#### NATIONAL ORGANIZATION

### SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

#### CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL ASSESSMENT FORM

<ul> <li>PLEASE:</li> <li>Type or print, using a ball-point pen, when filling out this form. Legibility is critical.</li> <li>Do not guess at the information. An answer of, "Unknown," is more helpful.</li> <li>Include a photograph of each viewable side and label it with name &amp; direction of view.</li> <li>Thank You.</li> </ul>
Type of Memorial
Monument <i>with</i> Sculpture Monument with <i>Cannon</i>
Monument without Sculpture Historical Marker Plaque Chapel with Cannons / Sculpture Historical Marker Plaque Affiliation
U.G.A.R. (Post Name & No. Buckley Post No. 12
Original Dedication Date May 30, 1876 Please consult any/all newspaper archives for a local paper's article that would have information on the <i>first</i> dedication ceremony and/or other facts on the memorial. Please submit a copy of your findings with full identification of the paper & date of publication. Thank you.
Location The Memorial is currently located at: Street/Road address or site locationGlendale Cemetery, 150 Glendale Avenue City/Village Akron Township CountySummit
The front of the Mamorial faces: North South & East West

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_\_ Tohn \_\_\_\_ Telephone (330 ) \_253=2317

If the Memorial has been moved, please list former location(s)...

City Akron State OH Zip Code 44302

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner (of private cemetery that Memorial is located in)...

Name \_\_Glendale Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Dept./Div. \_\_\_\_\_\_

**Physical Details** 

Street Address 150 Glendale Avenue

Material of Monument or base under a Sculpture or Cannon = \_\_Stone \_\_ Concrete \_\_ Metal \_\_ Undetermined If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) <a href="mailto:Chapel was built with">Chapel was built with</a> sandstone and granite

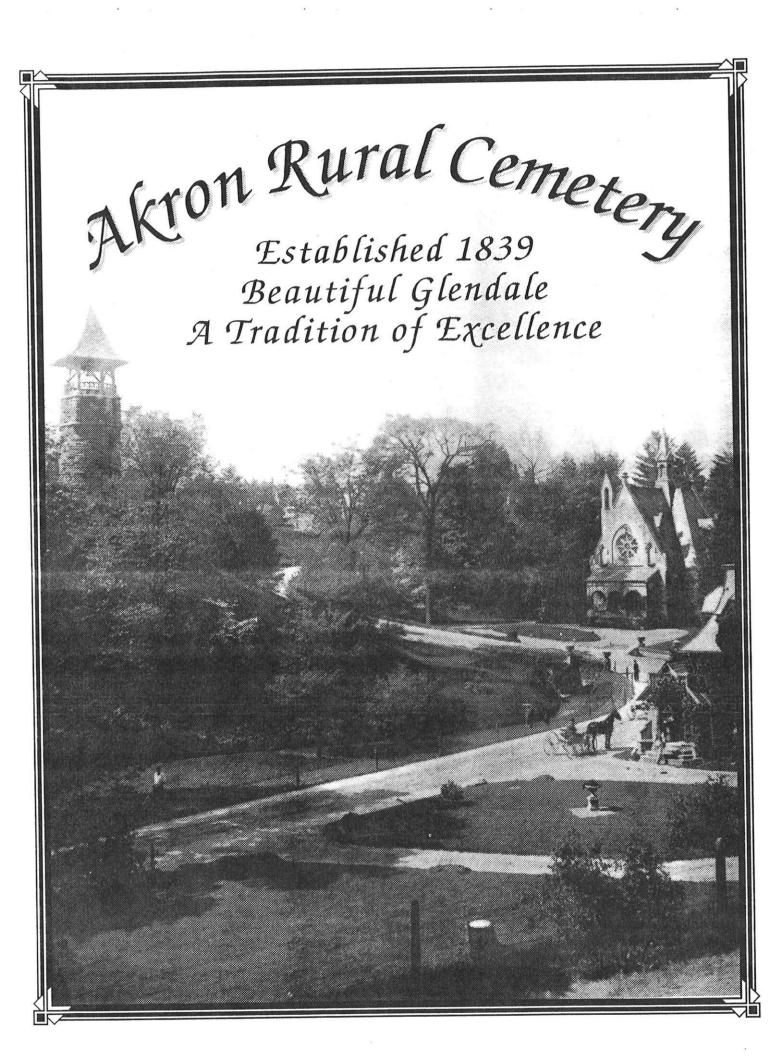
Material of the Sculpture = Stone Concrete Metal Undetermined If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) If the Sculpture is of metal, is it solid cast or "hollow?"
Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet =
Material of Cannon =BronzeIron - Consult known Ordnance Listing to confirm Markings on muzzle = Right Trunion Right Trunion Is inert ammunition a part of the Memorial? If so, describe
Approximate Dimensions (indicate unit of measure) - taken from tallest / widest points  Monument or Base: Height Width Depth or Diameter  Sculpture: Height Width Depth or Diameter
For Memorials with multiple Sculptures, please record this information on a separate sheet of paper for each statue and attach to this form. Please describe the "pose" of each statue and any weapons/implements involved (in case your photos become separated from this form). Thank you!
Markings/Inscriptions (on stone-work / metal-work of monument, base, sculpture)  Maker or Fabricator mark / name? If so, give name & location found  All Honor To Our Nation's Defenders" is inscribed on porch of the chapel  The "Dedication Text" is formed: cut into material _x raised up from material face
Record the text (indicate any separation if on different sides) Please use additional sheet if necessary.  This is a Chapel Inside the Chapel  The rames of 4 krown men who fought in the  Civi) way are carved in 5 tone in the challs.  Also Stain Glass win down record various s  People from Akaan who participated in the  war and died, a cribide to the women of the  Sanitary Commission and other patriotic themes
Environmental Setting (The general vicinity and immediate locale surrounding a memorial can play a major role in its overall condition.)  Type of Location  x Cemetery Park Plaza/Courtyard  "Town Square" Post Office School  Municipal Building State Capitol Other:  Courthouse College Campus  Traffic Circle Library

	burban (residential, ban / Metropolitan	near city)
Street/Roadside within 20 feet Protected from the elements (canopy or enclosure, X Protected from the public (fence or other barrier) Any other significant environmental factor Cemete is open to the public. Chapel doors are	rv is enclosed	by fencing, but it
appointment.		
Condition Information		
Structural Condition (check as many as may apply) The following section applies to Monuments with Sculpture, and I the base for Monuments with Cannon. Instability in the sculpture number of factors. Indicators may be obvious or subtle. Visually 6	THE ATILL ILS DASE CALL	be detected by a
	Sculpture	Base
If hollow, is the internal support unstable/exposed?		
(look for signs of exterior rust)  Any evidence of structural instability?		
(look for cracked joints, missing mortar or caulking or plant growth)  Any broken or missing parts?  (look for elements (i.e., sword, musket, hands, arms, etc missing due to vandalism, fluctuating weather conditions, etc.)		
Any cracks, splits, breaks or holes?  (also look for signs of uneven stress & weakness in the material)		
Surface Appearance (check as many as may apply)	Sculpture	Base
Black crusting		
White crusting	-	(marrows 1972)
Etched, pitted, or otherwise corroded (on metal)		-
Metallic staining (run-off from copper, iron, etc.)		
Organic growth (moss, algae, lichen or vines)		
Chalky or powdery stone		-
Granular eroding of stone		
Spalling of stone (surface splitting off)		(X
Droppings (bird animal insect remains)		
Other (e.g., spray paint graffiti) - Please describe		
Does water collect in recessed areas of the Memorial?	Yes No _	Unable to tell

Surface Coating  Does there appear to be a coating? × Yes No Unable to determine  If known, identify type of coating.  Gilded Painted Varnished Waxed x Unable to determine  Is the coating in good condition? _x Yes No Unable to determine
Basic Surface Condition Assessment (check one) In your opinion, what is the general appearance or condition of the Memorial? Well maintained X Would benefit from treatment In urgent need of treatment Unable to determine
Overall Description  Briefly describe the Memorial (affiliation / overall condition & any concern not already touched on)
Supplemental Background Information In addition to your on-site survey, any additional information you can provide on the described Memorial will be welcomed. Please label each account with its source (author, title, publisher, date, pages). Topics include any reference to the points listed on this questionnaire, plus any previous conservation treatments - or efforts to raise money for treatment. Thank you.
Inspector Identification  Date of On-site Survey
Your Name         City           Address         Zip Code           Telephone ( )
Please send this completed form to:
Donald E. Darby

Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR National Civil War Memorials Committee





For over a century and a half, Glendale has served as a living history of Akron. Located deep in the heart of the city, Glendale is a special place where peace and tranquility abound - a place where loved ones rest and history reminds us of our rich heritage.

From the majestic mausoleums that line the valley area to the picturesque statues and memorials of granite, Glendale reminds us of our founding fathers and our history.

The beautiful rolling hills blend with the natural beauty of trees and plantings that date back to the founding days of Akron.

The picturesque Victorian Gothic chapel near the entrance commemorates those who served during the Civil War. A statue of the Unknown Dead stands silently nearby. In 1839, at the time it was chartered, the Locust Street entrance to Glendale lay at the edge of the city limits.

entrance to Glendale lay at the edge of the city limits but with the growth of the city it now stands in the heart of Akron and is most accessible.

Glendale has served families of Akron for generations and has a reserve of unused land sufficient for many more. Selection of a family plot is a serious responsibility to be faced when personal investigation is possible and not when judgement is hampered by emotional stress. Selection of a family plot in advance of need avoids the heart-breaking task when the family is overcome with grief.

Destiny makes no appointments, so we urge you plan now. Whatever your choice - a large family mausoleum, a family lot with above ground memorials, a special area for cremated remains, or a single flat marker grave, you may be assured that it will be carefully maintained and will become an integral part of the Glendale tradition.

Glendale is a lasting symbol of Sympathy, Condolence, Reverence, and Respect.

# WELCOME TO



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Memorial Chapel in Mann Rural Cemetery, rected in 1854.

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Memorial Chapel

#### MEMORIAL CHAPEL

The historic Memorial Chapel, situated in Akron Rural Cemetery (known as Glendale Cemetery), was constructed by Buckley Post G.A.R. as a tribute to the memory of soldiers from Portage township and the City of Akron who gave their lives in defense of the Union during the Civil War.

The initial campaign for the building fund was a concert held at the Academy of Music on February 14, 1874. After stirring speeches that night by Col. Simon Perkins, David L. King, George W. Crouse, John R. Buchtel, Rev. Richard L. Ganter, and others, over \$10,000 was raised through ticket sales and pledges. On the following 4th of July, the committee reported \$20,000 in the fund and approved the plans of architect Frank O. Weary. The cost of the structure, exclusive of the windows which were paid for by individual contributions, was a little over \$25,000.

On Memorial Day, May 29, 1875, a fitting time, the ground breaking ceremony was held. The Memorial Chapel was dedicated one year later on May 30, 1876.

The Memorial Chapel was built on the cruciform plan and has an area of 1,800 square feet on the ground. The entrance porch, fronting toward the east, is approached by five stone steps so that the entrance to the receiving tomb in the basement is approached from the rear at ground level.

The exterior walls are constructed of rock face broken ashlar stone work. The beautiful arched entrance porch is of cut stone with six columns of polished granite. The roof is covered with black slate interspersed with a few red slate. The spirlet Louvre windows and the ridge crestings are all of iron.

The inside walls of the Chapel are of Ohio "Constitution" stone from the banks of the Ohio near Marietta. The floor is covered with Minton tile imported from England. The ceiling is all of polished butternut laid in diagonal strips.

Perhaps what strikes the observer as one of the most interesting features of the building are its handsome memorial windows. The glass was imported from Scotland and is of the old style of European rolled cathedral glass. The large chancel window at the west end of the Chapel is in memory of Col. Lewis P. Buckley and the 29th Regiment.

Further information about the Memorial Chapel can be found in Lane's Fifty Years and Over of Akron and Summit County.

In the last century, Glendale Cemetery with its Memorial Chapel was one of the show places of Akron. However, because of the lack of funds, the Chapel is badly in need of repair. The Chapel is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places; however, no money has been available for restoration. It would be a loss to the heritage of Akron if this building were not preserved. If you know of any funds available for restoration, please contact the cemetery office.

#### G. Paul Huff, Commander General A. C. Voris Camp Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

656 Prior Park Drive Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44223

Gary Gibson 2339 Harmone Avenue Kalamazoo, Michigan 49004-1527

Dear Brother Gibson,

Please consider a grant of \$500 for the Civil War Memorial Chapel in Akron, Ohio.

The Superintendent of the Cemetery and I filled this form out as well as we could. It's not really geared towards an entire building. The tape and written material should give you some idea of the structure and its history.

Commander Don Darby has already heard about it, if you wish to talk.

Thank you for your consideration.

Your obedient servant,

Paul Huff, Commander General A.C. Voris Camp

# SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL FUND REQUEST (FORM CWM #62)

Requester Information

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ADDRESS:	6.56 PRIOR PARK DILVE
CITY:	Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio ZIP CODE: 44223
STATE:	
NAME OF CO	NTACT PERSON: Commander Paul HUFF
ADDRESS:	SAME MS MROVE
CITY:	ZIP CODE:
STATE:	E-MAIL:
PHONE(S):	
	Memorial or Monument Information
NAME OF ME LOCATION:	EMORIAL: Glendale Gothic Civil War Chapel (Name and address of cemetery or other location description, such as, corner of 3 <sup>rd</sup> and Lincoln Streets)
	<u>Glendale Cemetery</u> 150 Glendale Avenue
	Akron, OH 44302
WHEN WAS I	IT BUILT: Completed on Memorial Day, 1876
WHO OWNS I	IT: The Akron Rural Cemetery Association
WHO IS FINA	ANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR IT: Akron Civil War Memorial Society
	HING FUNDS AVAILABLE: Yes FROM WHERE: Akron Civil War Memorial Society
	SOURCES OF FUNDS AVAILABLE: 465 FROM WHERE: Knight Foundation
AMOUNT BE	EING REQUESTED: 500,00
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WHO WILL	RECEIVE THE FUNDS IF GRANTED:

# HISTORY

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# Buckley Post, No. 12,

-AND ITS-

AUXILIARIES,

DEPARTMENT OF OHIO,

G. N. R.

AKRON, OHIO, JUNE 1, 1885.

Beacon Publishing Co., Printers, Akron, C

May 30th, 1873.—Soldiers and citizens again vie with each other in doing honor to the noble dead. Gen. J. Warren Keiffer, of Springfield, Ohio, being orator of the occasion.

May 30th, 1874.—Memorial Day was observed with the usual imposing and interesting ceremonies, Chaplain William Earnshaw, of the National Soldiers' Home, at Dayton, delivering the address.

May 29th, 1875.—Memorial services were held at the Sixth Ward Cemetery at 11 o'clock A. M., Rev. J. H. Merchant delivering the oration.

Memorial Day, Saturday, May 29th, 1875, was thought a fitting time for breaking ground for Memorial Chapel, and the necessary arrangements were made by the members of the Post, the Building Committee and the citizens of Akron, for that purpose.

At 2:30 P. M., the procession formed on Howard street, and, under the direction of Maj. Thomas McEbright, aided by the following gentlemen, acting as assistants: E. P. Holloway, Capt. W. C. Jacobs, Henry Young, Hugo Schumacher, G. M. Wright, marched, in time to the sad dirges of the bands, to the Cemetery, via West Market street and Glendale avenue, in the following order:

Babcock's Band, numbering 15 men.
Buckley Post, G. A. R., numbering 50 men.
Marble's Band, numbering 18 men.
Akron Liedertafel, numbering 40 men.
St. Vincent de Paul's Band, numbering 18 men.
Soldiers of 1812 in Carriages.
Mayor Herrold.
Acting Mayor Marvin.
Members of City Council.
The Poet, Mr. Will M. Carleton.
The Orator, Gen. A. C. Voris.
Citizens in Carriages.

On the platform, facing the site of the proposed Chapel, were Col. Simon Perkins, the President of the Day, five veterans of the war of 1812—John Hessler, of Northfield, aged 85; J. C. De La Mater, Akron, 80; Henry Wood, Northfield, 84; Andrews May, Akron, 84, and Isaac J. Lacy, Akron, 85;—Rev. G. S. Weaver, Rev. Henry Baker; the Orator, Gen. A. C. Voris, of Akron, and the Poet, Will M. Carleton, of Hillsdale, Mich.

The exercises were opened by a solemn funeral dirge, by Marble's Band, followed with an earnest prayer by Rev. G. S. Weaver. The choir, Messrs. B. S. Chase, A. F. Chandler, H. F. Miller and W. Mil-

ton Clarke, then sang an appropriate song, after which Messrs. George H. Payne and A. A. Bartlett, two one-armed veterans, proceeded, formally, with pick and spade, to break the ground for the foundation of the proposed new structure.

Sunday, May 28th, 1876, the sacred custom of having Sabbath Memorial Sermons preached the Sabbath preceding Memorial Day, was inaugurated by Buckley Post, No. 12, G. A. R. The Rev. T. E. Monroe, of the Congregational Church, preached the first sermon, which the Post and ex-soldiers attended.

May 30th, 1876.—To day we again scatter flowers upon the graves of our deceased comrades, in connection with the dedication of the Memorial Chapel erected to their memory, with Ex Gov. Edward F. Noyes as orator, and Will M. Carleton as poet.

#### DECORATION SERVICES.

At the conclusion of the dedicatory exercises, at Chapel, Buckley Post proceeded to the Post burial lot, where, in the presence of a large concourse of citizens, was performed the following beautiful ceremony:

POST COMMANDER T. D. M'GILLICUDDY,

standing within the hollow square formed by the members of the Post around the graves of their deceased comrades, opened the exercises as follows:

COMRADES AND FRIENDS:—We are now about to decorate with flowers, and honor with fitting ceremonies, the graves of our comrades who are buried here-who have served with us in defense of our country during the terrible struggle. We meet for no empty show, or useless parade, but to testify from full and overflowing hearts that the remembrance of their sacrifices have not grown dim with passing

Standing by their resting places, with bowed heads, we can recall the unselfish devotion of the men who fell that liberty might live, and that the government, bequeathed as a heritage from our patriotic fathers, might not perish from the earth.

We are not here to glory in the victories of the past, nor to stir

up the hot blood by the recital of our comrades' valor.

Here is the fitting place to call to mind the men who, with us, stood guard over the nation; to think of the charge some comrade died repelling; some terrible leaden shower that smote him by our side; some prison pen, where, dying, he still prayed for God's fair land, and to show that the love of Union and Liberty was not laid aside when the battle flags were furled and the sword laid to rest.

As, then, we scatter earth's fairest emblems, life's fitting symbol, upon the graves of our comrades; as stalwart men, and gentle women, and little children, bedeck the soldiers' graves with flowers, and bedew them with tears, the world shall know the humblest of our dead comrades has a crown of remembrance more enduring than the diadem of a king.

#### JUNIOR VICE-COMMANDER JOHN LIMRIC

advanced and, taking a wreath, placed it upon a grave, with the following words:

In memory of the honored and heroic dead, whose remains here find shelter for repose, I deposit these flowers. May the lesson of purity incite in us the emotions of patriotism which they exemplified in life and in death.

#### ADJUTANT GEO. BILLOW

advanced and placed a bunch of flowers upon a grave, with these words:

In honor of our comrades slain in freedom's battle, or dying from wounds received in defense of all we hold most dear, I place these flowers upon this grave.

The green turf above them will fade, these leaves will fade, these beautiful flowers will wither and die, but the lesson will remain, and our children, and their children, will be taught the duty of honoring those who died for their country.

#### SENIOR VICE-COMMANDER C. F. LAMB

advanced and placed a wreath of flowers upon a grave, with these words:

Death comes to us all; none shall escape his relentless mandate. The highest potentate and the humblest toiler must at last take their places in the bosom of the earth, and it becomes us all to be ready for the messenger whose summons we must obey. Our comrades, upon whose graves we scatter flowers, and whose memories we thus revive and celebrate, died in the performance of the noblest of duties, and met the destroyer where every patriot would desire to meet him, beneath the folds of our starry banner, and in defense of that cause in which it is sweet and pleasant to die—the cause of our country.

As the grass will spring anew from the storms and dearth of winter, as other flowers will come forth to take the place of these so soon to fade, so be it ours, for ourselves and our generation, to keep bright the memory of our fallen comrades.

#### CHAPLAIN S. C. WILLIAMSON

then came forward and placed white flowers on a grave, with the following remarks:

Out of His infinite mercy, the Father, without whose knowledge not even a sparrow falls to the ground, has been pleased to remove from us our comrades. May the example of our actions, and the lesson of their sacrifice, remain with us and constantly teach us that next to the duty we owe to the Giver of every good and perfect gift, unselfish patriotism and manly devotion to the country which shields and protects us, are the highest attributes and surest signs of that true nobility which raises men to be little lower than the angels, and binds upon the brow the ineffaceable mark of the hero. May wisdom from on high shine into the hearts of our rulers, and so direct all their actions, that the voice of the people may honor them, as to-day it honors the lowly beds of its country's defenders; and from this silent city of the dead may we carry to our homes and prove by our actions, our determination to be true to the charges left upon a nation's gratitude, "to care for him who has borne the battle," and for the widow and orphans of him who has fallen. In remembrance, then, of the holy cause for which our comrades gave the full measure of their devotion, I now place these white flowers upon this grave.

Sunday, May 27th, 1877.—Our Sabbath Memorial Sermon was preached for the first time in Memorial Chapel, by the Rev. R. L. Ganter, and was attended by all the members of the Post and many ex-soldiers.

Wednesday, May 30th, 1877.—The usual Decoration Service was performed in the various Cemeteries, and in the afternoon the Post, with Co.'s A and B, O. N. G., headed by the Akron City Band, marched to Grace Park, where the exercises of the day took place, the orator being Hon. A. S. McClure, of Wooster, Ohio.

The usual Memorial Sermon before Decoration Day was preached by the Rev. C. C. Smith, at Memorial Chapel, Sunday, May 26th, 1878, where Buckley Post and friends attended in great numbers.

Memorial Day, May 30th, 1878.—The day was sacredly observed in the strewing of our fallen comrades' graves in the forenoon, and in the afternoon the Post, with the military and civic societies marched to Grace Park, where the exercises of the day took place, the oration being delivered by the Rev. J. C. Kauffman, Chaplain 8th Regiment, O. N. G., and a poem, by Mrs. H. D. Freer, read by Comrade S. C. Williamson.

Sunday, May 25th, 1879.—The Rev. E. L. Rexford preached our usual Sunday Memorial Sermon before Decoration Day.

Thursday, May 30th, 1879.—The day was observed as heretofore, Hon. Stanley Mathews, of Cincinnati, being orator of the occasion.

Sunday, May 23d, 1880.—The Rev. W. W. Case, of the 1st M. E. Church, preached the Memorial Sermon before Decoration Day.



Ross P. Buch

#### HISTORY

OF THE

# GRAND ARMY REPUBLIC,

BY ROBERT B. BEATH,

WITH AN INTRODUCTION BY

GENERAL LUCIUS FAIRCHILD.

ILLUSTRATED.

NEW YORK.

BRYAN, TAYLOR & CO., Publishers, 1889.

#### GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

present year, \$155,000. No official record of expenditures he Grand Army prior to April, 1870, has been preserved.

#### THE OHIO SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' HOME.

885, Department Commander R. B. Brown reported as the of careful inquiries that 385 soldiers and sailors were in the tries or Almshouses of the State. Of these, 250 had served commands during the rebellion, 285 were without families, h families, 27 were insane and 6 were of unsound mind. erage age was 531 years.

pressed with the fact that the condition of these veterans be remedied, the Department Commander invited a numcomrades to meet at Columbus to take proper action there-his resulted in the presentation and early passage of a bill riating \$50,000 to commence the construction of a Soldiers' ilors' Home.

Board of Trustees organized June 3, 1886, with Isaac F. of Erie, President; R. B. Brown, Secretary. The Trustees ed the offer of a site for the Home near Sandusky, consist-ninety acres of land. In addition to this grant of land, mains and sewers, gas-mains and electric lines have been ed to the Home without charge, and water-rent for thirteen was voted at a nominal charge of \$25 per annum.

1887 the Legislature made an additional appropriation of

00, and later added \$110,000.

total cost for the buildings under way or projected will r \$500,000, and the buildings will accommodate 1,500 in-

e corner-stone of the Administration building was laid July 38, and was opened for the reception of inmates November

#### STATE AID.

addition to the appropriations for the State Soldiers' tilors' Home and the Soldiers' Orphan Home, the State of has relieved from taxation all real estate used by Grand Posts, or by organized bodies of soldiers as Memorial Halls ces of meeting.

tax of not exceeding three-tenths of a mill is levied for the

support of indigent soldiers and sailors and their families, to be distributed by a Board of three Commissioners appointed by the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in each county.

#### BURIAL OF DECEASED VETERANS.

The Legislature, in 1884, passed an Act for the burial of any honorably discharged ex-Union soldier, sailor or marine of this State who may die without leaving means for his funeral expenses. The amount to be expended in each case not to exceed \$35.

#### MEMORIAL CHAPEL, AKRON.

Buckley Post No. 12, Akron, heretofore referred to as the only Post organized in Ohio in 1867 that maintained its organization, received from the Trustees of the Akron Rural Cemetery the gift of a large plat of ground for the burial of Union veterans.

The Post then erected in the cemetery, at a cost of \$35,000, a handsome Memorial Chapel, which was dedicated on Memorial Day, 1876. On memorial tablets are engraved the names of all deceased soldiers and sailors who went into the service from Akron, and of all veterans who have since died in that city.

There are several beautiful cathedral windows, one the gift of relatives in honor of Colonel Lewis Buckley, after whom the Post was named, and others were presented by friends or comrades.

One window contains life-size representations of Washington, Perry and Lincoln; another represents Woman's Work in the War, donated by ladies of the Cemetery Association.

#### TOLEDO SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL BUILDING.

The project of erecting a Memorial Hall in Toledo was first agitated in Forsyth Post No. 15. This Post was organized November 19, 1866, and is the senior Post in the Department, having maintained its organization intact from the date of muster.

With the co-operation of their most efficient Relief Corps (then the Ladies' Aid), it was decided to enlist the public more directly in the work by the formation of the Toledo Soldiers' Memorial Association, which was formally organized July 23, 1879.

# A Resolution Requesting Funds for the Civil War Memorial Chapel in Glendale Cemetery

Whereas, the Civil War Memorial Chapel, also known as the Buckley Chapel, in Glendale Cemetery Akron, Ohio was built largely through the efforts of Buckley Post (No. 12), Grand Army of the Republic, and;

Whereas, the Chapel was publicized nationally in G.A.R. literature as one of Ohio's premiere Civil War sites, and;

Whereas, the walls and decorations of the Chapel serve as a written record of the Civil War patriotism of the men from Akron and Summit County,

We the Brothers of the General A. C. Voris Camp (No. 67), Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War resolve that Ohio Department of the Sons of Union Veterans contribute \$100 to the endowment fund of the Akron's Civil War Memorial Chapel.

# CIVIL WAR AUTHOR'S MUSTER



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**★ Soldiers of the ★** Fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry and Fifth Texas Infantry to lay siege to the Event!



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Ben Bassham Conrad Wise Chapman: Soldier and Artist of the Confederacy

> Dr. Leslie Gordon A Short History of Gen. G. E. Pickett

Lester V. Horwitz The Longest Raid of the Civil War

Dr. Leonne Hudson The Odyssey of a Southerner

> Robert H. Jones Fields of Conflict

Edward E. Leslie The Devil Knows How to Ride

> Roger Pickenpaugh Rescue by Rail

Eric J. Wittenberg One of Custer's Wolverines

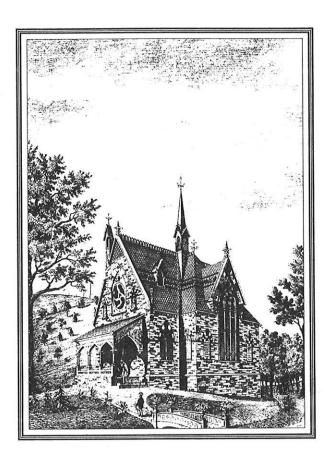
**Books To Be Raffled** to Benefit Akron's Historic Buckley Chapel

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## Rededication Civil War Memorial Chapel



July 25, 2001 Akron Rural Cemetery

#### = Program =

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706) Prelude: Canon in D Barbara Evans National Anthem:

Welcome & Remarks: John V. Frank, President Akron Civil War Mem. Society

Phil Steinberg, AIA, CSI Chapel Restoration: Braun & Steidl Architects

Remembrance of Groundbreaking

and Dedication:

Taps:

Music:

Charles E. Pierson, Trustee Akron Civil War Mem. Society

Rededication Prayer:

Rev. Dr. Richard L. McCandless

Jay Ungar

Postlude: Ashokan Farewell

Jody Guinn, harp Madelena Burle-Marx, cello

Steven Ostrow

George Pope, flute

Please join us for refreshments in the adjacent tent.

#### ■ Restoration =

Braun & Steidl Architects

**Ingersoll Building Corporation** General Contractor

Peters, Tschantz & Bandwen Electrical Engineers

Gensert Bretnall Associates Structural Engineers

We acknowledge with gratitude and appreciation the many skilled tradesmen who helped make this project a reality.

#### Akron Civil War Memorial Society

#### **Trustees & Officers**

John V. Frank, President Jerome J. Joondeph, Vice President Otis A. Hower, Secretary-Treasurer Charles E. Pierson John R. Conti, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Marie-Ellen Erb, Administrative Assistant

#### Akron Rural Cemetery Association

#### **Trustees & Officers**

Jerome J. Joondeph, President John V. Frank, Vice President Otis A. Hower, Secretary-Treasurer Candace Campbell Jackson, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Charles D. Parke John S. Vittum John R. Conti, General Manager

#### = The Akron Civil War Memorial Society =

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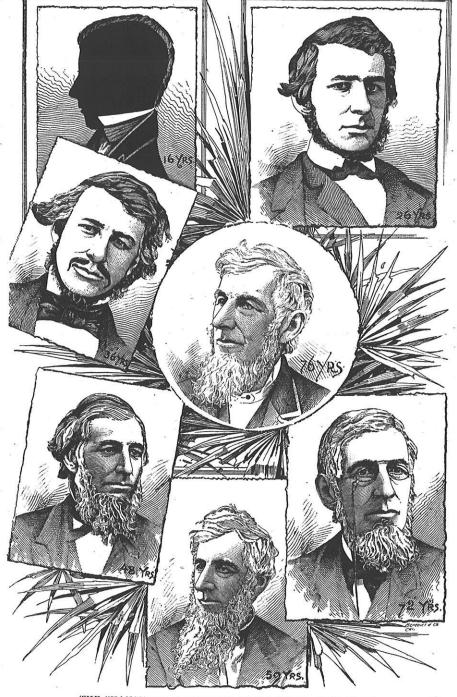
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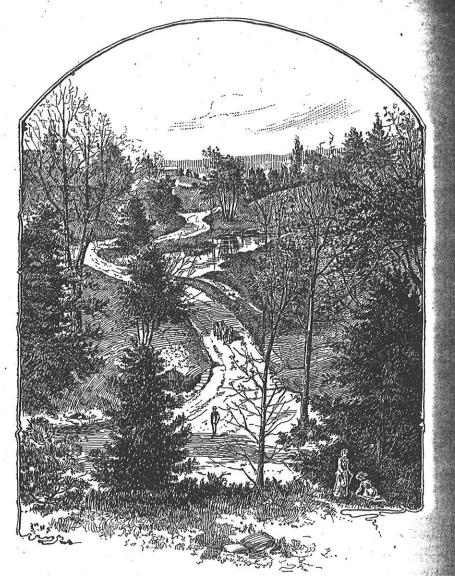
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NINE-TENTH'S OF A CENTURY OF SOLID LOCAL HISTORY—PIONEER INCIDENTS, INTERESTING EVENTS—INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL, FINANCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS, BIOGRAPHIES, ETC.

AKRON, OHIO: BEACON JOB DEPARTMENT. 1802



View in Akron Rural Cemetery from near Robinson and Howard Monuments, looking West.—From photo by George E. Hitchcock, 1891.

Saturday, May 29, 1875—being Memorial Day for that year—was thought to be a fitting occasion for the breaking of the ground for an edifice which was to be erected to the memory and valor of deceased soldiers, and arrangements to that end were made accordingly, the programme adopted being briefly as follows: \*\*\*At 2:30 P. M. the procession formed on Howard street, under the direction of Major Thomas McEbright, assisted by Emanuel P. Holloway, Capt. William C. Jacobs, Henry Young, Hugo Schumacher and George M. Wright, in the following order: Babcock's band, 15 men; Buckley Post, 50 men; Marble's band, 18 men; Akron Liedertafel, 40 men; St. Vincent de Paul's band, 18 men;

Mayor Richard P. Marvin, Jr.; members of City Council; poet, orator, citizens, etc.; Col. Simon Perkins officiating as president of

The exercises opened with a solemn dirge, by Marble's band, followed by an earnest and pathetic prayer by Rev. G. S. Weaver, of the Universalist Church, after which a male quartette, composed of Messrs. Byron S. Chase, Amasa F. Chandler, Harvey F. Miller and W. Milton Clarke, sang an appropriate song. Messrs. George H. Payne and Albert A. Bartlett, two one-armed veterans of the late war, with pick and shovel, then formally broke ground for the foundation of the contemplated new structure.

Gen. Alvin C. Voris, of Akron, delivered the oration, written in his own terse but fervid style, and spoken in his own earnest and impressive manner, closing with this eloquent paragraph:

"May this monument be fruitful of instruction to those who come after us, as well as an honored memorial to our departed heroes, giving evidence that this generation possesses the spirit of our ancestors in sufficient degree to defend the institutions they transmitted to us. All praise to the liberality and good taste of the citizens of Akron who thus honor the memory of our heroes. May we go hence resolutely determined to make, preserve and transmit to the future the best human institutions that ever mankind devised, and blessed will be our memory."

After the rendition of an appropriate song, in German, by the Akron Liedertafel, Mr. Will. M. Carleton, of Hillsdale, Mich., recited an original poem, composed for the occasion, too lengthy to be reproduced here, but which, after portraying the patriotic uprising in defense of the Union, the sacrifices and sufferings of the soldiers on battle fields and in prison pens, the tearful and prayerful anxieties and sorrows of the dear ones at home, in allusion to the annual Decoration Day observances, and the memorial structure about to be erected, said:

"And so once more we gather here, to-day,
To honor those who gave their lives away;
And so, with offering heart-felt and sincere,
We speak the tender words and drop a tear.

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When the sweet air holds out the touch of health,
And silvery blossoms promise golden wealth,
A fair and goodly portion here we save,
To mark the memory of the fallen brave.

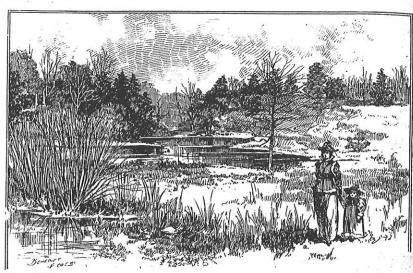
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And when this structure rises through the air,
And mingles with its memories words of prayer,
So let our hearts ring out the prayerful strain,
That those who sleep here slumber not in vain,"

A patriotic selection by Babcock's band, and the benediction by Rev. Henry Baker, of the first M. E. Church, closed the exercises of the day, the strewing of flowers upon the graves of their fallen comrades having been performed earlier in the day by the members of Buckley Post.

The work was prosecuted with such vigor that the foundation was ready for the superstructure early in July, and on Sunday, July 11, 1875, under the auspices of Buckley Post, the pleasant but solemn ceremony of laying the corner-stone was performed at 5 o'clock P. M. Prayer was offered by Rev. Carlos Smith, of the Congregational Church. Gen. Alvin C. Voris deposited in the cavity of the stone resolutions of Buckley Post leading to erection of Chapel and of building committee in regard to design of structure; roster of Buckley Post; names of building committee; copies of

Daily Beacon, containing account of breaking ground and other matters pertaining to Chapel; a confederate bank-note; a Ten nessee ten-cent bank-note; various coins and pieces of United States currency, and the Roll of Honor, containing the names of soldiers buried in the several cemeteries of the city.

AKRON AND SUMMIT COUNTY.



View in Akron Rural Cemetery, from head of Upper Duck Pond, looking East. From photo by George E. Hitchcock, 1891.

Appropriate addresses were made by Rev. G. S. Weaver, and Newell D. Tibbals, the latter, after alluding to the patriotic going forth to do battle for the Union, sadness of parting, the sacrifice of life and treasure, and the triumphant and glorious ending of the most gigantic struggle in the world's history, closing as follows:

"And what was the lesson taught? It was that this great nation was more precious than the lives of its citizens; that the rights of the people must be protected; that the unity of our country be maintained, and that henceforth our glorious flag, the emblem of our national greatness, shall float at the masthead of our vessels, on every sea, in every harbor of every civilized nation.

"Then, with feelings of gratitude to the noble dead, assembled here in the eventide of the first century of our glorious national life, in the harvest time of the year, in this beautiful home of the dead, and with the going down of the sun of this quiet, lovely Sabbath day, let us lay the corner-stone of this splendid structure, in memory of the loved ones who died for such a poble cause. Let us inscribe with their names as the sentiment of the principle. noble cause. Let us inscribe with their names, as the sentiment of the principle for which they fought and gave their lives—'Union and Liberty, now and forever, one and inseparable!'"

The chapel is built on the cruciform plan, the nave being 30 x 48 feet, the width of the transepts 42 feet, giving a ground area of 1,800 square feet. The entrance is at the east end, by five stone steps at either end of the broad porch, the entrance to the receiving vault, in the basement, being at the west end and on a level with the surface of the ground in the rear of the chapel.

The entire structure is of fine sandstone, constructed in the most substantial manner, the roof covered with slate, floor of the chapel with tile, and roof of the receiving vault with stone and

cement, with iron joists, copper roof protections, etc.; the interior finish of chapel, from floor to ridge of roof, being both substantial and handsome.



Soldiers' Memorial Chapel in Akron Rural Cemetery, erected in 1875-6. From a photo by George E. Hitchcock, 1891.

The most interesting features of the chapel are its memorial windows, the glass for which was imported from Scotland. The large chancel window at the west end, 10 x 25 feet, contains a full length representation of Col. Lewis P. Buckley, contributed by the members of the 29th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with a brief history of that regiment during the war. The large three-panel transept window on the north side represents the labors of the Sanitary Commission and Soldiers' Aid Society-the heroic sacrifice and suffering of the loyal women of America, both at home, on the field of battle and in the hospital—contributed by the Ladies' Cemetery Association, as elsewhere stated.

The three-panel transept window on the south side, placed by the Board of Memorial Trustees, on the Centennial Anniversary of American Independence, is a fitting conclusion of their unselfish and patriotic labors; the center panel contains a full length representation of Washington, with the legend: "Observe good faith and justice with all nations;" the easterly panel, the figure of the hero of Lake Erie in the war of 1812, Commodore Oliver Hazzard Perry, and his triumphant message to Gen. Harrison, September 10, 1813: "We have met the enemy and they are ours;" the westerly panel, the martyred Lincoln, with his immortal utterance in closing his second brief inaugural address, March 4, 1865: "With malice toward none, and with charity for all."

Smaller windows, with appropriate designs and mottoes were contributed by individual citizens as follows: Gen. A. C. Voris, in memory of his three brothers who died in the service; Judge Samuel C. Williamson, in memory of his brother, William Palmer Williamson, the first soldier killed in battle from Summit county: Frank O. Weary, in memory of his two young friends, Henry H. and Eugene D. Smith; friends, to the memory of Capt. Walter B. Scott; Gen. Thomas F. Wildes to the memory of his brother, John C. Wildes; Theodore Robinson and other members of the family to the memory of Virgil J. Robinson and his brother-in-law, Benjamin F. Weary, the latter being the first to enlist in Akron, and the last from Summit county killed, in the battle Appomattox, after the surrender of Gen. Lee, April 9, 1865; the east window being placed by members of the "Sixth Battery in memory of our fallen comrades"-the two Louvre windows, representing a piece of field artillery and a Sibley tent, and the large ornamental rose window in front being contributed by architect Frank O. Weary.

There are fourteen marble slabs, eight feet in height by three feet in width, upon which were inscribed, previous to dedication, the names of all of Akron and Portage township's soldiers killed in battle, or who had died, either during or after the close of the war, regardless of the place of their decease, or burial, and of all other known ex-soldiers from other localities who had died in Akron, to which has since been, and will continue to be, added those who are constantly being transferred from the ranks of Life to the grand and ever augmenting Army of the Dead.

Two twelve-pound brass cannon, donated to Buckley Post by the War Department, for monumental purposes, properly mounted on carriages are stationed in close proximity to the chapel—one on "Ordnance Hill," upon the south, and the other on a slight mound upon the west.

#### DEDICATION OF CHAPEL.

The chapel, complete in all its appointments, was duly dedicated on Decoration Day, Tuesday, May 30, 1876, with imposing ceremonies, briefly as follows:

Besides the usual decoration services earlier in the day, a large procession of soldiers, ex-soldiers, citizens, civic societies, bands of music, etc., forming on Howard street, reached the chapel at 2 o'clock p. m. After the usual preliminary exercises of prayer, music, etc., Mr. Lewis Miller, on behalf of the Building Committee, presented the structure to Buckley Post in a brief but exceedingly appropriate address, which was received on behalf of the Post, in

eloquent and fitting words by Capt. Samuel C. Williamson, who, in turn, in behalf of the Post, transferred the building to the care and custody of the Trustees of the Akron Rural Cemetery Association, in closing addressing Col. Simon Perkins, president of the association, as follows:

"To your hands, then, O, venerable patriarch of the past—the representative of the earlier, and perhaps better, days of the Republic—in the presence of these white-haired veterans of 1812, in whom, to-day, we span the chasm of a century, and shake hands with the heroes of the Revolution who fell at Lexington and Bunker Hill, and in their names, the founders of our government, and in the names of those who died to preserve it, we now confide to you these keys, the symbol of possession, in token of the transfer which is hereby made."

#### COL. PERKINS' RESPONSE.

On receiving the keys of the chapel from Judge Williamson, Col. Perkins said:

"Sir: In behalf of the Akron Rural Cemetery, we accept the beautiful and sacred trust, through you confided to us by the members of Buckley Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of this fitting memorial erected to the memory of loved ones who were offered as a sacrifice on the altar of our country, that those who survive may transmit the legacy confided to us, by our patriotic fathers, in spotless purity for generations to come.

our patriotic fathers, in spotless purity for generations to come.

"The Cemetery Association will treasure the invaluable trust you now confide to us, and will preserve it as a sacred and loving tribute to our sons, whose sacrifice was made for us and for our children after us. Allow me, in the name of the Akron Rural Cemetery Association to tender, through you, to Buckley Post, our grateful thanks for the confidence and honor reposed in us, and give them our assurance that the trust shall be preserved and protected in love and brotherly regard for our sons."

Ex-Governor Edward F. Noyes, the orator of the day, delivered one of the most eloquently impressive addresses ever listened to in Akron, but its length precludes its repetition here. A few brief excerpts must suffice:

"The occasion which calls us together to-day," said the Governor, "obliterates all distinctions of creed and platform, all inequalities of fortune and of social life. We come, indulging in a common sorrow for our beloved dead, to dedicate to the memory of departed heroes this Memorial Chapel—the work of willing hands, the offering of grateful and patriotic hearts. \* \*

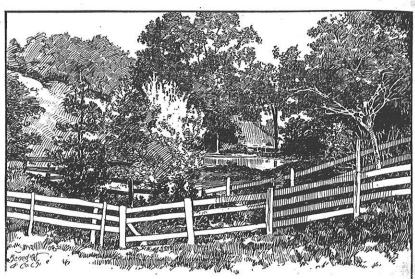
\* There is something in the death of a patriot soldier which makes it more touching and honorable than any other. \* \* \* We realize that they have died for us and for that which is dear to us; that their immeasurable sacrifice has made life, happiness and prosperity possible for us and for our children. \* \* \* As a token of our appreciation and grateful remembrance, this beautiful edifice has been erected—an honor alike to the living and the dead. \* \* \* A hundred years have passed since the Declaration of American Independence. What the coming century may have in store for us will depend upon our own deserts. A glorious future can only be secured to the people whose intelligence, virtue and patriotism makes them worthy to enjoy it. \* \* \* Looking forward, then, over the hundred years before us, to the time when our nation shall number 300,000,000 souls—when the prairies shall be changed into gardens, and the hills shall be fragrant with orchards and vineyards—when the waste places shall give way to 10,000 cities, throbbing with active life—when our commerce shall whiten every sea, and bear to distant lands the varied products of our ingenuity and skill, of labor and of thought, shall we not be incited to nobler aims and efforts than we have yet attained? So best shall we honor those whose virtues we commemorate to-day."

#### "THIS IS YOUR TEMPLE TO-DAY."

At the conclusion of Gov. Noyes' address, after a song by the Akron Liedertafel, Will M. Carleton recited an appropriate original poem, under the above title, the exercises closing with a song by

the Apollo Club, the benediction by Rev. G. S. Weaver, and music by Akron Junior Band; and Memorial Chapel has for the past decade and a half been, as it must long continue to be, an honor to Akron's soldiery, living as well as dead, an inestimable public convenience, an ornament to our beautiful Rural Cemetery, and source of perpetual pride to all our people.

AKRON AND SUMMIT COUNTY.



Lewis Miller's Duck Pond, looking East from Akron Rural Cemetery, previous to the Extension of Park Place to Glendale Avenue.

On finally closing up his accounts, it was found that in consequence of the panic of 1873, and the financial reverses resulting therefrom, a portion of the subscriptions were non-collectable, and that in settling with the contractors, and the liquidation of other claims, Treasurer Crouse, in addition to his own liberal contribution, was out of pocket just \$3,500, for which sum, by special act of the Legislature, the Council was authorized to issue the city's bonds on which to raise the money for his reimbursement, which was accordingly done; the entire cost of the structure, outside of individual contributions of memorial windows, being \$25,294.64.

Aside from its preciousness, as the hallowed resting place of Akron's departed loved ones of the past half century, in a money point of view, besides the nearly \$20,000 paid for the land; the \$20, 000 raised and expended by the ladies for the lodge and other improvements made by them; the \$25,000 and overexpended by our patriotic soldiers and liberal-handed citizens in the erection of Memorial Chapel, there has been expended by the association, at a low estimate, in improvements and care of grounds, \$125,000, while private expenditures, for lots and ornamentation, head-stones, monuments, etc., will undoubtedly aggregate fully \$300,000 more, making a grand total of money expended to the present time of nearly, if not fully, half a million of dollars, one of the most notable family monuments on the grounds, being the life-like statue of Hon. John R. Buchtel, erected under his own supervision, after becoming an invalid, as elsewhere stated.



Bell Tower, Akron Rural Cemetery.

Lots are now held at fifty cents per square foot, in sizes to suit purchasers, in the newer portion of the grounds, in which portion an additional payment of twentyfive cents per foot is required, as a contribution to the Perpetual Care Fund, for the purpose of for-ever, by accruing interest, keeping said lots in order. As the object of this fund becomes better known, it grows in favor, many owners of lots in the older portion of the grounds, either contributing outright thereto, or providing by will for that purpose, the fund at the present time (Sep-

tember, 1891), amounting to nearly \$10,000. This fund should be rapidly augmented, so that, in the not very distant future, when the income from the sale of lots shall comparatively cease, and other and more distant grounds have to be resorted to, the care and beauty of our present attractive City of the Dead, by common consent called "Glendale Cemetery," may be forever assured, without a contingency or peradventure.

#### AKRON'S PUBLIC PARKS.

In addition to Akron's beautiful Rural Cemetery, of fifty-seven acres, artistically laid out into romantic drives and walks, and always open to the public, court house square, donated by Gen. Simon Perkins to Summit county, for public purposes, in 1840, and now covered with umbrageous trees, and traversed by substantial walks, and Fountain Park, of some 50 acres, the present attractive fair grounds of the Summit County Agricultural Society, also constantly available to the public as a pleasure resort, the city itself is the owner of quite a number of not very extensive but extremely pleasant, "breathing places" in the way of public parks, as follows:

#### SOUTH AKRON OR PERKINS PARK.

The original proprietor of the land, Gen. Simon Perkins, of Warren, in platting his new village of Akron, in 1825, laid out a "public square," on the western part of his plat, embracing what is now known as Perkins Park, bounded by West Exchange street on the south, Middlebury street on the north, Bowery street on the east and Locust street on the west, and also including the capacious grounds on which the Perkins school building now stands, on the south side of Exchange street, the whole containing about five acres of ground. The larger portion, north of Exchange street, is surrounded by a substantial fence, thoroughly sodded, planted to thrifty shade trees, evergreens, etc., and tastefully laid out into walks, with seats, etc., and is greatly enjoyed by the inhabitants of that portion of the city.

#### GRACE AND UNION PARKS.

June 20, 1846, in Council proceedings, it is recorded that a motion was unanimously adopted authorizing the Mayor "to



Akron Beacon Journal

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rtis Blow, Whodini perform Aug. 3 id football festival

By Andale Gross Beacon Journal staff writer

ld-school greats from the hop music scene will share limelight with gridiron ts during the 2001 Pro Foot-Hall of Fame Festival.

lationally known rappers tis Blow and Whodini, indbreaking acts whose reling careers peaked in the s, will perform a concert ng the weekend of Hall of e Festival activities. The v will be at 8 p.m. Aug. 3 at Edward L. "Peel" Coleman munity Center, 1400 Sher-Road S.E., in Canton. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Tickets are

\$20 in advance and \$25

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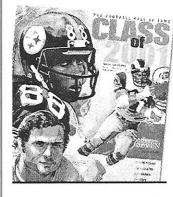
in Canton) see some real B-boying (cree dancing set to breakbeats)." he rap pioneer - whose 1980 sic The Breaks made him one ne genre's first superstars - is ing in the renewed popularif earlier hip-hop works.

I think it's a great thing," w said. "It gives us old guys ther payday. It helps us cone to live."

Vhodini member Grandmas-Dee, who spoke in a separate rview from New York City, eves fans are reaching back arlier rap because the music more honest and meaning-

'It's not the old school; it's true school," he said. "The gs I hear today couldn't be

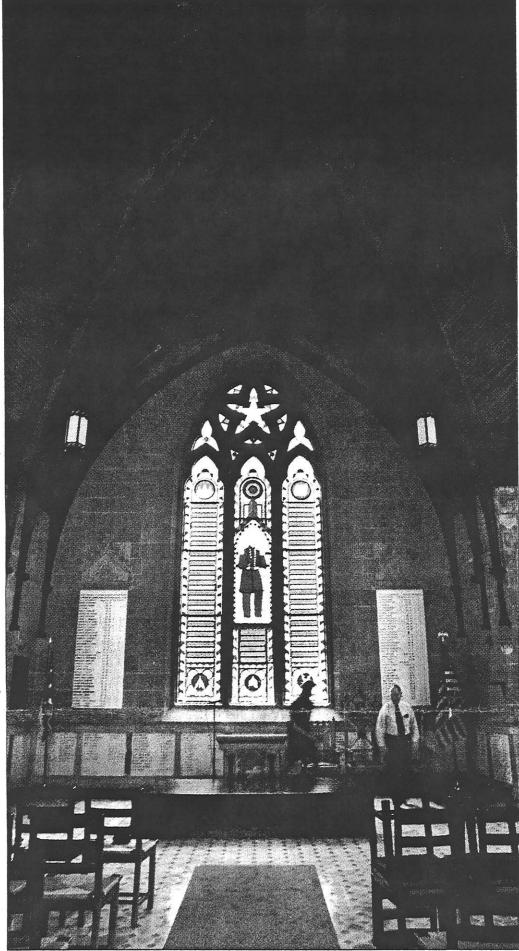
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#### **MING SUNDAY**

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The grime is gone



KIMBERLY BARTH/Akron Beacon Journal photos

Getting the Civil War Memorial Chapel ready for its rededication are foreman Ray Russell Jr. (left) and John V. Frank, who led the \$700,000 restoration effort.

# Chapel shines again

Long-awaited restoration of historic Glendale building is celebrated at cemetery

By Paula Schleis Beacon Journal staff writer

One Frank designed it. Another Frank spearheaded the effort to save it.

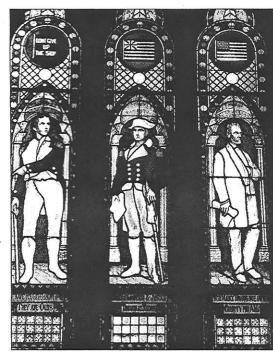
And frankly, for the first time in decades, the Civil War Memorial Chapel at Akron's historic Glendale Cemetery looks the way it was meant to look.

Yesterday, sponsors, workers and volunteers who spent the last four years restoring the once-neglected landmark privately rededi-cated the l25-year-old architectural gem.

Former Councilman John Frank, who heads a group that raised \$700,000 to repair the Gothic chapel, said even he is surprised at the change.

"This used to be the darkest, dingiest place in here," he said, looking around at the

Stainedglass windows sparkle once again inside the restored chapel at Glendale Cemetery.



sunlight streaming through sparkling stained-glass windows. "I can't believe how light and airy it is now."

In the 1870s, the chapel

was the first commission for a 25-year-old Frank Weary, who went on to transform

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# Falls mai gets pris in killing

Judge defends 7-year sentence a detective's claim that it is too le

By Phil Trexler

A veteran detective was left stunned yesterday after a Summit County judge gave only seven years to a man he believes targeted, beat and robbed a gay man, causing his death.

But the judge on the case de-

fended her sentence, insisting the man didn't intend to kill his victim and that there is some evidence the gay man's unwanted sexual advances spurred an altercation that led to his death.

James Z. Spahn, 22, of Cuyahoga Falls was facing a sentence of three to 20 years when he appeared before Summit County Common Pleas Judge Patricia A. Cosgrove.

Last month, he pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter and aggravated robbery in the New Year's Day death of James Ran-

Spahn told police he met Randall for the first time at a Front Street bar and went to the man's Cuyahoga Falls home to smoke marijuana.

Spahn said Randall made sexual advances and then attacked

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"I'm shocked, as he left the thought at least si to 12 years."

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Cosgrove met

# Funnel clou scare Medir

No damage, injuries reported in county after severe storms hit

By Craig Webb Beacon Journal staff writer

LAFAYETTE TWP.: Medina County's drought ended with a bang yesterday afternoon as a fast-moving line of severe thunderstorms spawned numerous funnel clouds, blinding winds

Golfers participating in a tournament at the Medina Country Club scurried for cover shortly after 4 p.m. when three funnel clouds danced over the course, with one small tornado

briefly touching little damage.

Medina Coun uties tracked the clouds as they across the coun city of Medina into Cuyahoga C

At the same worth police off other funnel cl community, pro to activate torna rens. The storn uirough Sharon fore it lost its fur

No damage c reported in the c icked residents phone lines at are

# Police explore new in Canal Fulton sla

Informant says Ohio prisoner admits 20

By George W. Davis Beacon Journal staff writer

CANAL FULTON: An informant says an Akron-area man in the Ohio penal system has told him and others that he killed two women, one in Colorado and the other left for dead in Canal Fulton 16 months ago.

covered more c tween Ross and : Canal Fulton Police Chief Miton residents, inc chael B. McNeely confirmed vesterday what the informant

35, also told the Journal concerr 30, 2000, slaying

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knife blades, according to Lt. Robert Jackson, Alamosa police's Support Services comSquare in such a fashion that whoever did this wanted her to be found," said McNeely, scan-

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Blaming the delay in DNA results on the implementation of a new DNA system at the

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# Chapel

# Architect went on to a national career

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Akron's skyline before embarking on a career that took him from New York to California. He designed stores, schools, courthouses, jails, churches, factories and homes.

But when the Civil War drummer boy – who witnessed the battle of Gettysburg and marched across Georgia with Gen. William Sherman before returning to school in Akron – died in 1921, he wanted to be returned to the chapel. He asked to be cremated, his ashes spread before the structure that launched his career.

Glendale Cemetery - officially known as Akron Rural Cemetery - is home to many of the area's most famous citizens. They include Akron's founder, Col. Simon Perkins; historian Sam Lane; industrialist O.C. Barber; Goodyear founder Frank Seiberling, and Quaker Oats maker Ferdinand Schumacher.

And of course the cemetery, opened in 1839, is the resting place of many Civil War veterans.

Weary's chapel is a marriage of sandstone, concrete and iron, softened with stained-glass windows imported from Scotland, colorful floor tiles made in England and ceiling timbers of polished butternut.

But time has no respect for beauty. Trees grew over one end of the chapel, keeping out the sun and holding in damaging moisture. On the other side, years of light faded the colors of the Civil War images painted into the stained glass.

Grime and soot, some undoubtedly from Akron's heyday as the rubber capital, coated the exterior. And a 1977 sewer explosion made matters even worse, shaking the foundation and causing water damage that can't be erased.

The final indignity: Rats chewed at the ceiling rafters, termites feasted on the building and a patchwork of pigeon droppings covered the roof.

When the building was closed to the public about seven years ago, Frank said, pieces of the ceiling were beginning to fall.

"We knew then we had to do something or risk losing it," he said. Local foundations and private benefactors came to the rescue,

Today, the trees have been cut down or trimmed. The windows have been releaded and retouched. The walls, floor and exterior have been chemically cleaned, repaired and resealed.

Names of 852 soldiers engraved on the chapel's 14 marble tablets have been repainted. And fragile furniture has been rebuilt.

There are a couple of things Frank Weary might have raised eyebrows at, John Frank said, calling attention to a sound system and lights.

But the chandeliers look at home, architects having carefully chosen a style reminiscent of the early days of electricity, he noted. And the speakers blend into the vaulted ceilings, the same color as the wood.

The public may get its first

look this fall. Some 100 wood chairs have been set up inside to accommodate school field trips, cemetery programs and perhaps an occasional concert.

Few, however, are likely to spot the other tiny detail that didn't exist in Weary's day, but one Frank hopes would have met the man's approval.

There were no records to show if a design was supposed to exist in a small round pane at the top of a collection of stained-glass windows that honor the efforts of women during the war. It's possible that whatever was there faded away completely, Frank said.

Now, the glass sports the emblem of the U.S. Sanitary Commission, a sort of 19th century version of the Red Cross.

"We thought it was appropriate," Frank said.

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# Storms

Golfer watches tornado skip across course

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ments, reporting high winds, swirling clouds and flooded streets.

The National Weather Service recorded rainfall of 0.17 inch yesterday at Akron-Canton Regional Airport and 0.47 inch at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport.

Medina resident Dave Groves said he couldn't believe his eyes when he saw the funnel clouds over the country club.

Groves said he was on the 13th green when "heavy rains" came pouring out of the sky. He and other golfers ran for cover under nearby trees.

Groves said the rain stopped and he was set to resume the game when the weather became worse.

"The winds started get-

ting really nasty," he said.
"Then I saw two or three
funnels hovering over the
ground."

Medina resident James Richling was on the 11th green, waiting out the storm in a shelter, when he watched one tornado touch the ground and skip across the course.

"It looked just like a waterspout," he said.

As the small twisters headed back into the sky, Groves said, golfers sprinted back to the clubhouse.

"We didn't see any more," he said. "That was enough."

This is the county's second bout this year with tornadoes.

A tornado in May cut a 7mile, 250-foot-wide path of destruction across southwestern Medina County, causing about \$1 million in damage to homes and businesses.

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"Betty," of Grand Rapids, Mich. Tuesday. Everley-Wheatly funeral home, Alexandria, Va.

# Players' attorneys to appeal poker case

Beacon Journal staff report

Six people charged with running a for-profit poker game in Akron have been convicted of illegal gambling, but defense attorneys say they haven't totally cashed in their chips.

Attorneys plan to take their argument that poker is a game of skill instead of chance to the appeals court.

"We had to fold our hand, but we're still in the game," said attorney Ed Sawan.

Each of the six charged with operating an illegal gambling house pleaded no contest in Akron Municipal Court earlier this week. They were scheduled to go on trial yesterday.

Judge Elinore Marsh Stormer found them guilty and sentenced each to 90 days in jail. She then suspended the sentences, ordered them to pay court costs and forfeit any profits they raked in during the April poker game on Carnegie Avenue.

Convicted were: Latauna R. Moneypenny of Nevin Street, Steven Jarrett of South Munroe Road in Tallmadge, Susan Buzek of East Archwood Avenue, Judy Thomas of Harrison Avenue, Matthew Maroon of Stanley Road in Fairlawn and James Sams of Manchester Road.

Four others charged in taking part in the game are scheduled to go on trial next month. Stow Meth Church. She vived 1 band of ter and Brad M daughte Bell of dren, Jo and Mi. Stow; a Dr. Gec Columb Frien

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#### **SPOTLIGHTS**

Huckleberry Finn is making waves on the stage of Porthouse Theatre in "Big River." Don't miss our review in this week's Spotlights. The section also includes a look at a new exhibit at the Cleveland Museum of Art and a review of "Planet of the Apes." For that and more, including Travel and People & Places,



## Winners crowned at Derby Downs

While no one from the immediate area emerged as victors in the 64th All American Soap Box Derby, all participants gave it their best. Find out how the racers rallied on Page 11.



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# Steam tractor explodes, killing four, injuring many at fairgrounds

Medina County Fair opens with flags flying at half mast

BY RITA JEAN WAGAR

MEDINA — The Medina County Fairgrounds was the scene of an unexpected and devastating tragedy Sunday evening, July 29, when an antique steam traction engine exploded, killing four people and injuring almost 50, including two Medina City police officers.

The 1918 Case tractor had been driven to the fairgrounds and was being backed into a spot near the northwest entrance gate when it suddenly exploded, spewing oil, steam, soot and shrapnel in

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Above: This antique steam tractor is similar to the one which exploded July 29.

Right: This piece of shrapnel — metal most likely from the exploding steam tractor - lodged up in a tree about 100 feet from the site of the explosion.

Left: Parked about 50 feet away from the explosion, this truck sustained damage to the door, fender and



# Revere levy on ballot

By J.V.W. MILLER

BATH - For the past four months, members of the Revere Board of Education, the school district's superintendent and its treasurer have learned the art of school-finance juggling. The Revere Local Schools District, not unlike many other area school districts, has been dealing with the ubiquitous dilemma of school districts statewide - how to adequately educate students and how to equitably pay for that education.

In March, Revere Treasurer David Forrest computed that the district would be \$1.4 million in debt by June 30 because of an unanticipated decline in tax revenue, per computations by the Summit County Auditor's office. Projected expenditures were studied, and by mid-May the Revere Board of Education approved approximately

\$1.8 million in belt-tightening moves to balance the books.

With the specter of more deficits looming, the board approved placing an emergency operating levy - the first such operating levy in six years on the Aug. 7 Special Election ballot to raise \$4.569 million each year for five years.

The levy would cost the owner of a home valued at \$100,000 approximately \$241 per year in school taxes — about \$20 per month — in addition to the \$842 in school taxes now being paid on a home with that market value.

How did the district find itself in the red and in need of more money from

"In Revere's case, several things happened," said Cheryl Schaetzle, administrator of tax settlement and

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### Franklin merger on ballot By MAGGIE DEMELLIER NORTON — At a special meeting July 30, during its normal summer

recess, Norton City Council approved an ordinance to add a new section to the city's charter to allow the terms of a merger between the City of Norton and Franklin Township. The charter change was necessary to allow the merger proposal to go before voters in the November General Election.

Residents of Franklin Township have been addressing Norton City Council for more than a year to ask that the merger vote be allowed. Last year, Norton formed a merger committee, which determined there was enough interest in the proposition among residents to justify a popular election.

Voters to see Norton-

Norton councilmen and members of the administration have been lowkeyed about the proposal. Neither council as a whole nor the administration has taken a stand.

"I'm not making a statement on behalf of the [Norton] administration," said Norton Mayor Amy Addis. "All we can really do is sit back and wait to see what residents will do. But my personal opinion, as a Norton resident, is that the city\_can only benefit from a merger. I feel it would offer us excellent opportunity for growth."

According to Barberton Mayor Randy Hart, who is opposed to the

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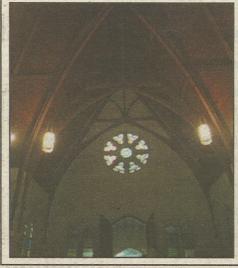
## Civil War Memorial Chapel rededicated and rediscovered By J.V.W. MILLER

DOWNTOWN AKRON - One year and one day after the

groundbreaking took place on May 29, 1875, the Civil War Memorial Chapel at Akron Rural Cemetery — Glendale — was dedicated. The dedication followed the \$22,300 spent to construct a monument (the stained glass windows excepted) to those who died, were wounded or served in the Civil War.

Times change, and the chapel became just another historic relic that fell on hard times. Damage from moisture retention, a leaking roof, wood rot in the chapel beams and general disrepair from the vagaries of time became more and

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Above: Marion Sawyer-Dibbert gazes at the window (shown in detail at right), dedicated by her great, great grandfather Gen. Alvin Voris in memory of his three brothers, all of whom were killed in the Civil War.

Above right: This memorial window, bearing the likeness of Lewis Buckley, dominates the facing wall of the chapel.

Left: The angles and arches of the restored wooden beams and newly installed chandeliers add to the chapel's historic ambiance.

Photos: Ken Crisafi





## Fairlawn residents change sides on Bancroft walk

Plus, Beres' deal for city's acreage falls through

By Laurie Schueler

FAIRLAWN - Fairlawn City Council will now have to decide which petition to accept as opponents of the installation of sidewalks on Bancroft Road have gathered signatures representing 71 percent of the lineal footage

Council debated the merits of the new petition during its July 30 Committee of the Whole meeting. The new petition joins an existing petition circulated by proponents of the sidewalks and signed by property owners representing 57 percent of the lineal footage of the street. The first petition was accepted by council in May.

According to Fairlawn Law Director Ed Riegler, the new petition, turned into council July 27, contains 14 properties that had originally signed off on the sidewalks on the first petition.

Council President James Swartz (Wad 5) said he thought the majority should rule.

"Looking at the 71 percent saying they don't want the sidewalks, to me that seems to be an overwhelming majority that are now speaking," said Swartz. "Council is interested in representing the majority."

The dispute is in Councilwoman Rosemarie Striegel's Ward 2.

"I have feelings both ways on this,"

Councilman Jerry Apple (at large) also said he was not sure where he stood on the issue.

'It's hard for me to get a handle on how this thing is going," he said, suggesting that perhaps an informational meeting for the residents might be a good idea. "It seems clear to me

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#### FROM THE FRONT

## CHAPEL

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more evident. In late 1995, the Akron Civil War Memorial Society realized the roof was in imminent danger of collapsing and the chapel doors were closed.

Six and a half years later, on July 25, the doors were reopened to reveal the restoration work which not only returned the chapel to its former glory and preserved its Victorian Gothic charm, but which added the convenience of electricity and a sound system, both installed with a minimum of disruption to the chapel's original architecture and image.

"This restoration has been a test of our community's strength," said John Frank, president of the Akron Civil War Memorial Society and the person who spearheaded the fundraising of \$727,000 to date for the restoration. "We could not permit this special place to deteriorate into oblivion."

During the late afternoon rededication ceremony July 25, Frank thanked the many people and organizations which made the restoration possible — either through monetary contributions, architectural design management or skilled work on various aspects of the structure.

The rededication not only opened the chapel doors once again, but it was a symbol of the commitment of many in the community to preserve not just the intent but the structure of the memorial. The challenge, according to Frank, is to ensure the chapel never gets in the shape it was - ever again.

The John S. and James L. Knight Foundation challenge grant for an endowment fund will help to accomplish that

"If we raise \$100,000, they will donate \$50,000," said Frank. "As of today, \$81,000 has been raised, and we are still awaiting word from others toward a goal of at least \$250,000."

The endowment, said Frank, will preserve the chapel and the history of the community which is so much a part of that chapel.

Today, we remember those who have preserved our nation," said Charles Pierson, trustee of the Akron Civil War Memorial Society, at the rededication ceremony. "We have preserved this chapel. This chapel says, 'We remember."

Remembering is easy in the Civil War Memorial Chapel. The 852 names inscribed on the walls read like a "who's who" of Akron, from Perkins and Brittain to Case, Firestone and Voris. Names, as amateur Civil War historian Michael Elliott said, that are the names of streets and schools and businesses in this community. The stained glass windows shed light on the chapel and together stand in reverent testimony to that time in this country's history. Yet, separately, they each tell stories of all the parts that make up the

There's Lt. William Palmer Williamson, killed in the Battle of Winchester, "the first soldier from Akron who lost his life in the war for the Union."

There's the window remembering Benjamin F. Weary, 31, of the Second OVV Calvary, killed April 9, 1865, at Appomattox after the surrender of Gen. Robert E. Lee. Weary is remembered in the window as the "first soldier from Akron to

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volunteer service, the last man killed in war."

And there's the window to the left of the entranceway dedicated by Gen. Alvin Voris in memory of his three brothers — Capt. Sam Voris, who died in service; Lieut. Henry Voris, who died of exposure while a prisoner of war; and Roswell Voris, who starved to death at Andersonville.

"This chapel needs to be rediscovered by our community," said Frank.

A rediscovery that will perhaps enable us to honor those who had much to do with the creation of the place we now live.



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## Church bulletin



The Musical Merrill Ministry Team

• WEST AKRON — The Rev. Michael Dudley, rector of the Episcopal Church of Our Saviour, left the community Aug. 1 to become assistant to the dean of St. James Cathedral in Chicago. Dudley will share in the priestly ministry of the cathedral with special responsibilities for welcome and hospitality, new

Park news

GREATER AKRON

Metro Parks, Serving Summit

County, will offer the follow-

ing events during August. To

register where indicated or for

more information, call (330)

live bait rigs Aug. 11 at 5 p.m. in Cascade Valley Metro Park. Participants should meet in the last parking lot of the Chuckery

Area near the Highbridge Trail-

head and join the group to fish the Cuyahoga River. Member-

ship in the Metro Parks Fishing

Club is free. Bring a fishing rod, lures and other fishing tackle.

An Ohio fishing license is required for people age 16 or

√ Join Metro Parks naturalist Mark Ludwig at the F.A.

Seiberling Naturealm, 1828 Smith Road in West Akron,

Aug. 12 at 2:30 p.m. to Build

Large-sized Bat Houses. The class fee is \$10 to purchase the

√ Metro Parks Fishing Club member Gene Bosch will talk about using live bait and

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member inclusion, pastoral care and special programs in education. For more information, call (330) 535-9174.

WEST AKRON - A Vacation Bible School will take place Aug. 6-10 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. by the West Hill Baptist Church, 605 N. Revere Road. This program is

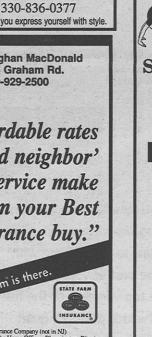
for children ages 3 through sixth

Young naturalists will prepare an exhibit or short presentation for an open house Aug. 17 at 7 p.m. This hands-on program will begin at 10 a.m. each day and end at 2:30 p.m. The fee for the program is \$25, with participants bringing a sack lunch. Registration is required.

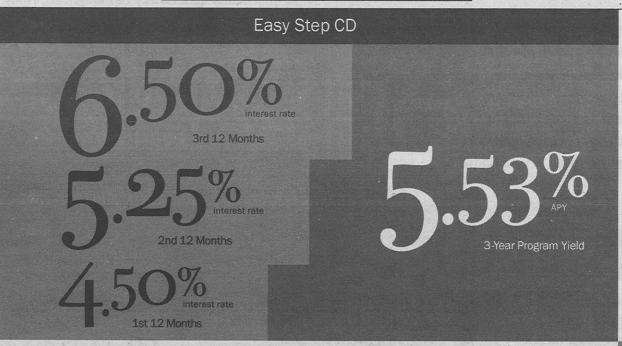
grade. The Musical Merrill Ministry Team will be back for the third year. This year's theme is "The Undercover Investigation." There will be stories, music and Bible instruction as well as crafts, recreation and refreshments. For more information, call the church at (330) 867-5127.

WEST AKRON — St. Joseph Melkite Greek-Catholic Church will host a One Day Arts & Crafts Fair Aug. 11 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the church hall. Baked goods, birdhouses, flower arrangements, food, religious articles and more

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kits (one kit per family). Tools and registration are required. √ Children ages 9-14 are invited to attend the Naturealm Naturalist program Aug. 13-16 at the Naturealm. Participants can investigate habitats, ecology

and eco-solutions of wetlands, prairies and meadows as well

as northern and tropical forests.

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