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## Paul Ragle, Jr.



Paul Ragle, Jr., 89, passed away January 24, 2010.

Born in Akron, Paul lived in the Tallmadge/Hudson area for most of his life. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and retired in 1975 as a mail carrier from the U.S. Post Office in Akron. He was a member of Western Reserve Christian Church of Hudson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Charlotte Ragle; a brother, Jack Ragle. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth A. Ragle; daughters, Professor Mrya (William R.) West, Patricia (Rev. Kerry) Reed, and Janet (Steve) Gartner; sons, William (Sherrill) Ragle, Warren (Recia) Ragle, Rev. Paul M. (Connee) Ragle, Andrew (Patricia) Ragle, and Peter (Beth) Ragle; 18 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; and sister, Barbara Lucak; sister-in-law, Kay Ragle.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Donations may be made in his name to the Memorial Fund at the Western Reserve Christian Church, 516 W. W. Streetsboro Street, Hudson 44236 in their name. (Donovan Bagnoli Funeral Home (Don002) 330-633-3350 RC 01-27-2010)

## Lorraine Hiley



"Together Again"

Lorraine Hiley, 88, passed away Monday, January 25, 2010.

Lorraine was born in Akron, Ohio on October 23, 1921 to parents Warren and Bernice Eckenrode.† She lived her last 14 years in Palmyra Township, with her daughter Cheryl and son-in-law Frank Parravani.

Lorraine is survived by her son Ronald (Mary) Hiley of Safety Harbor, FL., Daughters; Gloria (George) Abraham of Oldtown, FL., Sandra (Mike) Huffman of Akron, and Cheryl (Frank) Parravani of Ravenna.† Surviving also are her brothers; Warren Eckenrode of Barberton, Oh., and James Eckenrode of Akron.† She also leaves 12 Grandchildren, 15 Great-Grandchildren, and 2 Great-Great Grandchildren.

Lorraine was predeceased by her parents and her husband of 56 years Lloyd G. Hiley. She loved all of her family dearly and her special friends Liz Robinson and Barb and Tim Brown.† She will be sorely missed and loved by all who knew her. Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at 2:00 PM on Thursday, January 28, 2010 at Greenlawn Memorial Park and Mausoleum in Akron. The family suggests memorial contributions to one's favorite charity.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Wood-Kortright-Borkoski Funeral Home, 703 E. Main St. Ravenna. Please share your memories at www.mem.com. (Wood-Kortright-Borkoski Funeral Home 330-296-6436 RC 01-27-2010)

## Minnie B. "Cope" Beaver



"Together Again"

Minnie B. "Cope" Beaver 75 of Ravenna died Monday, January 25, 2010. She was born October 25, 1934 in Blairsville, GA to the late Henry and Bertha (Weaver) Beaver. A Portage County resident since 1976, she retired as an Inspector for I.E.R. Industries.

Survivors include her daughters Debra (Mark) Yager of Ravenna and Erma (Mike) Hupp of Broadview Hgts., OH, 5 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren, 2 sisters and 3 brothers. She was preceded in death by 3 sisters, 3 brothers and her fiancée Lee Parker.

Graveside services will be held at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, January 27, 2010 at Maple Grove Cemetery in Ravenna.

In lieu of flowers memorials should be made to the Portage County APL, PO Box 927, Ravenna, Ohio 44266. Arrangements are being handled by Shorts-Spicer-Crislip Funeral Home Ravenna Chapel (Shorts-Spicer-Crislip Funeral Home, Ravenna 330-296-6858 RC 01-27-2010)

## Mary Kathryn Mills



Mary Kathryn Mills, age 60 of Ravenna, passed away after a long courageous battle with cancer on Tuesday, January 26, 2010, at Robinson Memorial Hospital.

She was born November 2, 1949, in Ravenna, daughter of the late Frank A. and Alice M. (nee Jahn) Toth Sr. Mary was employed at the Ravenna GE Plant for 25 years. She was a member of the American Legion and enjoyed reading and spending time with her grandchildren, and her beloved pet Priscilla.

Survivors include her daughter Tina Allen of Suffield; grandchildren: Devin Allen and Regan Allen Jr.; sisters: Alice (William) Grubb of Ravenna, Barbara Scarlett of Ravenna, Margaret (Richard) Porter of Aurora; brothers: Richard (Darlene) Toth of Phoenix, AZ, Thomas (Connie) Toth of Streetsboro; also survived by many nieces, nephews, and close friends. She was preceded in death by her brothers Joseph Toth and Frank Toth Jr.

Friends will be received Friday, January 29, 2010, from 1-3 PM and 5-7:30 PM at the Wood-Kortright-Borkoski Funeral Home, 703 E. Main St., Ravenna. A Celebration of Life Service will begin at 7:30 PM with Barbara Deibel presiding.

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## Frank A. Engler



Frank A. Engler, passed away January 25, 2010 in Brimfield, at the home of his sister and brother-in-law Kathleen and Jeff Gambone who generously took Frank into their home and lovingly cared for him during his courageous nine month battle with cancer. Frank was born on July 24, 1956 to Frank D. and Doris Engler. He grew up in Brimfield where he attended Field Schools. He worked as a roofer and maintenance worker in the Kent and Akron areas most of his life. Frank was a kind and gentle man who was loved by all who knew him. He is survived by his mother, Doris and devoted stepfather, Anton Proschko; sisters, Kathleen (Jeff) Gambone and Cynthia (Ed) Kneale of Hudson, FL; brothers, Gerald of Tallmadge and Mark of Akron; nieces, Stacey (Jeff) Geib, Heather (James) Jacobs, Emily Gambone, Kellene and Kaitlin Kneale, and Jessie Engler; nephews, Todd (Rita) Arbogast, Cory (Brittany), Frank D II, and Ryan Engler; great-niece, Jillian Jacobs; great-nephews, Ronin Jacobs and Kaden Engler; step-niece, Rhiannon Gambone and step-great-nieces, Savannah and Evelyn Geib; grandmother, Elizabeth M. Botz; aunts, Jeannette Kehner, Vivian (James) Back, Elizabeth Wiland, and Donna (Bill) Derita; uncle, Sebastian (Joyce) Botz; many cousins and numerous friends. Frank was preceded in death by his father, Frank D. Engler; and grandparents, Herbert and Velma Engler and Sebastian M. Botz. A special thanks to Dr. Jen-Nan Yuh, Dr. Michael Fromm, Dr. Frederick Marquez, Darcy and Greg Angle and Crossroads Hospice for their kindness and gentle care to our precious son and brother during his illness. Family and friends may call TODAY from 5-8 p.m. at NEWCOMER FUNERAL HOME, 131 N. Canton Rd., where funeral services will be held Thursday at 1:00 p.m. Interment at Restland Cemetery. To leave a special message for the family online, visit www.NewcomerAkron.com. (Newcomer Funeral Home (330) 784-3334, RC, 1-27-10)

## Gary Lee Pinney

Gary Lee Pinney, 66, of Inverness, Fla., died January 16, 2010. The son of the late John C. and Grace (Hoffman) Pinney. A native of Shalersville, he attended Crestwood Schools until he moved to Fla. in 1959. After serving in the U. S. Navy 20 years, he retired to Fla. in 1980. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Janice, 2 sons; 1 daughter; step-brother Gene Ely all of Fla. and Burt Pinney of Ravenna. (RC, 1-27-10)

## Ravenna

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in place. Sidewalks are poured and dried. Windows are in. And flagpoles have been erected.

Even benches were recently placed in the courtyard.

Now, Wisniewski said, it's on to the interior of the building, where work is ongoing.

By the end of this week, the building will be heated — no longer by temporary heating systems.

Plumbing — including sinks, pipes and toilets — is being done. Drywall is being installed along with electricity, drywall, floor tiles and ceilings.

"There's still so much to

## Jean M. Horvath

MANTUA TWP. Jean M. Horvath, 79 years of age of Mantua Township, passed away Monday January 25, 2010 at her residence. Born on June 14, 1930 in Cleveland, Ohio, she was the daughter of the late John and Marie (Juhasz) Kovats.

Formerly of Aurora, she was a Mantua area resident the past 30 years. Mrs. Horvath was employed as a punch press operator at Milbar, Inc. in Chagrin Falls until her retirement. She enjoyed farming, was an animal lover and spent time riding horses with her children as they were growing up.

Survivors include her son Thomas Horvath of Chesterland; daughters Carol (Nathan) McConoughey of Solon, Paula Hughes of Michigan and Patti (James) Balogh of Troy Twp. 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren also survive. She was preceded in death by her husband Thomas Horvath on January 25, 1975.

Funeral services will be Thursday January 28, 2010 at The Green Family Funeral Home & Crematory Service in Mantua at 1:00 P.M., where visitation will be held from 12:00 Noon until the time of the services. Final resting place will follow at Westlawn Cemetery in Mantua Township. Her obituary and funeral service may be viewed online at

www.greenfamilyfuneralhome.com (Green Family Funeral Home (330) 274-3145 RC 01-27-2010)

## Carl E. Singleton

Carl E. Singleton, 78, of Franklin Twp, died Tuesday, January 26, 2010 at Robinson Memorial Hospital.

He was born February 28, 1931 in Exchange, WV to Albert and Fannie (Singleton) Singleton. Carl was a veteran of the Army serving in Germany. He worked as a carpenter for Umbaugh Pole Building Company. Carl enjoyed hunting and sports, especially the Cleveland Browns and Indians.

He is survived by sons, Carl (Sally) Singleton Jr. of Rootstown and Mark Singleton of Rootstown; daughters, Wanemia (Anthony) Fulst of Ravenna, Cathy Murton of Rootstown, Jamie (David) Hall of Streetsboro and Melissa (Mark) Blaha of Twinsburg; fourteen grandchildren; ten great grandchildren; sisters, Luverna James of Gassaway, WV and Carol (John) Danes of Diamond. He was preceded in death by his son, Russell Singleton; grandson, Mark Singleton Jr.; and sisters, Toots, Betty, Freda and Lucille.

Calling hours will be held 6-8 PM Thursday, January 28 at Bissler & Sons Funeral Home in Kent, where funeral services will be held 11:00 AM Friday, January 29 with Rev. Harry O. Harvey officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery in Streetsboro. In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorial contributions be made to Animal Protective League, 8122 Infirmary Road, Ravenna, OH 44266.

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## Catherine B. Hurst



Catherine B. Hurst 79 of Ravenna past away Saturday January 23, 2010 at Robinson Memorial Hospital in Ravenna, Ohio. She was born August 15, 1930 in Columbus, GA. to the late Otis and Mahalia Mullins.

Catherine or fondly known as Miss Cat has lived in Ravenna the past 35 years and had worked at Kent State University for seven years and then the King Kennedy Center for several years. Miss Cat loved to work jig-saw puzzles and go fishing but her greatest joy was caring for her grandchildren, she became known as the neighborhood grandma and baby sitter. She attended several area churches, the United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic Faith and was an usher first for the New Mount Calvary Baptist Church and then the Winfield Church of God in Christ.

Survivors include her sons David and Bobby Blue both of Miami, Florida, Ralph Blue of Talladega, Alabama, daughter Debra Blue of Ravenna, 16 grandchildren, 35 great grandchildren, 17 great great grandchildren, special friend Elmo "Jake" Jones and a host of friends and relatives. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband Charles Hurst, daughter Mary Blue, two brothers, five sisters and daughter in law Mary W. Blue.

Calling hours will be from 11 AM Until time of funeral services at 12:00 PM Saturday January 30, 2010 at the Winfield Church of God in Christ Ravenna, Ohio. Her final resting place will follow in Grandview Memorial Park Ravenna, Ohio.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to Shorts-Spicer-Crislip Funeral Homes Ravenna Chapel. (Shorts-Spicer-Crislip Funeral Home (330) 296-6858 RC 01-27, 28-2010)

## Luella Elsie Lydia Mowen



Luella Elsie Lydia Mowen, age 102 of Ravenna, passed away Monday, January 25, 2010.

She was born in Shalersville Township, the daughter of the late Fred and Ida (nee Jahn) Lange on December 24, 1907.

Luella was an 89 year member of the First Christian Church of Ravenna. She also belonged to the Order of Eastern Star Ravenna Chapter #46, the Junior Tuesday Club of Ravenna, her Wednesday afternoon bridge club, and the Lunch Bunch of the First Christian Church.

She is survived by her daughter Margaret L. Swanson of Hanover, Illinois; her grandchildren: Rebecca (Bruce) Hartle, Patricia (Jerry) Mowen-Ziegler, Melissa (James) Patterson, and Russell (Ruth) Swanson; also survived by three great-grandchildren: Robbie Hartle, and Daniel and C.J. Patterson.

She was preceded in death by her husband H. Leslie Mowen, sons Bud and Robert Lee Mowen, son-in-law Russell A. Swanson, sisters Helena McKay, Lillian McKay, and Minnie Lange, brother John Lange, and half-brothers Edward and William Lange.

Friends will be received Thursday from 5:00 - 8:00 PM at the Wood-Kortright-Borkoski Funeral Home, 703 E. Main St., Ravenna, where funeral services will be officiated by Reverend Dr. Perry Mattern on Friday at 11:00 AM. Interment will follow at Maple Grove Cemetery. OES services will be held on Thursday at 8:00 PM at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Christian Church, 420 S. Prospect St., Ravenna, OH 44266. Please share your memories at www.mem.com. (Wood-Kortright-Borkoski Funeral Home 330-296-6436 RC 01-27, 28-2010)

## Area lawmakers supportive of State of the State address

By Marc Kovac  
Record-Courier Capital Bureau

COLUMBUS — Area lawmakers were mostly supportive of the job-creating initiatives outlined by Gov. Ted Strickland in his State of the State speech Tuesday.

"It highlighted the things that we have done to try to produce more jobs and the (new) initiatives that will be taken to encourage greater job growth in the future," said Rep. Kathleen Chandler, a Democrat from Kent. She added later, "The real tragedy with this recession has to do with human services. There are people who have never ever asked for help before who really need it now. The best way for us to recover from this recession is to provide jobs. That's really been the focus of this administration."

Rep. Stephen Dyer, a

Democrat from the Akron area, said he appreciated the governor's "hopeful, positive tone ... something that is important not just for us but for all Ohioans to hear."

He added, "I think he set out a series of proposals that will ultimately end up creating a lot of jobs and, frankly, that's what we're going to be focusing on with a laser beam.... I came out of there feeling very energized and ready to get down to work and put Ohioans back to work, too."

Dyer said the governor's initiative to provide capital for businesses will lead to job growth in his district. He gave an example of a business that approached him during a town hall meeting earlier this week that wants to make wind turbines but can't get the funding it needs to move forward.

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## Jobs

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rate was 10.9 percent in December and the U.S. adjusted rate was 10.0 percent, unchanged from November.

The state's nonfarm wage and salary employment de-

creased 16,700 over the month, from 5.103 million in November to 5.086 in December.

"Ohio's labor market weakened in December," ODJFS Director Douglas Lumpkin said. "Job losses in the service-providing industries led to an increase in the unemployment rate to 10.9" seasonally adjusted.