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Pickaway County Maintenance Supervisor Dave Conrad poses behind old county records in the old jail on West Franklin Street. The three-floor jail will be used as a retention center for the county's records and will be open for public viewing.

Former jail to hold old documents

By **MATTHEW FORTE**
HERALD STAFF WRITER

After keeping criminals separate from the public, holding old documents should be no sweat for the old Pickaway County Jail on West Franklin Street.

The jail, behind the former sheriff's residence, has sat mostly, but is being turned into the county's records retention center.

Maintenance Supervisor Dave Conrad, whose department is assisting the move of records, said juvenile and clerk of courts for common pleas records have been stored in the jail.

Now, all old unused county records will be moved there.

The jail has been unused since the early 1990s, he said. Maintenance workers are painting the three-floor jail bright white and are replacing the lighting. They have also added shelves and tables for document storage.

Pickaway County Commissioner Glenn Reeser calls the decision to use the former jail for records storage as a win-win solution.

"Over the years people have run out of space to put their records," Reeser said. "The cells were of no other use. We've assigned certain cells to difference agencies. It makes use of what was dead space."

Records that are still being used by a department will be kept in that department.

Once all the records are moved, they'll be available for public viewing.

Since the Office of Development and Planning backs up to the former jail, citizens will be able to check in and check out of the records section, Reeser said.

County Auditor Melissa Betz's office has been looking to make space by getting rid of some old records. There is a records retention schedule for each kind of document, she said.

In accordance with the schedule, trashed files included old payroll vouchers, property cards, conveyance forms for real estate and old dog tag applications, she said.

Betz's office made a list, presented it to the county records retention commission

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Program to offer summer math lessons

By **MATTHEW FORTE**
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Fourth and fifth graders will have a chance to work on math skills in a hands-on way and in a college setting this summer.

June 11 through 15 "Kids on Campus" will be held at Ohio Christian University.

Classes, taught by retired sixth grade math teacher Linda Diltz, will focus on one math standard each day. A teacher for

30 years, Diltz recently retired from Westfall Local School District.

"There will be hands-on activities that promote math literacy," Diltz said. "Each day, we'll target one standard."

The five academic content standards are:

- Numbers and operations
- Measurement
- Geometry
- Algebra
- Data analysis and probability

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Ohio Representative Dan Dodd (D), second from left, speaks to Pickaway County's Education Improvement Advisory Committee board members.

Brandon's Voice fundraiser nears goal



Alli Hartness draws the good-natured ire of Christy Pence with a bid on a Teays Valley rock Saturday at a fundraiser auction for Brandon's Voice, a local campaign to raise money to purchase an Augmentative Communication Device for Brandon, a second grade student at Ashville Elementary. The device is a small, handheld computer with a voice synthesizer that will help Brandon to better communicate with others, according to Lisa Gribler, second from right, his speech therapist. Also pictured at the right is Jackie Junk, who found the rock in Chapel Creek near Chillicothe. It was engraved by Karen Day. "Brandon is diagnosed with DiGeorge Syndrome and because of this has many health issues," said Gribler. "Brandon's speech is very difficult to understand and he is not a candidate for any kind of surgery that may help." More details on A5.

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Ashville looks to the future at retreat

By **DAVID AMEY**
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Using a S.W.A.T analysis, members of the Ashville Village Council identified goals for structured growth of the village.

The work was completed at a planning retreat Saturday at Papa Joe's (former Loves Pub).

Top focus was pursuit of an anchor store in the village.

"This does not necessarily mean a retail store," said council member Barbara Hopper, "but rather a manufacturing and distribution facility that will benefit our economy."

Other goals to be investigated include: establishment of a current transportation and utility plan; the formalization of grant activities; development of a fiscal policy for long-term health; an assessment of future needs of the local government; a study of revenue enhancement projects; development of a comprehensive plan for future use; increasing the size of the village police department; the construction of pedestrian walkways; and development of an industrial park.

After identifying the strengths and weaknesses of the village, council members rated the goals for importance.

They also met in small groups to quantify similar goals in an effort to develop interim steps toward their achievement.

The retreat was facilitated by American Strategies.

Conducting the meeting was Brett Sciotto, president and CEO of the Dublin-based firm; Susan Bogan, vice-president of business operations; and Michael Gaynor.

"We will have a plan developed in about a week," said Sciotto, and it will be communicated with Ashville residents, according to Mayor Charles Wise.

Ashville has developed strategic plans in 2002 and 2004, and participated in the Fallon Survey of the village in 2003.

Areas of focus in the current survey included the CEDA, intermodal, Rickenbacker, two JEDDs and Planned Unit Development.

The village plans to accommodate 41 senior apartments, 77 houses at Suburban Village, 232 houses at Ashton Crossing, 450 units at Solid Rock's Valley Vista development, and 36 units at The Reserve at Ashton Village.

Prospective commercial developments also were discussed including construction of a new Teays Valley Middle School and expansion of the high school.

Potential threats discussed included Rickenbacker Airport annexation, stagnation in Circleville, the regional economic decline, and the Pickaway County unemployment rate.

Barbara Hopper, a member of the Ashville Village Council, prepares to judge the importance of myriad goals discussed during Ashville's Planning Retreat Saturday. Watching are Franklin Christman, left, village administrator, and Mayor Chuck Wise. "Our vision for the future is — Remembering our rural heritage, the Village of Ashville will be a strong and friendly community offering an enhanced quality of life achieved through progress and teamwork. It will be a place people will want to live and businesses will want to locate," said Wise.

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