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It's Auction Time!

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On Saturday, October 4, the New Wilmington Volunteer Fire Company will hold their annual Firemen's Auction. This massive one day "Big Event" starts at 9 am with a gigantic flea market, a bake sale, and a produce sale. These events last until 3 pm when the fire station is cleared and chairs and bleachers are set up for the big auction, which starts at 5 pm and runs until midnight.

Such crowd pleasing favorites as fresh, hot sausage, mildly seasoned and wrapped in two-pound packages, and fresh apple cider, from Apple Castle, will be sold from 10 am until midnight, or as long as the supplies last. In the past few years two new treats have been added to this all day "Big Event"—homemade doughnuts and ice cream—both coming from New Wilmington's old order Amish community.

In 1955, in an effort to earn money to buy new or improve present firefighting equipment, the fire department started the first Firemen's Auction. Thanks to the fantastic support from the people of New Wilmington, and nearby areas, this auction has grown from a three-or four-hour activity to a fifteen-hour event over the last three decades.

As the auction has grown in size, so has the time required preparing for it.



Photo by Frank Parrish

Yes, it is that time of year again! Come one, come all, to the New Wilmington Volunteer Firemen's Auction! Saturday, October 4, is the day for the annual flea market and auction. The flea market will be held from 9 am until 3 pm, and the auction will take place from 5 pm until midnight.

In today's high-pressured, economically stressed time with a demanding job market, it is becoming more difficult for anyone to have time to join the Volunteer Fire Department. After joining, that

recruit has to spend many hours in training, learning how to fight a fire, removing a severely injured person from a crushed automobile, and how to use the many tools that today's fire departments

need to provide the best protection for you, the public, in any emergency. After training, that same recruit is expected to drop everything and respond to a variety of dangerous situations such as a

structure full of smoke, sawdust burning into a stack of logs at a saw mill, assisting the emergency ambulance service at an automobile accident, or being out most of the night helping to clear

roads and streets from fallen trees and power lines—as was the situation a couple of Sunday nights ago during a very strong wind storm.

Asking the members of the
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Quote of the Week

Chosen by Frank

"September fattens on vines.
Roses flake from the wall.
The smoke of harmless fires
drifts to my eyes.
This is plenty. This is more
than enough."
- Geoffrey Hill,
September Song

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The Hillary Votes Go...?

Palin could make difference in Lawrence County

By W. Robert Jackson,
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Lawrence County may not be an accurate political barometer but there are signs that suggest that as the county goes so goes the race for president in Pennsylvania this year.

In November 2004, President George Bush carried the county by 400 votes over the Democrat nominee John Kerry. The County, with a 3-2 voter registration margin favoring the Democrats, is generally considered a lock by the party leaders.

Now with polls showing John McCain closing the gap in what could be a tight race and McCain spending more time and more money in the state, local leaders are paying increasing attention and energy to the respective campaigns.

In the April Democrat Lawrence County primary, Hillary Clinton received nearly three times the vote given Barack Obama, winning 12,581 to 4,349.

And the current concern of party chairman Richard Christofer and other party faithful is where the Hillary votes will go in the Nov. 4 general election.

Hillary also carried the state by a wide margin over Obama in the primaries.

Christofer admitted, "I think it will be an uphill fight for Obama to carry Lawrence County," noting his figures show Obama is probably behind by eight to 10 points here.

"But it's doable. The county elections office shows the Democrats with a marked increase in voter registrations."

Statewide the Democrats

have boosted their registration margin over the Republicans by 1.1 million.

Christofer served as New Castle mayor from 1988 to 1995 and was elected party chairman a little over a year ago. He was a Hillary supporter during her primary run.

He has a speaking relationship with Sen. Joseph Biden, the party's nominee for vice president, spent time with him during Biden's visit to Beaver County and said he eventually hopes to get Obama and Biden here. "I think it's imperative they come to Lawrence County," he said.

"I'd also like to get Hillary or Bill (Clinton) here before the election," he said.

"There are a lot of Hillary supporters here who are upset that she didn't get the nomination for president," he

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Contributed Photo

Diana Reed seems to be having just as much fun as the kids in the new Westminster College Preschool playground.

Playground To Be Dedicated

Westminster preschool to dedicate new facility

The Westminster College Preschool Lab will dedicate its new playground facility Monday, Sept. 29, at 4 pm in room 145 of the Hoyt Science Resources Center.

Scheduled to speak at the dedication are Westminster College President Dr. Richard H. Dorman; Dr. Alan Gittis, Westminster professor and
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