

The Menus are set to return to the stage again in 2008. Their performance in '07 was talked about for weeks afterward and they are set to get you dancing in the streets once again!

Circle Friday June 20<sup>th</sup> on your calendar – Henry County Rib Fest 2008!

## Napoleon Alive Set to Host Public Meeting

If you are interested in the future of Downtown Napoleon, Napoleon Alive is set to host a Public Meeting on Thursday May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. The meeting will be held at the **Henry County Senior Center** on East Clinton in Napoleon.

The meeting will be facilitated by Danielle Steinhauser of Poggemeyer Design. Your input is deeply needed – bring your ideas and thoughts. This will be the first meeting in a series of public meetings. The Downtown process can not move forward without the input of the people of Henry County. Be a part of the first meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Additional Site for Computer Recycling in HC

In the last issue of the Beacon we passed along information on the computer recycling program initiated by **Goodwill of NW Ohio**. We received information afterwards that the **City of Napoleon** also collects computers, monitors and peripherals at no charge, as well. **Zack's Recycling** is a partner in the program. For more information, feel free to contact the City at (419) 599-1891.

## Do You Know One of the 12 Happiest People in NW Ohio?

The search for the 12 happiest people living in Northwest Ohio has begun. **The Center Of Unconditional Love (COUL)** is looking for a few happy men and women who live a life filled with joy and encourage others to do the same.

COUL President Robert “Mr. Happy” Moyers announced the first annual Joy Of Living Awards will be presented on Friday, Aug. 8, 2008 (8-8-8). Letters (400 words or less) of nomination are encouraged. Every nominee will be recognized and 12 will receive special recognition.

Nominations can be sent by email to [bobmoy@wcnnet.org](mailto:bobmoy@wcnnet.org) or by direct mail to Joy Of Living Awards - 4-203 County Rd. U4, Liberty Center, Ohio 43532. For additional information call 419-533-4191. Nominations can be made until June 30.

## The Last Word

As I make my visits around the businesses of Henry County, one thing rings true – the intensity of business has picked up for most companies. Does that necessarily mean increased business? Not necessarily, but the pace of doing business has upped the ante. The weather is an impact for some. A push to finish some projects before the summer has a pull on others. Our agriculture base is always pressed by weather and climate factors. It's interesting to see many different sectors effected by many different stressors and have them all hit in the same time frame.

One of the issues that may be pushing you as a business person is the impending delivery of those economic stimulus checks from the federal government. Have you taken a look “out of the box” at how you may be able to lure some of those dollars into your coffers? It could pay off in a big way. Yes, there will be people who will pay off debt or put the dollars into a savings plan – but there will be people looking to either reward themselves...or splurge.

Each of our businesses are different. Some key marketing to plant that seed in the heads of consumers with some new money in their pocket could shake loose some new business. There are a lot of folks believing this may be their last chance to let their financial hair down. Take advantage if you can.

- Executive Director Joel Miller