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## Stripped down to souped up

By DARLENE WEAVER  
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After World War II more and more people used their automobiles to drive to work in places like Columbus.

Many car-pooled, with the riders paying a small fee and the owner maintaining the car.

Older cars had engines that smoked, leaked oil, ran hot, were hard to start in cold weather and a myriad of other problems.

Radiators, water pumps, fuel pumps, distributors, carburetors, starters and generators had to be replaced. Trouble with the transmissions, rear ends, clutches, springs, tires, lights and brakes was no stranger to drivers.

The steering was bad and the heating system was non-existent. Flat tires were frequent and break-downs on the road were not unusual. Many carried chains or rope to pull or be pulled, after car trouble, to the nearest service station.

In addition to the service stations scattered throughout the country, automobile dealers provided parts and service. In the 1946 Circleville telephone directory, Evans-Markley Motors Inc. sold Fords and genuine Ford parts, but did general auto repairing. You could simply "phone 686 to get 'em fixed."

Moats and George sold Hudson autos and did general repairs. Moats and Newman provided DeSoto and Plymouth transportation and service, while G. L. Schier sold Packard and provided "repairs for any make auto."

Moore's of Ohio owned by H. K. Midkiff and G. L. Schaub, sold auto accessories, tires, tubes and batteries. Gordon Auto Parts sold a "complete line of parts for all cars, trucks and tractors."

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# Thornhill has change of heart

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Larry Thornhill is returning to Ohio, specifically Pickaway County and his old job as CEO of Berger Health System.

Thornhill will officially start back at Berger on August 20. According to Mayor Jean Droste, board chairman, he has signed a five-year contract as the president and CEO of the health system.

Thornhill, who grew up in Texas, resigned from Berger in June to take a position in Huntsville, Tex. He started there on July 16.

"After just a few days, I realized that the move just didn't feel right," said Thornhill. "I realized that I hadn't missed Texas as much

as I thought before making the move."

"After spending the majority of my professional career in the military, moving every few years, I now know what it is like to create roots somewhere," said Thornhill. "After spending the past eight years in Ohio, I realized my roots are in Ohio, with the friendships my wife and I have made in Pickaway County."

"The Board of Governors is thrilled to have Larry back on board with us," said Droste. "Berger has experienced an extraordinary amount of growth and development under his leadership, and

## Thornhill returning as CEO of Berger Health System after resigning last month.

we are excited that he is going to be guiding our future endeavors."

One of his flagship projects — Berger Medical Center — is scheduled to open Oct. 1 off state Route 104 adjacent to Southern Point.

Open house for the out-patient diagnostic center is 1:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7.

In addition to on-site physician offices, the facility will house a state-of-the-art Magnetic Resonance Imaging machine, diagnostic mammogram equipment, and a full-service laboratory.

Also in the development stage is the proposed Berger Hospital North facility,

planned to be constructed off U.S. Route 23 north of South Bloomfield.

When Thornhill announced his resignation, Berger Health System appointed Larry Willard as interim president and CEO as the search continued to fill the position on a permanent basis.

Willard accepted the position strictly on an interim basis, had no intentions of seeking the job on a permanent basis and liked knowing he has a starting and ending point.

He expected the board to have a new, permanent president in place by the end of September.



THORNHILL

## PICKAWAY COUNTY HOMELESS SURVEY

# Homeless still surface

By DAVID AMEY  
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David Amey/Herald

After being transported from the Pilot Travel Center on U.S. Route 23 to The Guest House in a driving Friday rainstorm, John Ragland talks with, from the left, Becky Hammond, Tiffany Elliott and Lisa Robbins. He was located during the local Continuum of Care summer Point-In-Time homeless survey.

John Ragland was spotted sitting outside Pilot Travel Center, U.S. Route 23 South.

When approached, he told the team he rode his bicycle from his sister's home in Groveport to the VA Hospital in Chillicothe — a six-hour trip — on Thursday, spending the night in a smoke house on the property.

He was returning to Franklin County Friday morning when he stopped at the station to rest.

During completion of the survey, an early morning rain shower caused the group to scramble Ragland to the team's van.

He agreed to be transported to The Guest House to stay the night, and received a bag of food items distributed by the teams to all the homeless people discovered.

Also, Ragland was counseled by Lisa Robbins of the Pickaway Metropolitan Housing Authority about the possibility of applying for subsidized housing in the area.

While the early morning was fairly routine Friday in Pickaway County, the Continuum of Care discovered 51 homeless individuals during its summer Point-In-Time survey.

Sixteen volunteers, divided into three teams, completed the usual scouring of the county's abandoned buildings, bridges, parks, and waterways. This followed a 3:30 a.m. Friday meeting with Continuum chairman Becky Hammond of PICCA.

The teams located four males and one female who were classified as unsheltered homeless, and 46 individuals classified as sheltered homeless in a preliminary review of collected data.

One man, a homeless Vietnam veteran, was located near the end of the survey by Hammond's team.

## Sheriff's office finds stolen mowers

By MATTHEW FORTE  
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Law enforcement isn't just an 8 to 5 job. It involves long hours, late nights and early mornings.

Between 11 p.m. Monday and 1 a.m. Tuesday, people snuck into the property of Hill Implement Company at 21224 U.S. Route 23, loaded four zero-turn radius mowers onto a gooseneck trailer — all of which belong to Hill Implement — and drove off.

The stolen items totaled about \$35,000 in retail value.

To enter the property, the culprit circum-

vented the locked gate and jerked another piece of the fence out of the ground. The mowers were on an alarm system.

"As for more deterrent, I don't know what else we can do," Sales Manager Mark Essman said.

The theft was reported at 8:23 Tuesday morning to the Pickaway County Sheriff's Office.

Detectives led by Sgt. William Crooks arrived and scoured the scene. They found a wadded up piece of paper — part of a state identification card.

It was that of Douglas Carter, 37, of Whitehall.



Three of the zero-turn mowers stolen from Hill Implement Company Monday night and recovered by the Pickaway County Sheriff's Office near Pataskala.

Photo courtesy of the Pickaway County Sheriff's Office

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## MOTORCYCLE MISHAP



Nancy Radcliff/Herald

The Pickaway Sheriff's Office investigated a motorcycle accident at 4:30 p.m. Friday on Canal Road approximately two miles south of Mill Road. According to Deputy Gary Barrowman, Michael S. Wade, 26, of 710 Lincoln Ave., Circleville, was traveling south on Canal Road when he lost control of his 2006 Honda CBR 600 RR motorcycle in a curve. Wade was ejected into the canal with his cycle landing on top of him. Pickaway Plains transported Wade to Berger Hospital.

## Rider injured in accident

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