



**25th Annual
Northwest Ohio Blacksmiths**

HAMMER-IN

**Auglaize Village
12296 Krouse Rd.
Defiance, Ohio**

May 6-8, 2011
Friday-Sunday

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Welcome to NOB's 2011 Hammer-In

Join us in the middle of the Black Swamp for our 25th annual Hammer-In. Our main demonstrators this year will be James Rubley and Joseph A. Bonifas. There will be something of interest for everyone. Whether you are a veteran or this is your first Hammer-In, we're sure that you will have a good time and enjoy both of these demonstrators.

Main Demonstrators:

James Rubley—Jim graduated college and went on to teach English in High School and black smithed as a hobby. In the late 60's he was offered the position of resident blacksmith at Conner Prairie in Noblesville, Indiana where he forged everything from hinges to fireplace tools with his favorite item being forged knives; every piece historically accurate.

In 1980 he took the position of Master Teacher of Crafts at Colonial Williamsburg. Jim was the primary consultant of hardware and iron on the reconstruction of the Mayflower for the Smithsonian Museum. After leaving Williamsburg he moved back to Indiana to take up knife making full time. Jim will only make knives that are historically accurate prior to 1840.

Jim was the demonstrator for the newly formed NOB—Northwest Ohio Blacksmiths 25 years ago.

Joseph A. Bonifas—Joe has worked at Shawnee School Systems, Lima, Ohio as instructor of Art since 1981. He has owned and operated Black Oak Forge since 1981, prior to that he was co-owner of Black Swamp Forge.

Joe uses the techniques of blacksmithing as a means of creating sculptures and functional works. He does items such as, interior and exterior sculptures, entry gates, railings, tables and a wide variety of specialty items; durability and longevity being the by-product of the process.

Joe has been a demonstrator for such organizations as The Artist Blacksmith Association of North America (ABANA National) and local chapters of blacksmithing in Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, California, Washington and Missouri and the Toledo Museum of Art.

Joe has a large number of pieces of his art all over the United States and also has several pieces in Japan. Joe has demonstrated for NOB in the past and always has great ideas and techniques to share.

Hands-On Demonstrators:

There will be no "hands-on demonstrators" this year because of the two main demonstrators. The forges will be available at the cane press to forge at your own time.

Iron Gallery—A space will be provided in the main barn for display items. We encourage you to bring your work for display here. There are many talented smiths attending the Hammer-In and this forum is an excellent opportunity to share ideas, discuss different techniques and maybe show off just a little.

Coal—Dennis Coal Sales will have coal available for sale on **Saturday only** from 8:00am—12:00 NOON in 50# bags. This is good West Virginia coal that they have obtained for our use.

Tailgate Sales—There is no charge for tailgate sales. You may sell anytime from Friday—Sunday, be present or have the honor system.

It takes the help of many
dedicated folks
to do the annual
NOB Hammer-In.

To list them individually
runs the risk of
leaving someone off
the list.

It is safe to say
that without all the
fine folks connected with
Auglaize Village,
and faithful NOB members
that this event
would not be possible
and we owe them a big

Thank You!

Contests:

Gallery Contest Piece

This year's contest piece will be a **Fork—Cooking or Serving**. It may be composed of a variety of materials, but must include significant forged metal elements. The rules are purposely broad to allow your imagination free reign of all the possibilities. We will award two prizes—the top two voted on by all attendees.

Two Cash awards of \$25.00 each

Your Favorite Craft

This contest is for nonmetal craft items. Anyone may enter and all crafts are welcome. Winners are chosen by a majority vote of those attending.

Cash award of: 1st—\$20.00, 2nd—\$10.00

Friday Night Food Contest—Miniatures

This year's contest is "miniatures". That's right, miniatures, bite-size, pop-in-the-mouth desserts. Any type of dessert may be made, cookies, tarts, brownies, cup-cakes, candy...but remember that you have to be able to pop-it-in-your-mouth to qualify and you must submit the recipe to enter and be able to win.

Please bring a salad to share during the anvil stew meal, and following dinner all those attending will vote for their favorite "miniatures". Prizes will be awarded to the top three vote getters in the category. Recipes will be published in the NOB newsletter.

Cash awards: 1st—\$10, 2nd—\$8, 3rd—\$5

Saturday Night Forging Competition

The details of this contest are not known until the contest begins. The winner of last year's contest, Roger King, and he is charged with the task of determining this year's contest challenge. So far there has been no hint as to what this year's challenge will be. You can be assured that it will be an interesting challenge. **Cash award of \$40.00**

Registration Piece Assistance

If you want *help* with your required registration piece, ask any NOB member and they will be happy to help you. Your

registration piece must be completed **before** the banquet so it can be entered into the raffle.

Registration Raffle Piece

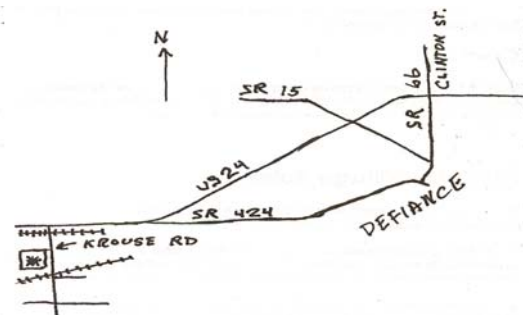
An item, *iron or otherwise*, made by you is required with your registration. The proceeds from the raffle are used to help defray expenses for the Hammer-In. Raffle tickets will be \$1.00 each.

Auction

Donations of items for auction are not required but appreciated. Only items specifically donated for auction will be in the auction. Any donated auction items would be in addition to the required registration piece.

Additional Information—For additional information please contact: Ron Sheely 9925 Rudolph Rd., Rudolph, OH 43462 419-966-3309 or at rsheely@tcco.com

Directions—24W, Exit 22/Baltimore St.-W, to Krause Rd. turn left, Auglaize Village on the right.



Motels - Are on State Route 66 (Clinton Street) near the intersection of US 24. Auglaize Village is the asterisk on Krause Rd west of Defiance.

Super 8-1902 N. Clinton St. 419-782-8000
Days Inn-1835 N. Clinton St. 419-782-5555
Comfort Inn-1900 N. Clinton St. 419-784-4900
Holiday Inn Exp-1148 N. Clinton St.
419-784-0782

Calendar of Events

Friday, Apr. 30 **All Day:** Setting Up & Open Forges at the Cane Press & Blacksmith Shop

Shelter House: Bring your anvil stew donations to the cooking pot in plenty of time for them to cook to completion by the 5:30 dinner hour. Also bring an appetizer, salad and/or dessert (“miniatures desserts” are the contest this year, see pg. 7 for details) to share; breads, drinks and paper products will be provided.

- 5:30pm** **Anvil Stew and Appetizer contest**
Bring side dish or dessert to share; “miniatures desserts” are the contest
- 6:00pm - 8:00pm** **Registration Office Open**
Barn
- 7:00pm** **SNOB Sponsored:**
Game Night Open to all
Barn
- 12:30pm - 9:30pm** **Registration Piece Assistance**
See any NOB member for assistance in making your registration piece at the
Cane Press/Blacksmith Shop

Saturday, May 1

- 6:00am - 8:00am** Barn—Breakfast available for a nominal fee
Provided by Auglaize Village
- 7:30am** **Registration Office Open**
Barn
- 8:45am** **Opening Ceremonies**
Cane Press—Invocation, Introduction of demonstrators
- 9:00am - 12:00pm** **Main Demonstrator A**
Farm Museum— Joseph A. Bonifas
- 9:00am - 12:00pm** **Main Demonstrator B**
Blacksmith Shop— James Rubley
- 9:00am - 2:00pm** **SNOBs**
Meet at the Barn—Heritage Historic Homes of Defiance & Lunch
- 11:30am - 1:30pm** Barn—Lunch
Available for a nominal fee
Provided by Auglaize Village
- 1:00pm - 4:00pm** **Main Demonstrator A**
Farm Museum— Joseph A. Bonifas
- 1:00pm - 4:00pm** **Main Demonstrator B**
Blacksmith Shop— James Rubley
- 9:00pm - 4:00pm** **Open Forge available all day at the Cane Press**

Calendar of Events

Saturday, May 1—continued

5:00pm - 7:30pm

Dinner & Awards Banquet

Barn—Provided by Auglaize Village (tickets ahead of time)
Buffet: Dinner: Hog Roast **or** Baked Chicken Breast, Potato Salad,
Baked Beans, Rolls w/butter, Dessert, Coffee & Lemonade:
Cost: \$12.00 (10 and younger \$6.00)

Contest Judging for:

Forged Gallery Item—Fork-Cooking or Serving
Favorite Craft Item
Favorite Homemade Dessert—“Miniatures”

Registration Raffle & Auction

8:00pm

Forging Contest

Cane Press—Roger King

Sunday, May 2

6:00am - 8:00am

Barn—Breakfast
Available for a nominal fee.
Provided by Auglaize Village

9:00am - 12:00pm

Main Demonstrator A

Farm Museum— Joseph A. Bonifas

9:00am - 12:00pm

Main Demonstrator B

Blacksmith Shop— James Rubley

11:30am - 1:30 pm

Barn—Lunch
available for a nominal fee
Provided by Auglaize Village

Tear-Down

Auglaize Village Rules

1. Only paid registrants displaying the proper identification badge may watch the demonstrators.
2. Children must be supervised when forging.

3. Safety glasses must be worn at all times and ear protection is recommended.

Foam ear plugs will be available.

Please make safety a primary concern for you and your family.

- * There are now 10 electric camping sites back by the pond—weather permitting.

Emergency Phone Numbers—Please note that the village no longer has a phone.

Defiance County Sheriff 419-784-1155
Penny King cell# 419-290-9281

**SNOB—
Spouse of
Northwest Ohio Blacksmith**

While SNOB is the official name, all registered family members are invited to participate.

Friday 5:30pm—

Please bring an appetizer, salad and/or dessert to share with the Anvil Stew Meal. Please note that breads, butter, honey, drinks and paper products will be provided.

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Prizes (cash awards: 1st—\$10, 2nd—\$8, 3rd—\$5) will be awarded to the top three. The pies will be published in the newsletter.

Friday 7:00pm—

The SNOBs will be hosting a game night in the barn, we had so much fun last year with the Bingo that it’s being in repeated. *All are welcome.*

Everyone is being asked to bring 5 Dollar Store items wrapped in newspaper for the Bingo Game.

Your Favorite Craft

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**Cash award of: 1st—\$20.00, 2nd—\$10.00
Saturday—**

Those ladies interested will go sight-seeing in Defiance. Heritage Walking Tours presented by the Historic Homes of Defiance. We will get to see 3-4 homes inside and out. The entrance fee will be covered but please RSVP. We will then come back to the Village for a luncheon at the 2-story log cabin. Times for the tour and lunch will be announced at registration.

Banquet Reservation—

Apr. 21 Deadline The banquet will be catered by Auglaize Village with a friend of Butch’s doing a Hog Roast. We will need to know how many people to prepare for well ahead of time. The meal will be served in the Village Barn.

If you wish to attend the banquet, be sure to get your registration in by the deadline.

Dinner: Hog Roast or Baked Chicken Breast, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Rolls w/butter, Dessert, Coffee & Lemonade:

Cost: \$12.00 (10 and younger \$6.00)

Coffee and Lemonade—

You may pay for each cup you drink individually or by one a suggested flat rate of \$3 per person for the weekend. Remember that the donations collected from beverages go to NOB’s Don Dunbar Ed. Fund.

Other Meals

The village kitchen staff will be on duty on Saturday and Sunday to serve breakfast and lunch, for a nominal fee, to those that are interested.

**Northwest Ohio Blacksmiths
24th Annual Hammer-In Registration Form
Please Print**

Name: _____ Date: ____/____/11

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ E-Mail: _____

Phone: _____ - _____ - _____ Cell: _____ - _____

Spouse/Family member's under 18

PLEASE circle if joining under Family Membership and/or attending the Hammer-In 2011.

Spouse _____ F H Child-1 _____ F H

Child-2 _____ F H Child-3 _____ F H

REGISTRATION—Hammer-In

Registration fee is required for **ALL PERSONS** over 18 years of age.

Registrations that include the banquet reservations must be **paid by Wednesday, April 20.**

Advanced registration both days	\$30.00	\$_____.
Advanced registration one day	\$20.00	\$_____.
Onsite registration both days	\$35.00	\$_____.
Onsite registration one day	\$25.00	\$_____.
Family members (list names above) _____ @ \$5.00 each		\$_____.
Spouse Project (rsvp) # participating _____		
Camping Fee (no hookup)	\$ 5.00/night	\$_____.
Saturday Evening Banquet (adv. reg. only)	\$12.00/person	\$_____ #_____
Child (10 and under)	\$ 6.00/person	\$_____ #_____

Make Check Payable To:
Northwest Ohio Blacksmiths

**Mail this completed form
with payment to:**
Ron Sheely
9925 Rudolph Rd.
Rudolph, OH 43462

Banquet Dinner: Roasted Hog OR Baked Chicken Breast, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Rolls w/butter, Dessert, Coffee & Lemonade

Choose 1 entrée—Roasted Hog #_____ or Baked Chicken Breast #_____

Total amount submitted for Hammer-In.....\$_____ **Check #** _____ **Cash:** _____

I am currently a NOB member. **Y N**

Will you set up for tailgate sales? **Y N**

NOB ANNUAL DUES

May 2011 through April 2012

Single NOB Membership	\$20.00	\$_____.
Family NOB Membership	\$25.00	\$_____.
Student-Sponsored Membership	\$10.00	\$_____.

(Those not included in a family membership ex—nephew, cousin, neighbor **Sponsored by:** _____)

Combined Total Amount\$_____ **Check #** _____ **Cash:** _____

Waiver of Liability

I'm attending the NORTHWEST OHIO BLACKSMITH'S 25th annual Hammer-In May 6-7-8, 2011. By filling out this application for the Hammer-In and paying the registration fee I am assuming all risk myself. I, the undersigned, realizing the potential hazards involved in the craft of blacksmithing will not hold the Northwest Ohio Blacksmiths—NOB, its officers, demonstrator(s), or host(s) responsible, in the event of any accident or injury incurred during an association function or at any time a sponsored activity concerning blacksmithing or metal work is occurring.

I am aware of the requirement to wear safety glasses during association demonstrations and will do so. I am also aware of the possibility of hearing damage due to the nature of the craft and accept the responsibility of taking the necessary steps to protect my hearing. It will be my responsibility to inform any family member or guest that I may bring to a demonstration, of potential dangers and advise them of all necessary precautions.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

**Northwest Ohio Blacksmiths
Registration Form
Membership expires on May 1, 2012**

Please Print

Name: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ E-Mail: _____

Phone: _____ - _____ - _____ Cell: _____ - _____ - _____

Spouse/Family member's under 18.

Spouse _____ email _____

Child-1 _____ Child-2 _____

Child-3 _____ Child-4 _____

Please note:

Member & Spouse have voting privileges in the family membership; members under 18 have no voting privileges

I am currently a NOB member. **Y N**

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Sponsored by: _____ (responsible adult over 21)

Total Amount \$ _____.

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Signed: _____ Date: _____

Safety Glasses are REQUIRED & Hearing Protection is RECOMMENDED for ALL demonstrations, open forges, meetings and hands-on classes and signed liability waiver required for membership

Office Use Only:

Check # _____ Amount \$ _____ Date _____ Received By _____