

certificates or coupons for discounts at your business would be GREATLY appreciated! Your business' participation will be acknowledged at the event. Please call Robin or Vicki at 419-599-5515 or email at rsmall@henrycountyseniorcenter.com if you have questions or if you would like to supply prizes.

Update on Drug Testing Legislation

The Chamber received the following from Nanette Russell of HealthLink at the **Henry County Hospital**:

Congressman Eliot Engel and Representatives Jean Schmidt and Lee Terry officially re-introduced [The National Drug Testing Integrity Act \(HR 6486\)](#) Monday, July 14th. This act was initially introduced in 2005. If passed, this bill would "combat the rising use of products designed to allow people to subvert testing for drugs and steroids." Representative Engel commented on this introduction, stating that "There are too many occupations where drug use can endanger people, whether fellow workers or the public at large. Illegal drug use in the workplace contributes to decreased productivity, accidental injuries, and even death."

This Act could have an impact on future testing for your company. If you have any questions, you can feel free to contact Russell at (419) 591-3878.

Building Committee Planning Work for Chamber

The Chamber's Building Committee is looking to continue their efforts to improve the Chamber's Napoleon facility. 2008 is Phase 2 of a 5 Phase Building Improvement Plan adopted and reviewed by the Chamber's Board of Directors.

Phase 2 will focus on the front of the Chamber Building. We will be looking to add decorative awnings, repair brick work, install new windows on the 2nd Floor of the building and unify the façade with some plaster work.

The work is designed to increase the professionalism and attractiveness of the building. It is our goal to take a lead role in welcoming people from Henry County and beyond. An improved façade will show visitors to our facility that we intend to do business professionally and efficiently to take care of their needs.

The Building Committee is chaired by Chris DelFavero and includes Steve Creager, Andy Anderson, Andy Small and Tom Zgela.

The Last Word

It's been a few months since the "Beacon" has had room for a "Last Word". Late July and early August play an important role in showcasing Henry County. All over the County, groups work incredibly hard to attract their residents and people from all over the area. Ridgeville's Community Day, the Hamler Summerfest and the Henry County Fair are just a few of the events that draw individuals looking for fun and enjoyment.

Over a month ago, my family received an invite to travel to Indiana to a lake there. It was a great getaway for a day, but I was also caught off guard by the number of people leaving Ohio compared to those coming into our state. After attending some of our events in July, I felt much better.

At the Hamler Summerfest, I met people from Wisconsin, Kentucky, New York and all over Ohio. Many of them either camped or stayed in hotels in Napoleon. I heard stories of how impressed they were with the area and the people who put on the event. I also heard from many of them that they planned on coming back again to enjoy our Henry County hospitality. It made me feel good about our place and how we fill it. Thanks again to all of those who give of themselves so others can enjoy their time.

