

# OUR TOWN

JEFFERSON • SOUTH COUNTY

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# NASSIEF'S 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL DONATE TO WIN CAR GIVEAWAY!

## ONE OF THE WAYS WE CONTINUE TO GIVE BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY

ALTHOUGH THE CONTEST IS OVER, YOUR HELP IS STILL NEEDED. BOTH NASSIEF DEALERSHIPS ARE ACCEPTING FOOD PANTRY, APL AND GOODWILL DONATIONS ALL YEAR!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!



2016 HYUNDAI ELANTRA



### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNER!



**BOB APONTE** (fourth from the left) had the magic key to win a new Hyundai on Saturday during the Donate to Win contest at the Nassief Auto Dealership in Jefferson. (From left) Marybeth Nassief, Diane Bradbury of Country Neighbor, Reama Viruet and Bob Aponte, winner, Eric Schwarz of Goodwill, Tammy Koestner of APL and Todd Nassief.

### THANK YOU TO OUR FINALISTS!



**Left to Right Standing:** Kim Charlier, Roger Haas, Michele Bohbot, Denise Pallant, Sandra Caudill, Mike Fenton, Sandy Lund for Roy Learn, Bob Aponte, Anna Ferrando, Dan McCullough  
**Left to Right Seated:** Jeff Douglas, Barbara Smith-Antoline, Katherine Pallant, Theresa Golnick, Harriet Hawley, Sandra Sullivan, Laureen Braat, Brandon Kovach, Mary Eckholm



David Miller from 98.3 the Bull, Media One Group, congratulates winner Bob Aponte!



Country Neighbor Chefs, Bud DePetrus and Jennifer Simpson prepare to cook for the crowd!



Tammy Koestner, APL Board President brought "camera shy" Hercules to congratulate the winner! Hercules is a 7 year old rescue dog available for you to take home today! Stop by the APL for a visit or checkout [ACAPL.org](http://ACAPL.org)



Jordan Whetson, Media One Group, getting the sound system ready for the big event!



Eric Schwarz, Executive Director of Goodwill, thanks the crowd for record donations!!

**THANK YOU** FOR MAKING OUR 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL DONATE TO WIN DRIVE THE BEST YET...  
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# DEMOGRAPHICS

ALL INFORMATION FROM LATEST U.S. CENSUS DATA  
(JULY 1, 2015, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

<b>ASHTABULA COUNTY POPULATION ESTIMATES</b> 98,632	0.3 percent	<b>2010-2014</b>
<b>POPULATION, PERCENT CHANGE</b> (April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2015) 2.8 percent	<b>ASIAN ALONE</b> 0.5 percent	2.49
<b>PERSONS UNDER 5 YEARS</b> 5.6 percent	<b>TWO OR MORE RACES</b> 2.1 percent	<b>HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR HIGHER, AGE 25 OR OLDER, 2010-2014</b> 85.6 percent
<b>PERSONS UNDER 18 YEARS</b> 22.4 percent	<b>HISPANIC OR LATINO</b> 4.1 percent	<b>BACHELOR'S DEGREE OR HIGHER, AGE 25 OR OLDER, 2010-2014</b> 13.4 percent
<b>PERSONS 65 YEARS AND OVER</b> 17.7 percent	<b>VETERANS, 2010-2014</b> 8,934	<b>WITH A DISABILITY, UNDER AGE 65, 2010-2014</b> 10.4 percent
<b>MALE</b> 50.4 percent	<b>FOREIGN BORN PERSONS, 2010-2014</b> 1.3 percent	<b>IN CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, POPULATION AGE 16 OR OLDER, 2010-2014</b> 57.2 percent
<b>FEMALE</b> 49.6 percent	<b>HOUSING UNITS</b> 45,828	<b>MEAN TRAVEL TIME TO WORK (MINUTES), 2010-2014</b> 25.3
<b>WHITE ALONE</b> 93.4 percent	<b>OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING UNIT RATE, 2010-2014</b> 72.3 percent	<b>MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME (IN 2014 DOLLARS), 2010-2014</b> \$40,304
<b>BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN ALONE</b> 3.8 percent	<b>MEDIAN VALUE OF OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING UNITS, 2010-2014</b> \$107,300	<b>PER CAPITA INCOME IN PAST 12 MONTHS (IN 2014</b>
<b>AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE ALONE</b>	<b>BUILDING PERMITS, 2015</b> 88	<b>DOLLARS), 2010-2014</b> \$20,284
	<b>HOUSEHOLDS, 2010-2014</b> 38,933	<b>PERSONS IN POVERTY</b> 21.5 percent
	<b>PERSONS PER HOUSEHOLD,</b>	<b>TOTAL EMPLOYER ESTABLISHMENTS, 2014</b> 1,941
		<b>TOTAL ANNUAL PAYROLL, 2014</b> 841,850
		<b>TOTAL EMPLOYMENT, 2014</b> 24,606



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<b>DOLLARS), 2010-2014</b> \$20,284	<b>TOTAL EMPLOYER ESTABLISHMENTS, 2014</b> 1,941	<b>TOTAL ANNUAL PAYROLL, 2014</b> 841,850
<b>PERSONS IN POVERTY</b> 21.5 percent	<b>TOTAL EMPLOYMENT, 2014</b> 24,606	

ALL INFORMATION FROM LATEST AVAILABLE U.S. CENSUS DATA  
(AS OF 2010 CENSUS, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

<b>VILLAGE OF JEFFERSON POPULATION ESTIMATES</b> July 1, 2015 3,041	<b>OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING UNIT RATE</b> 61.7 percent
<b>PERSONS UNDER 5 YEARS</b> 6.3 percent	<b>MEDIAN VALUE OF OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING UNITS, 2010-2014</b> \$98,400
<b>PERSONS UNDER 18 YEARS</b> 22.5 percent	<b>HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR HIGHER, PERSONS AGE 25 OR OLDER, 2010-2014</b> 89.3 percent
<b>PERSONS 65 YEARS AND OVER</b> 26.6 percent	<b>BACHELOR'S DEGREE OR HIGHER, PERSONS AGE 25 OR OLDER, 2010-2014</b> 17.1 percent
<b>MALE PERSONS</b> 45.6 percent	<b>IN CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, POPULATION AGE 16 OR OLDER, 2010-2014</b> 49.7 percent
<b>FEMALE PERSONS</b> 54.4 percent	<b>MEAN TRAVEL TIME TO WORK (MINUTES), 2010-2014</b> 24.7
<b>WHITE ALONE</b> 97.1 percent	<b>MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME (IN 2014 DOLLARS), 2010-2014</b> \$36,500
<b>BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN ALONE</b> 1.1 percent	<b>PER CAPITA INCOME IN PAST 12 MONTHS (IN 2014 DOLLARS), 2010-2014</b> \$22,124
<b>AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE ALONE</b> 0.1 percent	<b>PERSONS IN POVERTY</b> 15.6 percent
<b>ASIAN ALONE</b> 0.4 percent	
<b>TWO OR MORE RACES</b> 1.3 percent	
<b>HISPANIC OR LATINO</b> 1 percent	
<b>HOUSING UNITS</b> 1,290	

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**Center:** 998-4210  
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**Chicken Bacon  
Ranch Sandwich**




**Triple Chocolate  
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**Lon Damon**  
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**Brian Diehl**  
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**Jerald March**

(Utilities/Wastewater Service Committee chair/Recreation Committee member):  
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**Citizen Rod Butcher:**  
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# Infrastructure, entertainment stage top village plans

BY JUSTIN DENNIS

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JEFFERSON — Village officials are looking forward to having a permanent symbol of the county's annual Covered Bridge Festival and completing more infrastructure work, as the village Chamber of Commerce prepares for "a lot of changes."

Next year, the village is set to begin construction on its new Covered Bridge Festival pavilion, a stage for live music, expected to go in Giddings Park, the epicenter of the event. The state's capital budget included \$100,000 for the festival.

Smolen Engineering is currently designing the structure, said village Administrator Terry Finger. Once designed, the lumber needs to be custom-cut and air dried so the finished

structure doesn't shrink, he said. County officials said they were confident it will be up by next year's festival.

"We're very excited about the prospect of having an entertainment-type pavilion," Commissioner Casey Kozlowski, who serves on the festival committee, said in April. "That will relieve us of a financial burden and it will also be a good fixture here that will serve as a symbol of the Covered Bridge Festival year-round."

Finger said the village is also preparing for major sewer repair work along Ashtabula Street, scheduled for next summer. It's expected to disrupt traffic, he said.

"We're going to have to excavate every one of the manholes through there," he said. "We have broken clay pipe

underneath the road in 10 or 12 spots."

More street paving is also on the agenda. The state-funded repave of State Route 46 was a huge part of refreshing the roads, and the village finished Kathleen Drive, southern Franley Drive and Willis Avenue this year.

"As soon as the snow goes, we get the potholes first then throughout the summer, (road crews are) looking at improvements to make," Finger said.

Each year the village's Durapatcher treats road cracks, but officials will look to put all new asphalt along Jefferson Street's two miles — from one end of the village to the other.

"Then our main roads will be spotless," Finger said.

Come fall, the village will continue sidewalk

repairs throughout the business district, he said. Next on the list is on the east side between Jefferson Street and the Speedway gas station.

"With the road done and all the new sidewalks, it should look like a million bucks," he said.

The village Chamber of Commerce is looking to provide more exposure for its 137 members, said chamber President and village Treasurer Patty Fisher. The chamber is working with Cicogna Electric and Sign Co. of Ashtabula for a new digital ad sign near the gazebo at the center of town.

The sign is expected to cost about \$10,000, Fisher said, at no extra cost to the chamber members. The Jefferson area Jaycees organization recently disbanded,

turning over an about \$11,000 certificate of deposit to the chamber for community development, she said.

Fisher estimates it'll be similar in size to the sign outside the McDonald's along North Chestnut Street.

Each of the advertising chamber businesses will have a certain display time.

The chamber's membership drive begins in September.

"All the businesses were very interested in the idea," Fisher said.

Now that the chamber has added five new board members, Fisher said she feels it's time to revamp the chamber's policies and bylaws, which haven't been updated in years. It's also time to discuss several regular events in the area. "There's a lot of changes coming," she said.

Most concerning is the chamber's annual golf outing, which traditionally pays for Jefferson Area student scholarships. This year, the chamber gave out three \$1,000 scholarships. But in the last two years, "economically, it wasn't worth it," she said. The chamber board will need to decide whether to keep the outing or find scholarship funding through another event.

The inclusion of carnival-style rides from Nolan Amusements of Zanesville at this year's Jefferson Village Days event — the scope of which the village hadn't undertaken in five years — was a "test run," Fisher said.

"We didn't make a lot of money, but we didn't go broke," she said — and the board will consider how to put on the carnival next year.

## Jail, dispatch and water on county agenda

BY JUSTIN DENNIS

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JEFFERSON — County officials look to make headway on several new and old long-term projects by 2017, including the prospect of a new or rehabilitated county jail, a new centralized dispatch communications center and ongoing networking of the county's transportation systems.

### A NEW JAIL?

Commissioners Dan Claypool and Casey Kozlowski both said a jail solution would need to address the decades-old jail's dilapidation and overcrowding issues and the state's growing focus on corrections-based drug treatment programs to counteract the sweeping opioid epidemic.

"I'd like to have some idea of where we're go-

ing by 2017," Claypool said. "This is a unique problem we've never been involved in before. Treatment is more of an answer than jail. I'm really waiting to see what the recommendation is there."

Necessary repairs are projected to cost about \$9.4 million, according to a study by Smolen Engineering — not including the extra \$3 million effect jail work

will have on the rest of the justice center through closures and prisoner shuffling, said Sheriff William Johnson.

The county's Community Corrections Board, tasked in April with deciding whether to repair the old jail or build a new one, is preparing for a local visit from the Colorado-based National Institute of Corrections, which is set to conduct a four-

day training seminar on building or planning a new corrections facility.

Kozlowski said the board is in the process of updating the county's comprehensive corrections plan, first written in 1996 and most recently updated in 2001, to include the new recommendations.

"This plan will help give us a better understanding of how our (justice) system works

in the county — what are the statistics and what we need to look at moving forward," Kozlowski said.

He said he feels devising a new, combined incarceration and drug treatment facility would entice federal or state funding to get it built. As it stands, the county budget can't cover the costs for a new facility,

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# COMING EVENTS

## JULY

**10 — 12th annual Early America Live**, 12-5 p.m. Sunday, at the Historic 19th Century Jefferson Depot Village, 147 E. Jefferson St., Jefferson, Ohio. An 1890 reenactment festival with costumes, demonstrations (including candle-making, dying and spinning wool, pottery, art, basketry, metal artistry and more). Event also features crafts, entertainment, contests, games and an 1890 food menu. Visit [jeffersondepotvillage.org](http://jeffersondepotvillage.org). Call 440-576-0496.

**10 — Open House at the**

**Old Brick**, 1-3 p.m. with picnic lunch, tours and car show, 7358 Route 45, Orwell.

## AUGUST

**5-7 — Eighth annual Healing Mother Earth Native American Powwow**, Fisher's Pine Lake, 3796 Maple Road, Jefferson, Ohio. Features drums and dancers, Native American storytelling, auctions and more. Call 440-992-7397.

**6-7 — Pymatuning Lake Festival**, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, 5354 Pymatuning Lake Road Andover, Ohio. One

of the longest-running festivals in Ashtabula County, featuring entertainment, games, food and more. Visit [www.pymatuningareachamber.org](http://www.pymatuningareachamber.org). Call 440-293-5895.

**9-14 — Ashtabula County Fair**, Ashtabula County Fairgrounds, 127 N. Elm St., Jefferson, Ohio. The six-day county fair features animal shows, rides, games, nightly entertainment, tractor pulls, demolition derby, pig races and more. Visit [ashtabulafair.com](http://ashtabulafair.com). Call 440-576-7626.

**27 — Colebrook Homecoming**, Colebrook town square. Parade registration 9:30 a.m., parade 10 a.m. Featuring children's bicycles,

pets, costumes, prizes, a softball tournament, Tot King/Queen Contest, bingo, climbing wall, inflatables, face painting, raffles and a Chinese auction. Call 440-437-6368.

## OCTOBER

**1 — Andover Fall Festival**, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Andover Township Park on the square. Features parade, crafts, pumpkin carving and more. Visit [www.pymatuningareachamber.org](http://www.pymatuningareachamber.org). Call 440-293-5895.

**8-9 — Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Festival**, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days, East Jefferson Street, Jefferson, Ohio. There are events at almost every one of Ashtabula

County's 18 covered bridges, plus a festival in Downtown Jefferson with a parade, food vendors, entertainment, crafters, kids activities and more. Visit [www.coveredbridgefestival.org](http://www.coveredbridgefestival.org). Call 440-576-3769.

## DECEMBER

**3 — Jefferson Depot Village Williamsburg Christmas**, 3 p.m., at Historic 19th Century Jefferson Depot Village, 147 E. Jefferson St., Jefferson, Ohio. Event includes carols and scripture in candlelight in the 1848 Church in the Wildwood, a live nativity and a candlelit walk through the historic buildings. Visit [jeffersondepotvillage.org](http://jeffersondepotvillage.org). Call 440-576-0496.

# PARKS AND RECREATION

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Champion in Trumbull County, according to the Metroparks website. Parking lots can be found at intervals along the trail, including Ashtabula and Austinburg townships and Rock Creek.

## PARKS

**Pymatuning State Park**, 3,512 acres, 6030 Pymatuning Lake Road, Andover. Provides boating access to Pymatuning Lake, home to a number

of game fish. Picnicking, swimming and camping is also available, as are hiking trails.

## Morgan Swamp

1,400 acres on Callender Road in Rock Creek. One of the largest, privately-protected wetlands in Ohio. Provides hiking, fishing, wildlife-viewing and picnicking opportunities.

## Lampson Reservoir

100 acres, located about

three miles east of State Route 45 on State Route 307. Limited foot trails enable visitors to bird, fish, hike, kayak/canoe, photograph and picnic, according to the Metroparks.

## RECREATION

### Jefferson Community Recreation Center:

The recreation center, 11 E. Jefferson St., offers youth and adult programs throughout the year including soccer, T-ball, music, karate, arts and crafts, dance and fitness classes. Call 576-9052.

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# Schrum not resting on past success

BY JUSTIN DENNIS

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JEFFERSON — Business owner Gary Schrum has only been in the Jefferson community less than a year, but he's already looking for ways to give back.

Schrum's Priceless Mattresses sells mattresses and pads, bedroom sets, daybeds, futons and its specialty bunk beds and camper mattresses direct from the manufacturer.

He moved the furniture outlet from the Andover area to its 131 N. Chestnut St. location — the former Carpet Store and More — in December.

That makes it the newest business in the village.

He started the family-owned business in 1999 in Hubbard, however, later moving it to Warren in 2002, then to the Andover Square in 2010, five minutes from a home he owns at the Bay Shores Campgrounds.

"We're still getting a

lot of our customers down from that way, too," he said. "We were blessed — it was a good store."

The move meant a downsize, Schrum said. The store currently has three employees — the most recent came from Ashtabula County Technical and Career Campus — and he regularly mans the floor and makes sales.

He said he hopes to return to the same staff size.

"It's just been a slow start," he said. "But it's coming around. People told me that some times are harder than others. Jefferson's one of the harder (communities) to come into. They're starting to warm up to us now."

Because Schrum buys directly from the factory, he can offer reduced prices — about \$500 for a similar, normally queen-size mattress and box spring that would cost \$700 elsewhere, for example. Priceless Mattresses offers free layaway and



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**Gary Schrum sits for a spell on one of the several pieces of furniture for sale at Priceless Mattresses along North Chestnut Street in Jefferson. Schrum brought his factory outlet — which he's run since 1999 — from Andover to Jefferson Village in December 2015.**

accepts all major credit cards.

He said he keeps overheads down by eschewing commissioned salespeople on the sales floor. He said he keeps his customer base by treating them well — not like an invoice. And when the business was in Warren, competitors closed down "left and right" because of it, he said.

"I tell them to come in and lay down on the mattress and try them out and see what they like the best — we'll go from there," he said. "I never wanted to hire salespeople. I didn't want anyone to come in here and feel like, 'Hey, he pressured me.'"

"More people are going to Amazon and doing that kind of buying, but mattresses are

more of a 'touchy-feely' type thing," he said. "They want to feel the mattress and see what it is."

Schrum said he also puts his at-cost buying power toward helping social service agencies and local charities.

He said he's helped Trumbull County Children Services procure kids' beds at discount, with free delivery, for the families of children removed from their homes who may not be able to afford bedding. In June, he began working with the Ashtabula County Children Services Board.

He said he's raffling off a fire engine-styled kids bunk bed, worth about \$700, for local charities.

Tickets may be offered on the Aug. 6 weekend at the Pymatuning Lake Festival, or during the Andover Volunteer Fire Department gun raffle Sept. 10 at the county fairgrounds in Jefferson.

Tickets are also available at the Jefferson

store for \$5 each, or three for \$10.

Schrum said he's also worked with recovery homes in the Trumbull and Mahoning areas. It's been difficult to find qualified staffers, he said, and he keeps his options open by interviewing and hiring recovering addicts or released convicts.

He said he believes in second chances.

"They have a hard time getting a job," he said. "We changed some people and got them started (on a career). Other people, you can't."

Schrum, 75, said he hopes to get a full staff in place so he can spend less time in-store — possibly passing the business to a young couple before retiring.

"I've always liked retail. I've always liked sitting down and talking with people," he said. "It looks easy but it's not — there's a lot to it as far as inventory and ordering. There's still money to be made here in this business."





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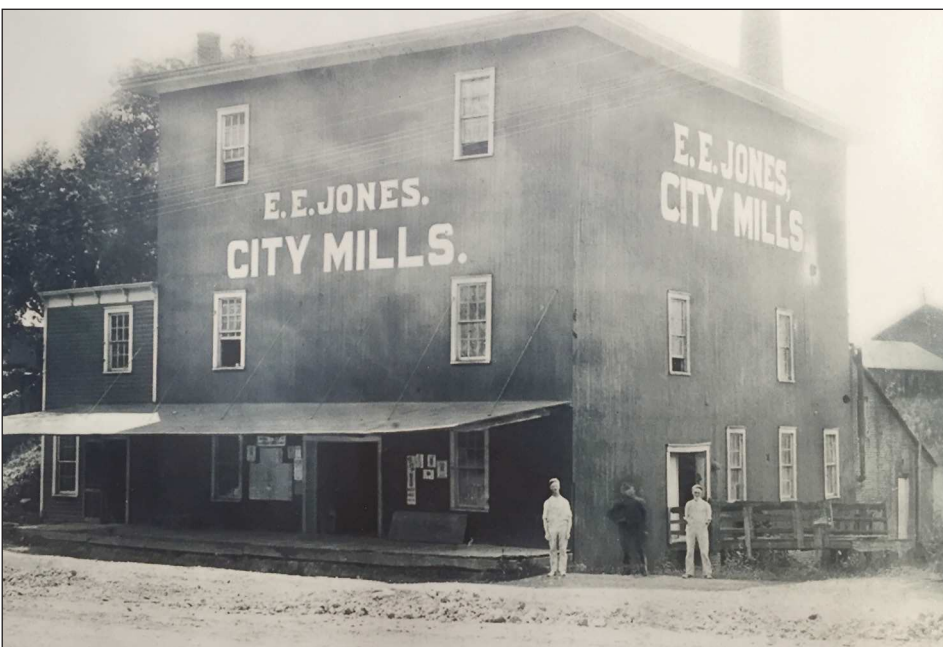
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Shown here is the E.E. Jones City Mills as it stood along East Jefferson Street in Jefferson around the turn of the 20th century. In 1911, Jefferson Milling Company — the oldest locally owned business in the village — was formed by seven Jefferson area families, including the Beckwiths, who continue to manage the feed mill to this day.



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The Jefferson Milling Company along East Jefferson Street in Jefferson is the oldest locally owned business in the village. The earliest village records indicate the original grist mill was built in or close to 1875. Third-generation manager Roger Beckwith's family is one of seven who formed the company in 1911.

## One century — four generations

BY JUSTIN DENNIS  
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JEFFERSON — Roger Beckwith's family has operated and co-owned the more than a centu-

ry-old Jefferson Milling Company for three generations. And the fourth generation could be continuing the family legacy.

Beckwith insists it's

not a glamorous or praiseworthy job. But it's been his since he was 12 — old enough to drive the tractor — and his family's since before World War II.

"There is a little romanticism that goes along with being here, you know?" he said, sitting behind the cash register in a cozy, well-worn office, lined

with modern brands of products that have been sold at the mill for decades. "You have your lifeblood in the store."

Aug. 12 marks the company's 105th year of incorporation. It was formed in 1911 by the village's grist mill owner E.E. Jones and six other partners including Beckwith's grandfather, Alva Roosevelt

Beckwith, as evidenced by some of the family's oldest records. But the building itself is at least three decades older than that.

Jefferson Village meeting minutes from 1875 indicate the grist mill was built close to that time, and almost all of it still stands as it did before the turn of the century: the floor

boards are soft maple; its siding is white poplar; its beams are thick, sturdy beech; its 45-degree joists made of red oak — all woods that are native to north-east Ohio.

The barn's structure bears few pieces of metal at all, Beckwith said — its mortise and tenon joints are slotted by wooden pegs. Its support beams rest on grooves shaved into the ancient wood. There are no metal nails in its frame, he said.

A fanning mill grain separator on the mill's second floor, built sometime between the Civil War and the 20th century, he said, still rattles to life when switched on, as two

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belts on either side spin up. The separator is electric-powered, but Beckwith said he doesn't think it was always that way. The mill used to run on steam power — evidenced by an array of pulleys still hanging above, unused. "It's a grand building," Beckwith said.

The upper levels now only function as storage — a cart ramp leading to the second floor that used to run from the nearby train stop now takes only truck deliveries. The two electric mills on the bottom level do all the work once done on multiple levels.

The original incorporation documents state Jefferson Milling Company was "formed for the purpose of manufacturing flour, feed and the buying and selling of grain, hay, straw, coal, salt, lumber, cement, liver, tile, fertilizer, farm implements, builders' hardware, etc."

And its niche in the community hasn't changed at all in more than 100 years. Jefferson Milling Company is a licensed feed manufacturer, making and selling 10 different kinds, including two types of bird seed. They also process limestone and peat moss.

The company does custom rolling, grinding



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**Andy Bevins, an employee at Jefferson Milling Company along East Jefferson Street in Jefferson, prepares several sacks of grain to go through the mill.**

and mixing for clients with their own recipes.

It also sells retail brand animal feed and other pet food and supplies, seasonal bulk mulch, propane cylinder refills and lawn and garden necessities.

Many of the mill's clients are also generational customers, Beckwith said. Doing business with the same families is one of the reasons the work is enjoyable, he said.

"We like the caliber of people. Agricultural people are good people. The people that we're servicing are good people," he said.

His grandfather, Alva Roosevelt Beckwith, took over management of the mill in 1928.

After he died in 1941, Roger's father Alva Rob-

ert Beckwith headed up the mill, before leaving to fight in the European theater of World War II. At that time, Beckwith said his grandmother Iva became an "unsung hero," during one of the hardest times in the mill's history.

"Because she's running the business ... when all the rationing was going on. She was a lady running a 'man's business,'" he said. "We got gas rationed, we got sugar rationed, we got flour rationed."

When Robert returned from the war in 1946, the matriarch relinquished the business and Roger and his brother Alan Robert took over in 1973.

"When my wife met me, she said 'You guys don't really work over

there, you just have a good time,'" Beckwith said with a laugh — and he said he couldn't argue with that.

He said he and his brother never settled into being "the bosses," and all of the mill's four full-time and one part-time employees are on the "same level."

"The guy that answers the phone can answer (any) question," Beck-

with said.

Though the brothers are both college educated, they chose to continue the milling business, and the lifestyle, which he described as a tough, yet dignified "struggle." During their early years at the fore, Beckwith recalled traveling to Sidney, in western Ohio, to pick up the gray mixer still sitting just behind the

barn's main doors.

Hauling it inside was a massive undertaking.

"We worked here because that's what we did," Beckwith said. "We worked here because we wanted to. ... Because I'm happy putting in a hard day's work."

"I like the physical activity — but I liked that (more) when I was young," he chuckled.

And now, Beckwith's 29-year-old nephew, Adam Roger, a Jefferson Area graduate, appears to be preparing to head the business, following in the footsteps of the Beckwiths before him. He said he never wanted for a summer job once he turned 15.

"I guess I can't see myself doing much of anything else," he said. "I think we do good work here. The people that come here are good people. I've got friends that come that you kind of build relationships with over the years."

"It's just a good place."

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# Young leader in south county: David Thomas

## Name

DAVID THOMAS

## Age:

23

## Immediate family

Father Bill, Mother Angela,  
Sister Natalie

## Hometown

Austinburg

## Currently living in (for how long):

Austinburg born and  
raised

## Job

Grand River Academy,  
assistant director of  
advancement and alumni  
relations

## Civic engagement

(elected office, clubs, etc):  
Austinburg Township  
fiscal officer;



David Thomas

Board of Geneva Rotary;  
President of Ashtabula  
County Young  
Republicans;  
Campaign treasurer  
JP Ducro for  
County Commissioner;  
2016 Ashtabula County  
LEADERShip class;  
First Church of Nazarene

## Why are you invest- ed in the community?

Thomas, who re-  
turned to Ashtabula  
County after graduating  
from Washington and  
Lee University in Virgini-  
a, said he was grateful  
a position in the coun-  
ty opened up for him  
because of the potential  
he sees in the area.

“A lot of work needs  
to be done in terms of  
confidence building.  
Sometimes were our  
own worst critics ... it  
might take some young  
people to get up and  
remind everyone what  
we do have.”

## Why did you choose this area?

“I think it would be

very easy to relocate  
after college to a place  
that already has it all,  
a thriving business  
community, a busi-  
ness base, tourism and  
education, but I want to  
see my hometown have  
that, too.”

When it comes to jobs  
in the area, he said it  
is important to bring  
people back because  
Ashtabula County has  
a great opportunity to  
improve.

“I felt in a sense it was  
my duty to give back  
what I could,” he said.

## As a young leader, what do you bring to the table that can make a lasting difference?

Thomas said he is  
grateful for the oppor-  
tunities he’s already  
had to make a differ-  
ence in the community  
at such a young age.  
He said he’s always felt  
the pull to get involved  
because at the local lev-  
el it can help the small  
business community.

“Relationships with  
people can make all the  
difference,” he said.

He said a big way  
young leaders like him-  
self can get involved is  
simply bringing a differ-  
ent viewpoint forward.

“There’s a big change  
in perspective, how I  
view what lies ahead for  
our area is different”  
than those in an older  
generation, he said.  
“Not better or worse,  
just different. We need  
those new voices in  
the room when we’re  
deciding policy for the  
county.”

Those discussions  
have “really allowed me  
to see some of the great  
possibilities we have  
here.”

He also thinks by  
being involved he can  
be an example for those  
his age who don’t think  
there’s anything to  
come back home for,  
or that if they do  
they can’t make a dif-  
ference.

“It’s about 500 people  
we’re losing per year,  
that’s just not sustain-  
able, so if I can, I want  
to be of any help in try-  
ing to encourage people  
to stay,” he said.

## What direction do you see for the future of the community?

Tourism is the best  
way to grow the county,  
Thomas said.

“I think we will be  
focusing and improving  
on what we do well,  
which is our tourism  
base. That to me is kind  
of low fruit. Improving  
on our hot spots for  
bringing folks to our  
area,” he said, adding,  
“Tourism shows those  
who aren’t here what  
we’re all about.”

It is also important  
to improve the quali-  
ty of life throughout  
the county and build  
sustainable, long-lasting  
industries he said.

## Tell us something fun or unexpected about yourself?

“I love to go 4-wheel  
riding, we have lots  
of trails on campus at  
Grand River,” Thom-  
as said. “It’s just the  
best thing ever to ride  
through the trails. It’s  
a great way to relax. ...  
A lot of people would  
never think I do that.”



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Claypool has said.

## A NEW 911 CENTER

Over the course of the last two years, the county has slowly tied villages, townships and various public safety services into a county-wide, computer-aided dispatch system, or CAD, to create one universal 911 response system for all entities. Municipal public safety officials brought discrepancies between their mapping systems to commissioners' attention in early 2015.

"Right now, we have to upload maps to every 911 center, and we

won't have to do that anymore," Claypool said.

He said commissioners want to have every municipality "on board" with the new system — an extension of the county Sheriff's Department's CAD — by the end of the year. The state of Ohio is requiring each county have no more than three 911 answering points by the end of 2017.

Officials approved an agreement with Ashtabula County Technical and Career Campus to house a new communications center on the campus, and the lease terms are nearing final approval, said

Commissioner Peggy Carlo. With it comes equipment upgrades, which will likely be available before the center is finished.

"We'll have a much safer and more efficient operation and the people in Ashtabula County will be much safer when we finish with this," she said.

## TRANSPORTATION CONSOLIDATION

Plans to network the county's various transportation services, centralized through the communications center, has hit a snag — the county's mobility manager, Adam Hooser, recently stepped down.

Claypool said the state Department of Transportation is wrapping up a study on Ashtabula County's transportation infrastructure. Another county JFS supervisor will continue to oversee the project, and finish up the county's grant requirements, Carlo said.

"We're just waiting on the final results," Claypool said. "There are some hard recommendations on how we move forward."

## WATER DEPENDENCY

Given Aqua Ohio's consistently increasing water rates — a 9.2 percent hike was proposed

this year, the largest since 2012 — county officials said it could be in the county's best interests to develop its own means of water distribution.

"If we were a sole source of supply, we would have greater control over water rates," Nick Sanford, director of the county Department of Environmental Services, said last month.

The water pumping station at the former First Energy Plant C in Ashtabula Township, now owned and recently redeveloped by the county port authority, is capable of withdrawing 200 million gallons

of water from Lake Erie — and only a fraction of that is being used by the area's industry, Sanford said.

Port Authority Executive Director Sean Ratican said the authority is reviewing its funding options to develop it — considering Aqua's "exponential" increase in water rates over the last several years — but officials said the idea is far from reality. "The port or the county building a potable water plant is absolutely an option we are considering, based on the economics and the financial advantage it would give the citizens of our county," Ratican said.



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