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# ARCHBOLD BUCKEYE

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## Beer Sales After Chili Cookoff To Pour Profits Into Archbold Chamber

"It's not a beer tent," said Nanette Buehrer, director of the Archbold Area Chamber of Commerce.

There will be more than just beer, and there may not even be a tent, she said.

The Archbold Area Chamber of Commerce is in the process of applying for a special type of liquor permit that would allow them to sell beer during the Chili Cookoff, scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 4.

Archbold Village Council approved the plans at its Monday night, Aug. 18, meeting.

### Side Street Café

Tentatively, Buehrer is calling the area where beer will be served the "Side Street Café."

There will be more than just beer. There will be appetizers, snacks, and soft drinks.

She's working on getting a band, and is trying to arrange for at least one big-screen television so patrons can watch sporting events or keep up on scores.

There's also a plan to offer corn hole, the popular beanbag tossing game.

Plans call for the café to be fenced off. It will be located on West Holland Street, between Ditto Street and North Defiance Street.

While the cookoff will run from 11 am to 3 pm, beer sales won't begin until 2 pm, and will finish at 5 pm.

Admission to the Side Street Café will be strictly limited to those 21 years of age and older. Parents pushing strollers or with toddlers in tow will not be allowed inside.

Another strictly enforced rule will be no one leaves the café

with a drop of alcohol.

As part of the liquor permit application process, she had to submit a site plan showing the fenced-off area.

Volunteers will monitor the beer sales area, checking identifications and making sure no one takes beer from the area.

"We may or may not use a tent," she said. That decision will be made later.

### Chamber Board

Buehrer said when she first took over the executive director position at the chamber, "one of the first things people said was, 'are you having the chili cookoff?'"

Programs like the cookoff and Carp Festival are expensive propositions.

She said the chamber needs to make "a concerted effort to raise funds."

Buehrer said she discussed the Side Street Café concept with the Archbold Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

"There was discussion about the need to generate some revenue. This has the potential to grow into a bigger event."

"I think it's fair to say the board, at their September meeting, will discuss it in more detail, and consider comments from the community."

The board meets again Wednesday, Sept. 3.

Another factor is the liquor permit itself.

"Until such time as that is received and in our hands, nothing is for sure," she said.

When asked if she had received comments from the community about the Side Street (Continued on page 12)



Youngsters at Archbold Elementary School line up for their chance to go down the spiral slide during their afternoon recess on Monday, Aug. 25. The Archbold Area School District earned the highest ranking, "Excellent with Distinction," on the Ohio Department of Educa-

tion school report card. Only 74 districts across Ohio received the top ranking for the 2007-08 academic year. Four other Fulton County districts were ranked excellent for 2007-08. -photo by David Pugh

## Archbold One Of 74 Ohio School Districts To Earn Excellent With Distinction Rank Pettisville Earns Excellent Rating On State Report Cards

by David Pugh  
Buckeye Staff Writer

The Archbold Area School District earned the ranking of Excellent with Distinction on the Ohio Department of Education school district report cards for 2007-08.

This is the first year ODE has recognized school districts with the new Excellent with Distinction ranking, the highest available. Only 74 school districts out of Ohio's 600-plus earned the ranking.

This is the eighth consecutive year the Archbold district has

been excellent on the school report cards.

Pettisville also ranked excellent for 2007-08, the fifth year straight, and seventh out of the last eight years.

### Fulton County

Four of the seven Fulton County School Districts were excellent. Archbold was the only county district to earn the highest ranking.

Two districts, Evergreen Local and Swanton Local, were effective.

Evergreen dropped from excellent in 2006-07 to effective

for 2007-08. Gorham-Fayette and Pike-Delta-York moved from effective to excellent.

The report card ranking system is a complicated formula, based on several factors:

- State Criteria: scores on achievement tests in certain grades, plus graduation rate and other factors.

- Performance Index: measure of every student tested, based on points awarded for the number of students who scored at a particular level.

- Value Added: measure of the progress students make over the year.

- Average Yearly Progress: or AYP, which measures if students reach certain performance goals. AYP is part of the federal No Child Left Behind legislation.

### Falling Short

Pettisville and Archbold missed only one of the state criteria.

For Archbold, it was fifth-grade mathematics. To meet the requirement, 75% of fifth graders must score at the proficient level on the fifth grade math test. Archbold's fifth grade (Continued on page 12)

## Fire-EMS Building Is Newest Fair Addition

One of the newest additions to this year's Fulton County Fair is not an amazing new carnival ride.

It won't make sounds like an animal, and it won't roar like a tractor puller or demolition derby car.

It isn't even finished.

It's the new fairgrounds fire station, located on the southwest corner of the Fulton County Fairgrounds.

Andy Brodbeck, Archbold Fire Department chief, said the shell of the steel building is up, and the concrete floor, plus the east end approach, are ready.

There is no permanent electricity, and interior walls aren't finished.

The Fulton County Fireman Association, which is putting up the building, received a temporary permit from the State of Ohio to use the building for this year's fair.

"It is functional," Brodbeck said.

The fair opens Friday, Aug. 29, and continues until Thursday, Sept. 4.

### Need

Each year, the fair draws hundreds of thousands of people. To protect the people from fire and to provide emergency medical service, county fire departments, plus the Morenci, Mich., department, place fire and EMS crews at the grounds

on a rotating basis. Morenci has responsibility for a portion of the county, making them members of the Fulton County Fireman Association.

"We'll each take a day, from 8 am to 10 or 11 pm. Then Wauseon covers the nights," Brodbeck said.

Each department brings its own fire trucks and ambulances.

For decades, the crews have worked out of a building near the midway.

Brodbeck said the fair has grown around the building to the point that with the size of the crowds, it's difficult to get vehicles in and out of the building.

### New

The new building is 50x70 feet, with two drive-through bays. Those bays will be big enough to park two fire engines and two ambulances inside.

When completed, it will have two EMS treatment rooms, where paramedics and emergency medical technicians can work on minor injuries or illnesses, plus a kitchen.

From the southwest corner of the fairgrounds, Brodbeck said fire engines can quickly access north-south or east-west roads and get anywhere on the grounds.

EMS cases will be a little dif-

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## Chad Nicholls' RV Gets National Attention

by David Pugh  
Buckeye Staff Writer

Chad Nicholls, Archbold native and 1995 Archbold High School graduate, always liked computers and electronics.

His fifth-wheel family camper is equipped with six flat-panel televisions, computer, Internet links, surround-sound, and a video game.

It's so unique, it was written up in the August issue of *Popular Mechanics* magazine.

The camper is unique for more than just its electronics. Nicholls built it himself, from the frame up.

"I enjoy working on projects," he said.

### IT

Nicholls, son of Chuck and Pat, Archbold, has pursued a career in information technology; in other words, computers and the Internet.

In high school, he learned how to write HTML, the computer language of the Internet. He attended Four County Career Center to study electronics, did an internship with Sauder Woodworking, and received an associate's degree in computer science from Owens Community College. He then went to

work for Sauder Woodworking for six years.

Today, he is the IT director for Tri-State Expediting, Toledo.

"The thing is, I write (com-

puter) code all day. I don't get to stand back and see my work.

"When I work with my hands, I get to see what got done. I get to create something, as opposed to working at my desk."

The camper project started as a frame manufactured by a company that went out of business. Nicholls said he happened to find it at a recreational ve-

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Chad and Patricia Nicholls and the fifth-wheel camper Chad built. It features an elaborate audio and video system, which includes six flat-panel televisions. From left: son Blaine, 3; Chad; Patricia holding Cora, 10 months; and Mason, 6. -courtesy photo

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We 8/20	83	53	0
Th 8/21	91	53	0
Fr 8/22	93	69	Tr. R
Sa 8/23	85	68	0
Su 8/24	89	60	0
Mo 8/25	79	52	0

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