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## IMPORTANT LOCAL 860 WORK ON THE ARCELORMITTAL RAILROAD

FROM LEFT: RICH MOLNAR, BILLY HUMPHREY, AND JAMES MCCUNE, JR.

## TRAINING: THE PATH TO A PROMISING FUTURE

*A Message from Anthony D. Liberatore, Jr.*



AT LOCAL 860, WE KNOW THAT CONSTANT TRAINING and upgrading skills is the key to the future. Training leads to good pay and safe, productive working conditions. The more you know about your trade, the more marketable you will be. It's that simple.

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We have been blessed with good work recently. And that work should even get better in the coming years. In this issue, you will read about the upcoming Renewable Energy Facility at Southerly Wastewater Treatment Center in Cuyahoga Heights.

This new facility for the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS) should keep numerous Local 860 members employed over the next three to four years.

The NEORS also has several other tunnel and sewer repair projects starting this year. And its long-range Stormwater Management Program – while still in the planning stage – will result in a total overhaul of stormwater runoff to keep the environment safe and clean. No one will benefit more than Local 860 members, who will help build this elaborate system. As we get more information, we will keep you up to date about this exciting undertaking.

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We commonly consider Local 860 members to be highway and sewer workers, but some are engaged in other occupations. Our story about the hard-working railroad “gang” at Matt Construction in the ArcelorMittal steel mill reflects the diversity and skills of our members.

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Finally, as the spring construction season begins and the orange barrels are put up throughout Northeast Ohio, I urge you to take special caution while working in highway workzones. We will erect billboards cautioning drivers to be careful, but, as they say, a good defense is important. And nothing is more important to me than the safety of our members.

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Looking forward to seeing you at the summer outing at Cedar Point on July 18.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Anthony D. Liberatore, Jr.".



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## Working on the ArcelorMittal Railroad: A Unique and Vital Local 860 Activity

WHILE LOCAL 860 IS GENERALLY ASSOCIATED WITH highway and sewer work, your union represents a very special group of workers who maintain more than 70 miles of tracks, switches and other equipment on the Cleveland Works Railway Company, which is owned by and serves the ArcelorMittal steelworks on the East Side of the Cuyahoga River in the Flats.

Years ago, Cleveland steel manufacturing was booming. In the 1980s, however, LTV went bankrupt. Over the last 20 years, under different owners, Cleveland steel making has closed, opened, closed and opened.

ArcelorMittal is the most recent owner of the Cleveland steel holdings. While the company has shuttered operations on the West Bank of the River, it has reopened East Bank facilities.

In 2008, however, as the economy plunged, ArcelorMittal – the world's largest steel company – again shut down in Cleveland.

**Left: Shawn Gregg, welding**  
**Top: The Local 860 railroad team**



**Front: Richard Dixon. Standing from left: Richard Molnar, Chris Edgell, Ralph Morrison, Billy Humphrey, James McCune, Jr., and James McCune, Sr.**

Yet last fall, ArcelorMittal reopened its East Bank mill, recalling some 1,300 workers. Among those who came back were 16 Local 860 members. They are on the payroll of Matt Construction Services, Inc., which maintains the railroad within the ArcelorMittal complex.

“These men do extraordinary work,” says George Giallourakis, General Manager of Matt Construction. “Without their special skills and dedication, ArcelorMittal could not keep the steel mill operating. That is how important they are.”

The railroad connects to CSX and Norfolk Southern lines and hauls, among other freight, “bottle cars” with molten iron ore that is ultimately transformed into steel coils for use in appliances, automobiles, and construction equipment.

Tasks performed by Local 860, who have been maintaining the railway system for more than 50 years, include track gauging, bolt tightening, tie and rail replacement, switch maintenance, welding of frogs and switch points, maintaining road crossings, derailment repairs, assisting with re-railing of railroad cars and track surfacing and aligning.

Most employees have been with Matt Construction for over five years and are trained on the job. Moreover, they view safety and training videos provided by the National Railroad Construction and Maintenance Association.

The Federal Rail Administration also requires that employees be trained in track safety and on the proper way to use tools. One of the most important tasks of Local 860 members is to inspect the tracks every day.

“These well-trained, hard-working men reflect the quality of Local 860,” says Tony Liberatore. “While working for good wages and benefits, they are also contributing heavily to the economy of Greater Cleveland and our nation by building a safe and efficient rail system.” ■



Wetzel Adkins



Ryan Hanus



Left: James McCune, Jr., and Chris Edgell, right



Left: Richard Dixon, Billy Humphrey, and Dan Kellar



George Giallourakis, General Manager of Matt Construction, left, with Mallory Jackson, Field Representative of Local 860

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Richard Dixon



James McCune, Jr.



Dan Giallourakis, left, Shawn  
Gregg, right

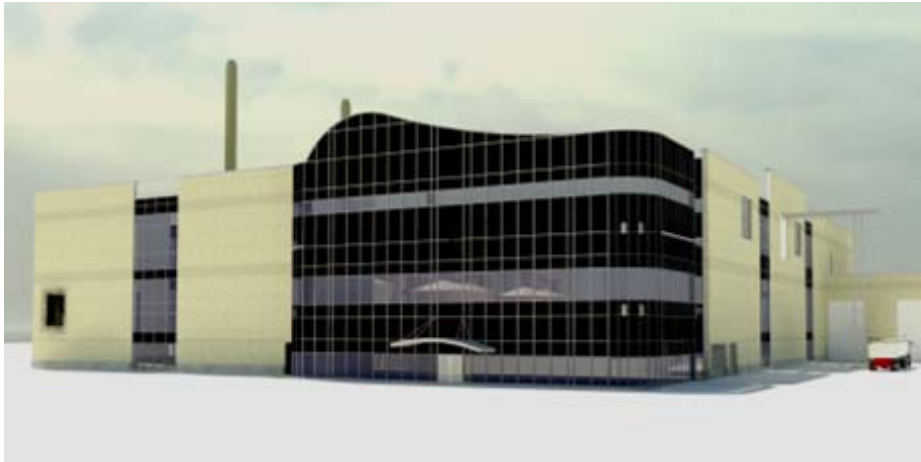


Standing: John Blackiston



From left: Chris Edgell, James McCune, Jr., Joe  
Colombo, Ryan Hanus and Dan Kellar





## Southerly Renewable Energy Facility Will Benefit Local 860 and Cleveland

THIS WINTER, THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT (NEORS) started clearing the site for one of the most progressive biosolids (sewage sludge) management projects in America: the Renewable Energy Facility at Southerly Wastewater Treatment Center in Cuyahoga Heights.

“It will be the most advanced, sustainable and economically viable biosolid disposal and renewable energy system anywhere,” says F. Michael Bucci, deputy executive director for the NEORS.

The facility also will be one of the first LEED-certified industrial buildings in Northeast Ohio. LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification is the recognized standard for measuring building sustainability while reducing negative environmental impacts.

When construction on a new 56,000-square-foot, multi-story building begins this spring, the project will employ upwards of 150 tradesmen until completion in mid-2013. This should include some 50 Local 860 members.

The NEORS, which began planning the project in 2006, estimates the full cost at almost \$150 million. This includes some \$92 million in construction and almost \$60 million to raze old buildings, prepare the construction site and buy new equipment.

The prime contractor on the project is Walsh Construction of Detroit, with one of the major subcontractors being Kokosing Construction Company of Fredericktown, Ohio.



**Preliminary work on the Renewable Energy Facility**



The new facility will dispose of biosolids, the solid material that settles out of wastewater during the treatment process. Moreover, it will handle biosolids removed from the wastewater at the Easterly Plant, and transported to Southerly via a 13-mile pipeline. The two plants process wastewater from almost one million Greater Clevelanders.

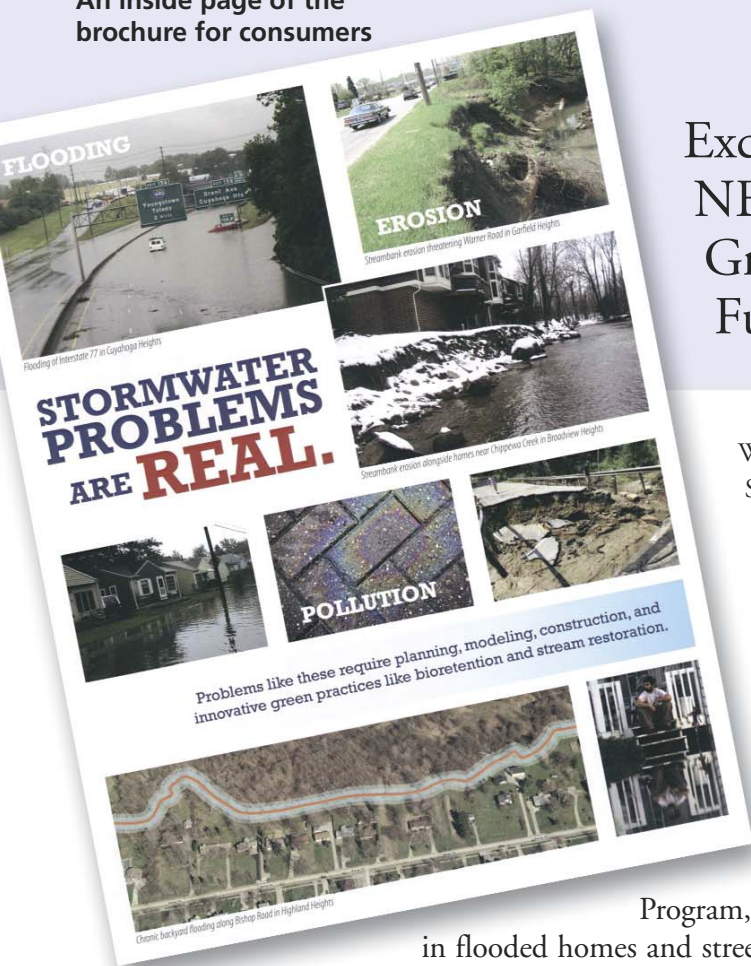
The remarkable aspect is that once operational, the excess heat from the burning biosolids will be converted to steam to power a turbine. In turn, the turbine will generate roughly 20 percent of Southerly's electrical power needs.

"This process should reduce our electricity and gas costs by \$5 million per year, guaranteeing payback for our investment," says Bucci.

Gregory L. Binder, Program Manager for NEORSD, adds that national biosolid experts who participated in a workshop in Cleveland in 2008 validated the cutting-edge technology for the plant.

"Another bonus is that the new technology will cut air emissions to 40 percent over current levels," says Binder.

Some of the foundation work has begun, and many materials salvaged from the demolition of existing facilities have been recycled or reused, including concrete and some 470 tons of structural steel. ■



## Exciting Long-Range NEORSD Project to Improve Greater Cleveland and Assure Future Work for Local 860

WHILE THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT has many key projects coming this year and in the near future – beyond the Southerly Renewable Energy Facility – it also has a special long-range and encompassing project that should enhance the quality of life throughout Greater Cleveland.

“Besides, it should keep Local 860 members working for many years to come,” says Tony Liberatore. “We are one hundred percent behind this exciting undertaking.”

Known as the Stormwater Management Program, it is aimed at controlling the stormwater that results in flooded homes and streets and adds pollutants to our waterways and causes serious erosion problems.

Stormwater has become an increasing problem because so much pavement has replaced green space that once slowed and absorbed stormwater runoff. As a result, stormwater rushes into sewers and streams, picking up debris and pollutants on its way.

Such contamination hurts our drinking and recreational water. Unlike resident wastewater that is filtered through a facility, stormwater goes into streams and then Lake Erie. Besides pollution, stormwater runoff increases the water in streams, causing flooding and erosion.

While some communities may have programs to address local issues, stormwater problems do not stop at boundary lines; solutions in one upstream area can cause problems for downstream neighbors. The NEORSD envisions a program to address intercommunity problems.

The District has proposed a stormwater fee that would pay for infrastructure, operation and maintenance. Fees would be based on square footage of impervious surfaces (driveways, roofs, parking lots, etc.). The residential average would be \$4.75 per month.

One component will be credits to reduce stormwater fees. Applicants can receive a fee reduction if they reduce stormwater or minimize pollutants flowing from their properties. ■

### Projects planned by the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District for 2009-2013 total \$1.45 billion. These include:

- **Euclid Creek Tunnel** (\$188 million). More than one billion gallons annually of stormwater and wastewater will be prevented from entering waterways once this tunnel is online. Design should be complete by mid-summer 2010, and work should begin soon afterward.
- **Tunnel Dewatering Pump Station** (\$175 million). This is near the Easterly Wastewater Treatment Plant. It will result in the pumping of combined sewer overflow from the Euclid Creek Tunnel and other tunnels at a rate of 230 million gallons per day to the Easterly Wastewater Treatment Plant for processing.



## SAVE THE DATE



**Date:**

Monday, April 19, 2010

**Time:**

10:00 a.m.

**Location:**

Cleveland State University  
Main Classroom Building Auditorium  
(map and details to follow)

**Did you know?**

- Every nine minutes someone is injured in a work zone
- Every eight hours someone is killed in a work zone
- 85% of work zone fatalities are drivers or passengers

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## Next Steps on the Innerbelt

THIS SPRING, ODOT CHOSE THREE DESIGN-BUILD TEAMS to prepare technical and price proposals for the new westbound Innerbelt Bridge.

The three teams will submit their proposals in August, and ODOT and the City of Cleveland will evaluate the technical proposals before opening the price proposals and determining the best value.

If all goes according to schedule, the contract will be awarded in September.

The winning design-build team will be required to hold public meetings to allow the community to have input on the final aesthetic details.

Construction will begin in 2011, and the span is expected to be complete by June 2014. Over those three years, Local 860 will be one of the major unions on the job.

Moreover, in subsequent years, when the contour of the Innerbelt is reconfigured, it will mean many more Local 860 jobs.



Michael Medves

## ODOT Roadwork This Spring Will Mean Local 860 Jobs

THIS SPRING WILL BEGIN A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN OHIO ROADWORK, and Local 860 will be very busy.

Projects already in progress, such as the widening of I-77, the bridge replacement at Fulton Road, and the I-90 bridge replacement in Lake County, will continue this spring.

“In District 12 alone, during the 2010 construction season, ODOT will administer close to half of a billion dollars in active construction projects,” says Bonnie Teeuwen, Deputy Director, District 12. Some of the major projects to begin this spring are:

- Interstate 90, Twin Bridge Replacement, Lake County: Major pavement reconstruction between Paine Road and the Ashtabula County Line in LeRoy Township.
- State Route 2, Modernization & Lane Addition, Lake County: Major rehabilitation between Newell Creek and State Route 44 in Mentor and Painesville townships.
- Interstate 90, Cuyahoga County: Deck replacement of State Route 2 Bridge over Innerbelt Curve in downtown Cleveland. Resurfacing from Innerbelt Curve to East 55th Street.
- State Route 17 (Libby Road), Cuyahoga County: Bridge deck replacement over Norfolk Southern Railroad and the Wheeling and Lake Erie Railway in Maple Heights.
- Interstate 271, Lake & Cuyahoga counties: Resurfacing express lanes from US Route 322 to I-90.
- State Route 44, Geauga County: Realignment of State Route 44 and Fifth Street in Chardon.
- State Route 306, Geauga County: Resurfacing and guardrail replacement between US Route 322 and the Geauga/Lake County Line.



Widening girder on I-90



Left: Ohio Laborers' Training Instructor demonstrates the proper procedure for electrofusion to the class.



Mike Piccirillo inspecting his fusion butt joint on 2-inch pipe



Kimberly Hall and Joe Czaplicki working on an electrofusion joint



Eduardo K. Qadir, aka "Q," watching the iron heat the plastic pipe for a butt connection



**Ronald J. Skillicorn working on 3-inch pipe fusion**



**Nick Furness proud of his butt fusion joint with apprentice Rynell Jackson and journeyman Joe Cass watching**



**Third year apprentice Brian Yuschak watching 15-year member (and father) Richard Yuschak**

## Training: The Path to a Good Job

SINCE THE BEGINNING OF 2010, Local 860 has offered some 13 job training and safety classes for members in our new Training Center adjacent to our headquarters on Prospect Avenue. Among them have been job safety, plastic pipe fusion, traffic control supervising, excavation safety and pipeline safety.

These classes are in addition to the special classes that all Laborers statewide can take at the Drexel J. Thrash Training Center in central Ohio.

At our Local 860 Training Center, the big, bright classroom faces the street. The chairs are comfortable. The instructor is easy to see and hear. Moreover, we have a large garage in the back for demonstrations of products and equipment. And we serve muffins and a hot lunch.

“To keep our skills sharp and competitive, our members must be as well trained as possible, and Local 860 provides training opportunities for all members,” says Tony Liberatore. ■







Traveling retired members



**From left: Dominic Olivo, Local 860 Retiree Council President; Robert Richardson, Regional Manager and International Vice President; Ralph Cole, Ohio Laborers District Council Business Manager; Terence O’Sullivan, Sr., International Retirement Coordinator and Tony Liberatore**

## Retirees Travel to Columbus for a Special Christmas Party

RETIRED MEMBERS OF LOCAL 860 traveled to Columbus the week before Christmas to attend a party with retirees from other Laborers’ locals from across Ohio.

The bus, which left Prospect Avenue early in the morning and returned in the evening, was full. “Retirees play an important role in Local 860,” says Tony Liberatore. “Many of

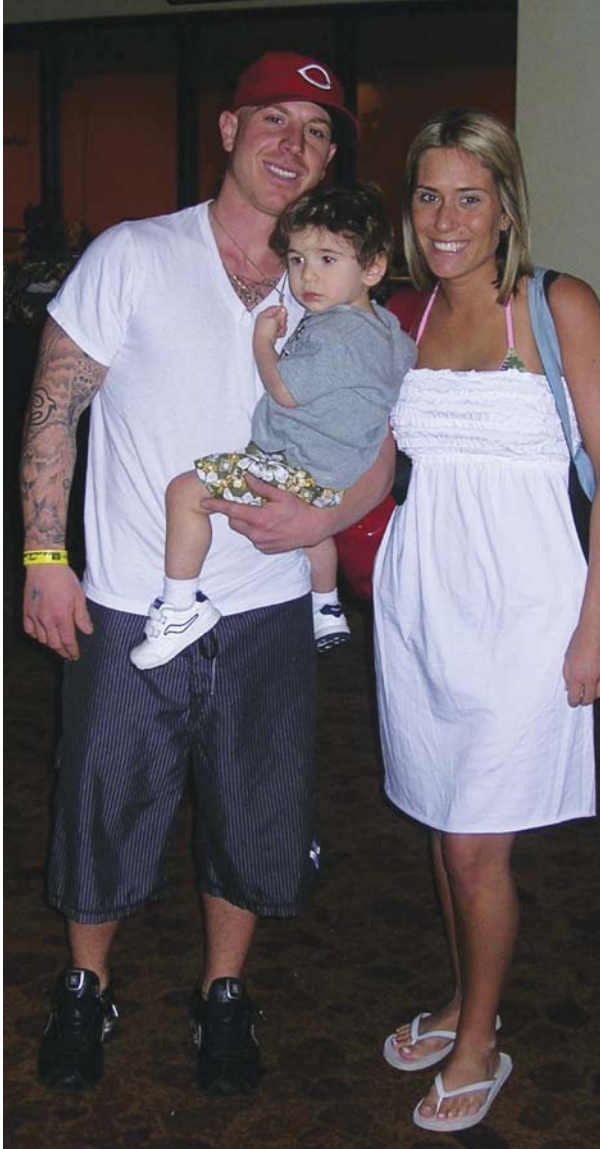
them began their career when benefits were not what they are today. Moreover, we can learn a lot from their experiences. That is why Local 860 last year formed a Retirees Council.”

Among the hundreds of statewide Laborers at the party in the Hyatt Regency was Terence O’Sullivan, Sr., father of our LIUNA president, who serves as International Retirement Coordinator. ■

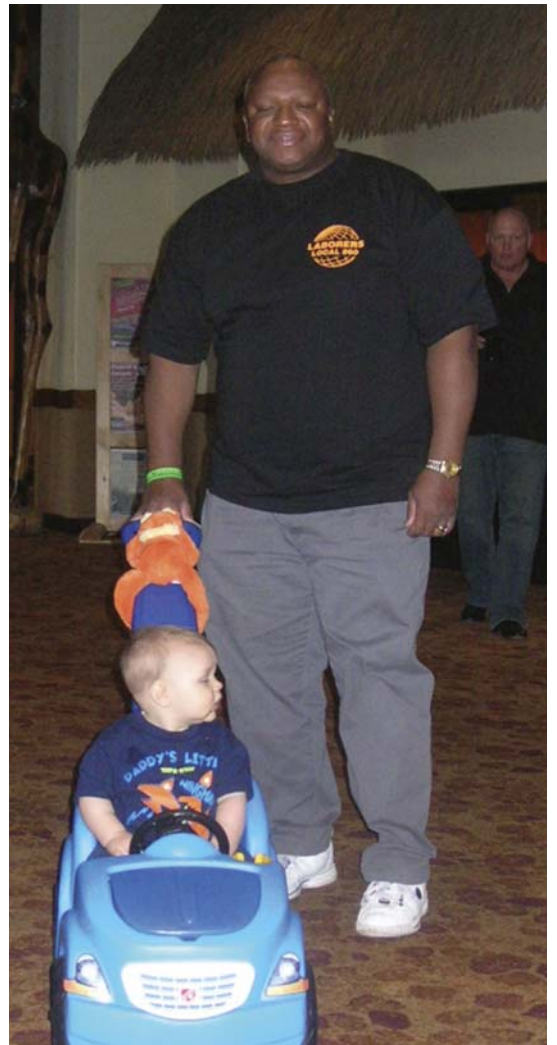
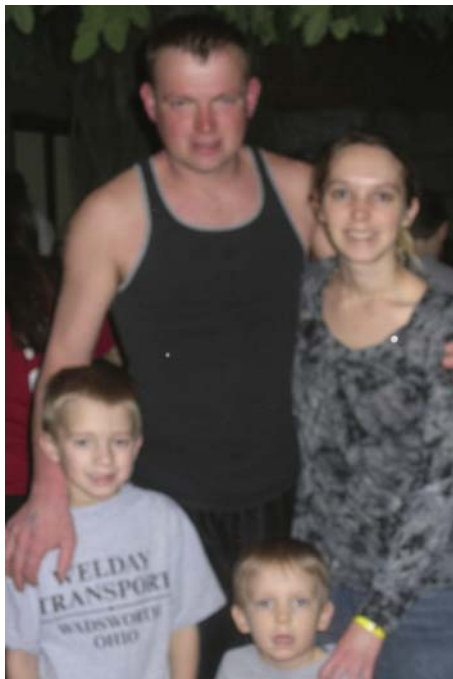
KALAHARI MID-WINTER  
FUN WEEKEND: BETTER  
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**NEWS BITS**

## Best Wishes to Our 2009 Retirees

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|----------------------|---------------------|
| Robert Abato         | Charlie Maul        |
| Eugene Anthony       | Paul McCray         |
| Kenneth Bates        | Charles McGirr, Jr. |
| Donnie Boling        | David Ness          |
| George Brazis        | Randy New           |
| Richard Colello, Sr. | Thomas Olivo        |
| Clifford Corley      | Frank Ottobre       |
| Phillip Cotton       | Antonio Palazzo     |
| Mike DelZoppo        | Larry Palumbo       |
| Robert Dilger        | Giorgio Paolucci    |
| John Filla           | Jeffrey Paris       |
| James Gill           | John Post, Sr.      |
| Michael Giordano     | Alphonsus Pupo      |
| Robert Gowing        | Angel Raphael       |
| Dale Green           | Bruce Semethy       |
| Dennis Grippi        | John Slivka         |
| Clinton Harris, Sr.  | T. Anthony Steele   |
| Joseph Jackson       | Joe Stubblefield    |
| Carl Johnson         | Andrew Szkup        |
| Jerry Kasper         | Michael Trizio      |
| John Kelleher        | Pasquale Velotta    |
| Edward Kothera, Jr.  | Michael Velotta III |
| Wayne Larkin         | Ted Walton          |
| Frank Lukasik        | Charles Wantz       |
| Charlie Maul         | Karl Weber          |

## Free Health Assessment

Medical Mutual is offering a free health assessment. To start your assessment, log onto MedMutual.com, register and log onto My Health Plan. This will link you to WebMD for your health assessment.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS



## UPCOMING EVENT SUNDAY, JULY 18, 2010

LOCAL 860 FAMILY OUTING  
AT CEDAR POINT AMUSEMENT PARK IN SANDUSKY.

Cedar Point is one of the premier family vacation destinations in the world.

Attractions on its 364 acres include 75 rides, including 17 roller coasters, a huge outdoor water park (Soak City), three resort hotels, a luxury RV campground with cottages and cabins, two marinas, miniature golf and more (Challenge Park), award-winning live shows, gift shops, delicious eateries, kids' areas, and more.

It is easy to see why Cedar Point has been voted the "Best Amusement Park in the World" for an unprecedented 12 years in a row.