join forces to aid seniors by picking up and transporting their rubbish to the rubbish day dumpsters on April 23, 24, 25, and 26 prior to the scheduled rubbish days. **To qualify** you must be 60 years of age or older and live in Munson Township. Only 10 household items will be accepted per home. To receive

assistance, you must call the **Department on Aging 279-2130**, to register. **Have the following information ready:** senior's name, address, phone number, birth date and a list of the items to be picked up.

The township will be divided into three sections, one to be serviced each day. Make sure your items are set out by Sunday, April 22, so that you do not miss your scheduled pickup. The Senior must also be home to sign a release for the items when they are picked up.

Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste District Collection Events ...

Not to be confused with Munson Rubbish Day, the Solid Waste Management District has four collection events scheduled for Geauga County. Drop-off location: **Geauga County Engineer's Yard, 12665 Merritt Road.**

Appliance Collection Saturday, April 21 - 9:00am-noon

Free freon removal. Workers will be available to help unload vehicles. This is for washers, dryers, refrigerators, freezers, and other similar household appliances. No television sets.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Saturday, May 12 - 9:00am-noon

Acceptable household waste: paint, oil, anti-freeze, propane tanks, gasoline, cleaners, arts supplies, wood strippers, degreasers, pesticides, etc. Not accepted: smoke detectors, acetylene tanks, medical waste, or electronic equipment.

Document Destruction Saturday, June 9 - 9:00am-noon

E-Waste Collection Saturday, August 11 - 9:00am-noon

Electronic Equipment such as computers, printers, cell phones, television sets, etc. \$5 fee for television sets.

Residents only, no commercial businesses. Questions? Call Geauga Trumbull **1-800-707-2673**.

2011 Notable Munson Residents

Notable Munson Residents Jack L. Schinness and George W. Collins II were honored by the Munson Township Trustees on September 13, 2011 at the Notre Dame Educational Center Auditorium. Family and friends and several former notables were present.

Jack L. Schinness Jack Schinness and his wife Sandy reside on Fowlers Mill Road, where they raised their eight children. Jack served as an inspirational baseball and softball coach for over 20 years, mentoring youth not only in how to excel in sports, but in how to live a good life. He also umpired, coached mini football, and volunteered in the Indian Guide Program. Jack was a successful manufacturing engineer, holding patents for the use of carbide to remove metals from materials, and was one of the founders of the Cleveland Carbide Society. Eaton Corporation selected him to represent the northern United States in Sanviken, Sweden for International Manufacturing worldwide. Now retired, Jack keeps busy with his involvement with Civil War Reenactments, drives a Community Care ambulance part-time, and enjoys woodworking. He also makes maple syrup with his son, drives a pony cart at the Geauga County Fair, skis at Alpine Valley and attends as many of his grandchildren's sporting events as possible.

George W. Collins II George Collins has been a steadfast presence and knowledgeable authority on land use issues and zoning, serving for a number of years as Chairman of the Munson Township Zoning Commission. He taught theoretical astrophysics at The Ohio State University for 28 years. He moved to Munson in 1991 when he was invited to teach Astronomy at Case Western Reserve University. George grew up in a family strongly connected to Boy Scouts – he and his two brothers achieved Eagle Scout status, and George has volunteered in the Scout program for many years, teaching canoeing, and leading canoe trips for 20 years to the northern national canoe base. Currently George is Unit Commissioner for Munson's Boy Scout Troop 91, a member of Munson's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), a Trustee-at-large for the Chagrin River Watershed Partners, and is involved in the development of Observatory Park for the Geauga Park District. He sings bass with area choirs, including the Messiah concert at Notre Dame which raises money for the Geauga Food Bank.

The honorees received an engraved clock from the Township Trustees and a Resolution of Appreciation from the Geauga County Commissioners, presented by Commissioner Mary Samide. Awards were followed by refreshments.

Munson Notables are living, past or present residents of the township, who are 65 years or older. If you know of a person who deserves recognition, please call the township office.

Our Notable Roster

2003	Ruth Osmond Hawkins Helen M Stewart
2004	Roger K Emmons Richard H Ruth Charles A Poutasse Joseph & Betty Koelliker
2005	Sister Mary Dorotheus Wise Sister Margaret Hess
2006	Bruce A Ward
2007	Willard C "Bill" Herrington Louise T Alexander
2008	George W Edgar Bernard A & Catherine R Taylor
2009	Fred and Betty Klatka Walter and Gloria Leagan
2010	William E Gullo Roy Williams Sophie L Horvath
2011	George W Collins II Jack L. Schinness



Front Row From Left: Sister Margaret Hess, Betty Koelliker, Joe Koelliker, Gloria Leagan.
Back Row: Irene McMullen, George Collins, Sophie Horvath, Jack Schinness, Walter Leagan, Andy Bushman, and Todd Ray

Scholarships Awarded - In 2011, the Munson Township Trustees awarded scholarships to Phoenix Cooke, Danielle Megger, Brandon Ferris, Matthew Dwyer, Louis Seiler, Nicholas Stephens, Natalie McDaniel, Jenna Deutsch, Taylor Wilkes, Mayim Hamblen, and Dina Farone. Congratulations to these fine scholars and to their families. The township received 18 applications this year. Applicants will be interviewed in February by the Munson Scholarship Committee Frank Gliha, John

Eklund, George Collins, Jim Metzger, and Andy Bushman. Scholarship applications are distributed to area schools in late fall and are also made available at the township office and on the township web site. To be eligible, the graduating senior must be a Munson Township resident, have a cumulative GPA of 3.0, a 22 ACT or 1000 SAT score, and plan to attend an accredited 2 or 4-year college or university, or a career or technical education institution in the Fall.

Message From the Fire Chief ...

Dear Munson Township Residents,

Now that we have welcomed in the winter season, I would like to first remind all of our Residents that during these cold winter months, it is extremely important to make sure that all furnaces and chimneys are inspected and in good working order. Also, be very wise about using "alternative heating devices". Always remember, safety first. Should you have any questions in regards to home safety and inspections, please feel free to call us and we will do our very best to assist you in any way.

It appears that our community is one of the best places to reside. Over all we seem to really be joined together. A couple of great examples are the Munson Township Community Day Picnic and the Munson Fire Department annual Halloween Celebration. Congratulations on a wonderful turnout for both and special thanks to all the residents and businesses in the Munson Community that so graciously made donations to help with these events. The support of the community is always greatly appreciated.

Recently our community had the opportunity to help a Fire Department in Alabama affected by this past year's devastating tornadoes. Our Fire Department was in the process of retiring a 1995 ambulance. After seeing many reports of the April 2011 tornadoes and subsequent destruction in the south, we found out that there were many Fire Departments in Alabama and Mississippi that had lost equipment or just did not have the means to acquire equipment. There was a request from the Alabama Fire Chiefs Association to the Ohio Fire Chiefs Association for equipment needed. That's when we thought, what would be better, selling it or being a good neighbor to another community in need. After presenting this idea to our Township Board of Trustees, it was agreed that it is better to give than to receive. It's one town helping another town and that's what small towns do. We decided to donate the ambulance to a very deserving department in Alabama. The Mount Hebron Fire Department is eternally grateful to Munson Township and Mt. Hebron Fire Chief Thomas Seay stated, "Never in a thousand years would I think this department would ever get an ambulance of any type, we just don't have the funding to get something like that on our own. This is just a miracle for us." We were told that during the April tornado and storms, one Mt Hebron firefighter was injured after a branch fell on him and broke his leg. It took over forty-five minutes for an ambulance to respond, now they will have an ambulance much closer and in their own com-

munity. Once again Munson Township is the best. We would also like to announce that Munson Fire Department has appointed Captain Mike Vatty as our new Training Officer. Mike has vast experience in the fire service and has agreed to take on the role to oversee and expand our trainings at the Munson Fire Department. Congratulations Captain Mike Vatty!

The Munson CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) has been very busy this past year training to assist our fire department in case of an emergency. The team has been trained in First Aid, CPR, AED, Emergency Preparedness, Weather Emergencies and courses from the National Incident Management System. This coming year, the team will participate in trainings for Search & Rescue, Emergency Sheltering as well as brushing up on past training. Jon Wentz is the director of the group. The team meets the first Monday of the month at 7:00pm in the Fire Station training room. If you are interested in joining the team, please contact Claudia Toth at 440-867-4732 or claudiaL-toth@gmail.com.

Once again, please be reminded that we have started a program for our senior citizens and less fortunate residents that may be in need of smoke detectors. The Munson Fire Department will supply the smoke detector and our firefighters will do a simple installation for you. It's another way to continue our support to our residents. Smoke detectors are a life saving piece of equipment. Please use them and check them regularly. Smoke detectors do save lives.

Another program we have is a Knox Box system. This is for residents who need special attention or may be ill and at home without someone else living with them. This program allows the residents to place a key in a Knox Box that temporally attaches to the prime door of your home. Once a key is placed in the Knox Box, only the Fire Department can access that key. If a loved one is at home alone and needs assistance we would be able to safely enter the home and provide the medical care or assistance they need. Knox Box is a national registered system that allows fire departments to safely gain entrance to businesses in their community. For more information please call me at 440-286-6797. There is a limited supply of these Knox Boxes.

Over the years our Fire Department has worked hard to provide the best service we can with the revenue we have and as always we appreciate you continued support. All of us at Munson Fire hope you have a safe and comfortable winter. If you need any help with home inspections, placement of smoke detectors or carbon monoxide monitors please feel free to call us at 440-286-6797.

Message from Munson Elementary ...

The 2011-2012 school year is off to a great start at Munson Elementary. Our traditional first day of school ceremony was well attended by parents and community members. It always gives students an extra boost to have such support as they begin a new chapter in their elementary school experience. Our enrollment this year is 417 students, up about 20 from last year. In addition to new students, we have three new staff members as well. Denise Goble is our new librarian/media specialist, Donna Picone is our new half time kindergarten teacher, and Kathy Vinciguera is our educational aide. They have been a welcome addition to our Munson staff.

The Chardon school district is in the fifth year of its strategic plan and one of the goals in the technology area was realized this summer at Munson. Thanks to generous donations from the Munson PTO as well as permanent improvement funds, all classrooms are now equipped with projectors and Smartboards, amplification systems, new teacher computers and instant response systems in grades 3-5. Utilizing technology for instruction has gone from a luxury to a necessity and we

are fortunate to be able to provide these tools for our students.

The library is another area at Munson that has benefited from additional technology. We are now a true "media center" with a Smartboard and computers available for classroom and student use. The Munson staff helped pack up over 10,000 books this summer so that new carpet could be installed and a fresh coat of paint put on the walls, creating an invitational environment for student reading and researching.

As the year goes on, we are always looking for community volunteers to get involved with our school. If you might be interested in reading with a student or helping out with one of our school activities, please give me a call at 286-5901. We'd love to have you. Speaking of volunteers, I'd like to extend a special "thank you" to Andy Bushman, Munson Township Trustee, as well as the Munson Road Department, for helping out with our recent "Get Up and Move" activity day. It certainly "takes a village" (or in our case, a township) to give our students every opportunity for a successful school year. Thanks so much for your ongoing support.

Louise Henry, Principal, Munson Elementary

Community Picnic

Approximately 900 attended Munson's 2011 Community Day Picnic on August 6th at the Munson Township Park on a thankfully dry, but scorching day. Heavy storms were predicted but passed over leaving the township once again fortunate in the weather.

Picnickers were treated to lunch, ice cream, music by the Sidemen under the Emmons pavilion, a magic show by Rick Smith, Jr., our area's renowned illusionist, face painting, balloon creations by Swifty the Clown, Euclid Beach rocket car rides, the arrival of a UHHS MedEvac Helicopter, midway games and activities, and a tempting array of Chinese and Silent Auction items-thanks to the generosity of local businesses and patrons. They are listed on page 3 of this publication, and we hope you will thank them with your patronage. The \$500 cash grand prize was generously donated by Payne and Payne Builders.

A \$1,000 donation from Fairmount Minerals (Best Sand) and proceeds from the dunk tank, raffles, silent auction, and four pay-to-play games raised over \$5,200 for the Scholarship Fund.



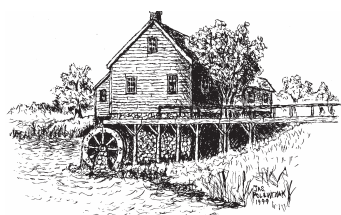
Our grand prize winner!

Our community's picnic could not have taken place without the yearlong planning efforts of picnic coordinator Paula Friebertshauser, and 2011 Park Board members, Chair Joe Rosboril, Barbara Parkinson, Kristy Bluemmel, Jon Schroeter, Bob Marn, Tim Kearns, Michael Roche, John Kaczynski, and Mark Stukbauer. The road department

puts its other duties on hold to prepare the park for the event. It takes approximately 100 volunteers to work the games, raffles, and food tent. The scouts and leaders of Munson Boy Scout Troop 91 assisted overnight, and throughout the day with setup, take-down, games, and even in the dunk tank. A special thank you to dunkees, D.J. Jacobucci from the Munson Fire Department, Trustee Andy Bushman, and scout leader Brian Jones, to the Munson CERT team for offering their volunteer services, and to the volunteers from Peace Lutheran Church.

All of these efforts culminated in a truly enjoyable day.

The Park & Recreation Board is looking for a handyman to contribute his or her skills in constructing props for children's games, and, as always, we actively seek individuals or groups that would like to help out the actual day of the picnic which is set for Saturday, August 4th this year. If interested, please call the town hall at 440-286-9255.



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Meetings & Events

Sat Apr 28 *RUBBISH DAY* 7:00 am-3 pm

Mon May 28 *MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE* 8:30 am
At Maple Hill Cemetery, corner of Auburn & Butternut Roads

Trustees - second and fourth Tuesdays at 6:30 pm

Zoning Commission - third Monday at 7 pm.

Board of Zoning Appeals - third Thursday at 6:30 pm.

Park Board - third Wednesday at 5:30 pm.

Munson Park & Recreation Events

Indoor Flea Market - Saturday, February 18

Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday, April 7

Community Fishing Derby - Sunday, May 6

Community Picnic - Saturday, August 4

Outdoor Flea Market - Saturday, Sept. 15

Breakfast with Santa & Mrs. Claus - Saturday, Dec. 15

Times and locations will be posted on the township web site

Youth athletic programs that lease the township fields:

www.munsonbaseball.com
Geauga Y - 440-285-7543