

Geneva firm builds supports used to haul 140-ton turbine

SUBMITTED PHOTOS
A 140-ton load secured to supports designed and built by a Geneva, Ohio firm, Schmidt Equipment, Inc., moves down a road in Madison, Ohio. It was on a giant trailer that was two-lanes wide and 128 feet long and on its way from Louisiana to a company on the east side of Cleveland.



The Geneva firm Schmidt Equipment, Inc. built the supports for this 140-ton turbine load.



Phillip Schmidt, President and Chief Engineer of Schmidt Equipment, Inc. of Geneva, stands by supports the company designed and built for use in transporting a 140-ton turbine from Louisiana to a company on the east side of Cleveland.

Jefferson Historical Society, HMPL team up for Underground Railroad Experience



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There was an informational ses-

sion at the library, which included descriptive narratives of slave ships, slave auctions and the Ashtabula County timeline, followed up by a visit with Joshua Giddings (Dave Martin) at the Jefferson Historical Society.

Norma Waters, president of the

Historical Society, presented participants with enclosed envelopes of the biographies of real people who went through Ashtabula County during the era of the Underground Railroad.

The evening ended with a tour of the Joshua Giddings Law Office.

Plymouth Township plans for 'Meet Your Neighbor Day'

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PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP - The Plymouth Township trustees, community groups and church representatives are planning for the annual "Meet Your Neighbor Day."

This year, the Meet Your Neighbor Day will be held on 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20.

This free event offers many activities for all ages, including lunch, live entertainment, games and more. The event will be held at

the Plymouth Township Fire Hall and Community Room.

The Plymouth Fire Department, Plymouth United Methodist Church, Plymouth Township and East Plymouth Grange sponsor the event, which is open to past and present Plymouth Township residents.

There will be a tasty "Pot Luck" lunch at noon. Guests are asked to please bring a covered dish or dessert to share with friends and neighbors. Pulled pork, French fries, hot dogs, corn

on the cob, beverages and paper products are provided through donations.

The annual Pie Auction, with proceeds going to local scholarships, will be held after lunch.

Entertainment and games will fill out the afternoon. The day's events include a Chinese Auction with baskets full of goodies. Volunteers coordinate children's games and face painting. The local church distributes school supplies to all students.

As part of the festivities, the Plymouth Brick Road

Run/Walk also will be held on Saturday as well. The Brick Run is a one-mile run/walk held on an old brick road.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., with the race starting at 9 a.m. at the Plymouth United Methodist Church at 970 Plymouth Rd. The entrance fee is \$10.

Immediately after the run, there will be a fun walk for young and old.

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Henderson Memorial Public Library to hold Seed Preservation program



SUBMITTED PHOTO
John Wright, Jr. and Stephanie Blessing.

JEFFERSON - The Henderson Memorial Public Library is hosting Seed Preservation with John Wright on Monday evening, Aug. 29, at 6 p.m.

Registration for this free event is recommended. Call the library at (440) 576-3761 to sign up!

This is a vital first step in establishing a Community Seed Library at Henderson, where people can come in and drop off seeds or pick them up.

John Wright, Jr. and Stephanie Blessing are the founders and most frequent teachers at RED BEET ROW, a small educational farm in Jefferson, Ohio.

They live on the farm with John's parents, John and Kim Wright, and grandparents, Bill and Delores Wright.

John is a master seed saver, plant-identifier, creative-thinker, and dreamer.

Link to RED BEET ROW: www.redbeetrow.com. Contact: (440) 316-BEET.

Red Beet Row is a small education farm in Ashtabula County. We experiment with permaculture and holistic growing and building methods.

Music fills the air at free summer concerts

Lakefront Concert Series in GOTL

The Lakefront Concert Series returns to Geneva Township Park, Lake Road East, Geneva-on-the-Lake, on 7 p.m. Tuesdays.

Bring a lawn chair and stay to enjoy the beautiful Lake Erie sunsets. There is no cost, but donations will be collected.

Concerts are:

Aug. 23 - Elvis

Aug. 30 - Open Mic with Dick Dana

Summer Brown Bag Music Series in Geneva

Geneva hold its Summer Brown Bag Music Series concerts at noon Wednesdays at the Rotary Pavilion next to Capo's Pizza in Geneva. Grab some lunch and listen to some great music all summer long.

Aug. 17 - Dick Dana Solo Acoustic Folk

Saybrook Township's "Sounds on the Shore"

Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. at Saybrook Township Park. Special dinners available at the Snack Bar each week beginning at 6 p.m. Bring a chair and enjoy!

Schedule:

Aug. 17, Loose Tooth Band, Country/Pop rock

Aug. 24, Blues Project, Blues

Concerts at the Rotary Pavilion in Geneva

Geneva is holding Concerts at the Rotary Pavilion next to the Geneva Community Center on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy! Donations by passing the hat. The concerts are sponsored by the City of Geneva.

Concerts include:

—Aug. 18, Blues Project 2016 (Community Social)

Big Bands on the Beach

Big Bands on the Beach Summer Concert Series features the Tony Esposito Big Band performing tunes from the 1930s and 1940s on Sunday, Aug. 21, from 4-6 p.m. at Walnut Beach, Ashtabula. Free and open to the public. Rain or shine. APMC information and literature table. Concession stand, restrooms, free parking, and handicapped ramp available. Bring parasols, lawn chairs, and bottled water if desired. Sponsored by the City of Ashtabula and funded by APMC.