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AROUND THE MIDWAY

Dickie Gloyd left his station at the fish fryer for a moment to alert me to the fact that Eric Midkiff and his wife and baby daughter were enjoying some of the famous Ashville's 'big-as-your-hand' fish sandwiches. Eric graduated from Teays Valley High School in 1976, about the same year his mother, Betty Midkiff, retired from teaching there. Eric told me he lives just south of Atlanta, Georgia and his mother lives in Huntington, W. VA.

Gretchen Featheringham was born in Ashville and at age 95, resides in the house in which she was born. Daughter, Nancy, and Gretchen helped to staff the Ashville Area Heritage Society's information booth during the 4th of July celebration. Gretchen is such a beautiful lady. Even though her eyesight is failing, she recognizes voices and is always happy to see old friends. Nancy (Hoover) Call and her sister, Vivian (Hoover) Frazier stopped by the booth to say 'Hello'.

Bob Hines is collaborating with a videographer, Mr. Cordell, on making a video about Ashville. Connie DeWeese led the crowd in cheers: "We Are Ashville.... We Are S. Bloomfield.... We Are Commercial Point... We Are Walnut.... We Are Millport," etc. We'll be looking forward to seeing what Bob comes up with. He will be showing the video at a future AAHS meeting. I will alert you when the time comes.

We thank Craig Foster and his crew for covering the facade board on the museum building. Craig has donated lots of work for the Ashville Area Heritage Society in the past.

We now have 11" x 17" color prints of the museum mural. They are unframed and are \$10 each. The artist, Dirk Rozich, has also signed 50 of the prints, also unframed. Numbers #2 through #50 of the signed prints are \$40 each. The Number #1 signed print is more valuable. To see the

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Rose M. Jamison

601-0446

prints or for more details, stop by the museum, 34 Long Street, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Saturdays, 9 a.m. until noon or call 740-983-9864 for details.

Dakota's Rusty Rathburn certainly does a number on those drums. Wow! What great rhythm! He and his band and our own country and western singer, Ashley Everts, entertained a huge crowd at the park over the 4th. They are the best!

The Army Volunteer Band put on a great show for a large crowd. They gave an outstanding performance. And it was free! Thanks, guys and gal!

Brianna Kuhlwein, daughter of Tim and Lucinda Kuhlwein, was crowned queen of Ashville's 82nd 4th of July Festival. First attendant is Makayla Buskirk, daughter of Buzz and Mary Buskirk; and second attendant is Lora Overholt, daughter of Dan and Angie Overholt.

I don't have the name of the Ashville Idol winner, but I will have it in my next news.

There were some really good singers, some very young and others who may not want me to tell their age.

The Ashville Community Men's Club presented Doug Clem, Ellery Elick and Nelson Embrey with Distinguished Service Awards. The Ashville Women's Civic Club honored Debbie Forquer with a Lifetime Achievement Award.

My grandson and I love the beautiful Ohio Theatre. Last week, we saw High Noon with Gary Cooper and Grace Kelly. I enjoyed seeing other well known movie stars of decades past, including Lon Chaney, of the Wolf Man movies.

Starkey

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Elsea said, also will specifically recognize Starkey for his many community projects and accomplishments throughout his lifetime in Pickaway County, as well as feature information on future community and park activities.

Starkey, a Circleville High School graduate, continued playing varsity football at West Virginia University, and eventually played professional football for the New York Giants. He was a United States Army veteran, having served during the Korean War, and community leader in various fields.

As a motivational speaker,

he expanded on his various life experiences and careers. He especially enjoyed speaking to youthful audiences.

"He found his niche working with juvenile offenders," said Hill. "He made a very well-respected career out of it."

Hill said that her father retired from the Department of Youth Services in 1992, and then went on to become the director of a youth facility in Nelsonville.

The Crites-Hannan park was Starkey's final project. With funding from the late Mary Virginia Crites-Hannan and various other sources, Ralph turned a barren field belonging to the city of Circleville into a vibrant community center.

Guest organist at the "Mighty Morton" was Circleville's own Jack Mader. The "Mighty Morton" was built by the Robert Morton Organ Company of Van Nuys, California specifically for the Ohio Theatre to provide music for silent movies. The "Mighty Morton" was installed in the Ohio Theatre in time for its opening on March 17, 1928. About the time of the theatre's opening, 'talking movies' were coming into prominence.

The Mighty Morton was played until the mid-1940's and then, sporadically, for twenty years. In the 1960's, it underwent updates and has since been played on a regular basis.

Jack is, what can I say, such an expert organist and can make the Mighty Morton 'talk'.

He got into the spirit of the evening by wearing his straw hat and waving it at the very appreciative audience. Best wishes to Jack's lovely wife, Carol, who was resting after having cataract surgery that morning. Jack will be guest organist on July 13, when the feature film is "Airplane". He will begin playing about 6 p.m. or so.

An interesting thing which I witnessed was the special equipment provided to unsighted movie-goers by the theatre. Several people were there with their wonderful seeing-eye dogs. Overall, it was a wonderful evening at the beautiful Ohio Theatre.

Summer is officially here. Champ Henson tells me he will have sweet corn at his stand on Lockbourne Eastern Road by the time you read this. Boyd Boone who raises organic tomatoes picked his first ripe tomato last week, off one of his more than 200 plants. Boyd lives on Walnut Creek Pike just north of St. Paul Road.

The frenzy and excitement of the holiday is tempered by sadness, in the loss of loved ones and the illness in families. Donnie Foreman, age 73, passed away June 27. He is survived by daughter,

Kimberly Sue Speakman, and son, Daniel Foreman. Philip J. Cuellar, age 51, passed away Wednesday, June 29. He is survived by a son, Jared. Elizabeth A. "Libby" Pettibone, age 80, passed away July 1, 2011. She is survived by daughter, Ginger Rathburn. Kathryn Isabel Petty, age 94, passed away on July 3. She is survived by daughter, Nancy Klimo and son, Richard Petty. Jim Westling died in motorcycle accident. I don't have details.

The B & B Bluegrass Band will be playing at the Deer Creek State Campground from 5 to 7 p.m. on July 9. There is no cost. Just bring your lawn chair and enjoy the music. The Friends of Deer Creek will be selling fresh pork tenderloin sandwiches, pop, ice cream and other goodies. All proceeds from the food sale go toward park improvement.

Upcoming Events at Village Chapel UMC include Pandamania Vacation Bible School, July 24 - 29, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. For kids 3 years old to kids entering 6th grade. There will be a beginning Bible Class for Adults/Teens. Grandparents are invited to bring their grandchildren to the Celebrating Seniors Lunch on Aug. 4, at 11:30 a.m.. There will be visitors from the Columbus Zoo.

Marge Kraft is organizing a bus trip to Newport Aquarium on Thursday, September 22. The bus will leave from the Village Chapel UMC parking lot at 7:30 a.m and return at approximately 7:30 p.m. Explore 70 exhibits and 14 galleries, including 5 seamless tunnels totaling more than 200 feet in length and be surrounded by sharks and some of the world's most exotic and exciting aquatic life. Lunch is on your own at the Buckhead Mountain Grill. Stop at the famous Jungle Jim's International Food Market before heading home.

The cost is \$55 per person. \$25 deposit is due by Aug. 4 and the balance due by Sept. 1. Call Marjorie at 954-3129.

Until next time. Enjoy the summer.

When Starkey passed away in January of 2010, the park was just beginning to flourish.

Hill said the park became a huge focus for her father toward the end of his life.

"He was highly motivated to provide a place for families to spend quality time together, surrounded by nature," said Hill. "He was very fond of nature, being outside and learning about the natural world."

Elsea said since his death, the community has formed several committees to finish what Starkey started. The Circleville High School Race Committee had worked with Starkey on signs at the park which culminated in the memorial bumper sticker project.

"To use Ralph's philosophy, we are 'focusing and finishing' one of the projects he started," said Elsea.

The stickers may be purchased at the Pickaway County Welcome Center, 325 W. Main St., or from Ace Elsea or Julie Scherer. They are designed to be displayed on vehicles or to be collectors' items.

Corporate donations are also suggested to develop this theme as an office motivational tool.

For more information on the stickers or the corporate component, contact Elsea's office at 420-2700, his cell phone at 412-3096, and/or his email at aelsea@elsea.com.

Julie Scherer can also be contacted on her cell phone at 412-0034.

Manhunt

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vehicle ran off the side of the road, he reportedly shot himself inside.

It was unknown Wednesday evening why

Blake was at Lake Logan or if he was familiar with anyone in the area.

Doug Clark, chief of the Ashville Police Department, confirmed that one of his department's auxiliary officers, a friend of Jennifer Blake, remained in seclusion

much of the day Wednesday after being identified as a possible target of Blake's following his wife's murder.

The officer declined to comment on the incident Wednesday.

According to the Franklin County Clerk of Courts Web

site, Blake also had a warrant issued recently for kidnapping, but the charge appears to have been dismissed in June and no further information was available on that incident.

Editor's note: Gretchen Gregory of the Logan Daily News contributed to this story.

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