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## The Grand Finale: Haines Music Closes Its Doors

By Kay Poeth



ABOVE: Haines Music closed its doors on Saturday, February 2, 2013 after serving local music aficionados since 1965. LEFT: Owner Nevin Garrett bids farewell to business he has owned and loved for 27 years.

On Saturday, February 2, 2013 Haines Music in Hummels Wharf ended a legacy that has endured nearly 50 years. Haines Music has provided service to school bands, musicians, and music aficionados since 1965. The business provided a range of services that included selling and renting instruments, selling music accessories, and instrument repairs. Haines Music provided friendly, local service.

Haines Music was founded by Ward Haines of Beaver Springs. Ward was a percussionist in the military band and a graduate of Conn Repair School. He was

well-known and respected in the area. Local musician Bob Gift recalled, "I was a regular customer at Haines Music Store when it was on Market Street in Sunbury. I was playing in a band, 'THE VIBRATIONS' in 1965 and we bought most of our supplies from Ward Haines. I purchased my first really good guitar amplifier from Ward in 1966. It was a Fender Super Reverb amp. It had four 10 inch speakers and was the envy of most other musicians in Sunbury. I still have that amp but it is too heavy to lug around. I really liked Ward Haines. He was a kind, gentle man and very concerned about helping up-coming musicians."

The Haines Music legacy was passed onto Nevin and Pam Garrett. They purchased Haines Music from Ward Haines in 1986.

"I worked with Ward Haines for 10



years before he retired. He was like a father to me and I was like a son to him," said Nevin Garrett.

Nevin Garrett earned a degree in Music Education from Susquehanna University. He was a junior high band leader in Danville. He also worked as a professional musician and instrument repair technician. His wife and co-owner of Haines Music, Pam Garrett, graduated from Susquehanna University with a double major in English and Communications.

Reflecting on all of the memories, it was difficult for Nevin Garrett to select just one. "The move from the Sunbury location to here in 1993 was exciting."

Co-owners Nevin and Pam Garrett decided to retire after 37 years in the music business. They want to enjoy time with their grandchildren. Asked about plans for the future, Nevin Garrett smiles, "I am sure that I will find a part-time job somewhere. I may repair instruments to keep me busy!"

As for the final business days, Haines Music was a busy place. Garrett noted, "Everybody is coming in... buying and picking up instruments the past few days. It has been like Christmas here." Music Therapist Michelle Bixler mused, "Ward was a generous man. He wanted

music and instruments to be accessible to everyone. I could always depend upon Ward and Eleanor to get me whatever music or supplies I needed. After Ward passed, Nevin carried on in the same light as Ward and Eleanor. I appreciated the fact that Nevin kept the name of the store and also had Ward and Eleanor's picture hanging on the wall. Haines Music Store closing is the end of an era. Haines Music touched the lives of many in the surrounding communities and brought music into the lives of many. It will be an adjustment to not be able to go into Haines Music anymore."

Linda Kniss of Port Trevorton reminisced as well, "When I was a senior in high school, the drum major hit the side of my trombone and bent it beyond repair. Mr. Ward Haines let my parents pay monthly installments on a new trombone so I could have one my first year in college. He also gave my parents more money off for the old one than it was worth. He and his wife were special people and that feeling of concern and individual help carried over into the owners who ran it now. I was in Saturday and bought some things and just happened to look up as they reached up and took down the picture of Ward Haines and his wife. It brought tears to my eyes, because I realized how many people were touched by the kindness and help of the people who ran the store for many years. I will really miss it!"

Browsing through the music bins, Christine Oakes of Northumberland lamented, "My daughter just started playing the flute and now with Haines Music closing we don't know where to go to get supplies."

For those wondering how to fill their music needs, Robert M. Sides Family Music Centers has announced the acquisition of Haines Music. Family owned and operated for over 75 years, Robert M. Sides has grown into a Music Trades Magazine Top 100 Music Store Chain and a National Association of Music Merchants ranked Top 100 Music Store. Sides provides sales, rentals and repairs to choral, orchestral and band programs in over 300 schools in Pennsylvania and New York. They will incorporate the Haines business into their headquarters in Williamsport.

However, the store in Hummels Wharf will close. Patrons will have to travel to one of the other Robert M. Sides locations in Williamsport, State College, Wilkes-Barre, or Horseheads (NY). Sides has six repair technicians on staff and 40 employees at its Williamsport store located at 201 Mulberry Street. Customers can also rent instruments online by visiting the website at [www.rmsides.com](http://www.rmsides.com).

Rob Ensinger, a member of the Haines team as a School Service Representative since 1987, will join the Robert M. Sides team and continue to provide service to his customers.

Peter Sides stated, "We take very seriously the responsibility of maintaining and building upon the solid reputation with customers and educators built by

the Garrett Family and Rob (Ensinger). Haines Music is a natural fit in our existing business and we look forward to serving the community's musical needs for many years to come."

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# What Are The Commissioners Doing For You??

January 8, 2013

A special meeting of the Union County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, January 8, 2013.

## ACTION MINUTES

### A. MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Showers, second by Commissioner Mathias, to approve the minutes of December 31, 2012. Motion carried and all members voted yes.

### B. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Motion by Commissioner Mathias, second by Commissioner Showers, to approve payables for week of January 2, 2013 in an amount of \$233,319.13. Motion carried and all members voted yes.

Motion by Commissioner Mathias, second by Commissioner Showers, to reappoint Larry Shipton to the Union County Housing Authority Board of Directors for a five year term, January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2017. Motion carried and all members voted yes.

Motion by Commissioner Mathias, second by Commissioner Showers, to approve reappointment of Larry Seibert as second representative to SEDA-Council of Governments Board of Directors for 2013 in the Township category. Motion carried and all members voted yes.

Motion by Commissioner Showers, second by Commissioner Mathias, to reappoint Diane Meixell to the SEDA-COG Rural Planning Organization (RPO) for a four year term, January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2016. Shawn McLaughlin is your current voting member and has served in this capacity. Motion carried and all members voted yes.

Motion by Commissioner Showers, second by Commissioner Mathias, to approve Resolution Number 1 for 2013 appointing a Voting Member (Shawn McLaughlin) to the SEDA-COG Rural Planning Organization (RPO) for a four year term, January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2016. Shawn McLaughlin is your current voting member and has served in this capacity. Motion carried and all members voted yes.

Motion by Commissioner Mathias, second by Commissioner Showers, to approve Resolution Number 2 for 2013 establishing tax collector commissions. Motion carried and all members voted yes.

Motion by Commissioner Showers, second by Commissioner Mathias, to adjourn to a Salary Board Meeting. Motion carried and all members voted yes.

The regularly scheduled meeting reconvened.

Motion by Commissioner Mathias, second by Commissioner Showers to adjourn to an Election Board Meeting. Motion carried and all members voted yes.

The regularly scheduled meeting reconvened.

Motion by Commissioner Mathias, second by Commissioner Showers to adjourn to an Executive Session for a real estate litigation matter. Motion carried and all members voted yes.

The regularly scheduled meeting reconvened.

Motion by Commissioner Showers, second by Commissioner Mathias to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and all members voted yes.

Union County Commissioners  
Diana L. Robinson  
Chief Clerk

## 3 Vans On The Road 2 More On The Way For Usta Commute

The Union / Snyder Transportation Alliance (USTA) is pleased to announce the new Vanpool Service is on the road with three (3) vans and (2) two more are on the way. The Vanpool Service began in May 2012 as an addition to the paratransit services currently offered by USTA. The Vanpool Service was funded as a pilot project with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to purchase two 10-12 passenger vans, each at a cost of \$31,600. The two vanpools established routes to State College along the Route 45 corridor and to Harrisburg along the Route 11/15 corridor. In December a third van was added and now travels the Route 11/15 corridor to Harrisburg. Because of overwhelming support, two more vans are scheduled to arrive by mid-March.

USTA's vanpool service is one of only five currently operating in the Commonwealth.

According to PaCommutes, a PennDot sponsored website, fuel costs driving 20 days per month, 120 miles per day, are \$384. In addition to fuel savings, commuters save "wear and tear" on their vehicles. Commuters especially appreciate relaxing, napping or reading as well as not driving their personal vehicles to work.

Vanpool participants, including the driver, are responsible for deciding who will drive and where they are picked up and dropped off. Drivers assume additional responsibilities for collecting the fares, keeping a travel log, ensuring the vehicle is maintained, and filing reports. The fare paid by the participants covers fuel, insurance, and operation costs. The program also guarantees a ride home in case of an emergency while a commuter is at work.

As one commuter summarized, "not having the stress of a long, lonely daily commute has been a life changer. My eleven year old car can stay on the road until my retirement in a few years."

USTA currently has openings on two vans, one to State College and one to Harrisburg. The monthly fare is \$160 to State College and \$170 to Harrisburg. With two new vans arriving in mid March, new vanpools are now forming. Commuters to Williamsport are looking for riders. To form a new vanpool, several commuters should be headed to a similar destination at similar times. Often folks who work together explore a new vanpool. If you are interested in joining an existing vanpool, or if you are interested in forming a new one, please contact USTA Commute at 1-877-877-9021.

# Dairy News

By: Dawn Franck

January has passed and February is upon us. With winter more than half way over but the coldest part firmly rooted this year over Central Pennsylvania, the spring thaw is something everyone is looking forward to. Hopefully everyone has been following through with their New Year's Resolutions. With the Pennsylvania Farm Show behind us, I have to give my sister Shawna a shout out for raising the Reserve Champion Middle Weight Crossbred Market Hog at the show. Although she didn't take overall Reserve, she did a phenomenal job with her project and I am so proud of her. Also, my "sister" dairy princess Michala Kuhlman from Rome, PA was awarded her Keystone Degree and the Pennsylvania FFA Star Farmer at our winter convention. There is only 1 star farmer a year per state so my heart filled with pride for her as well. Afterwards I found out her mother Connie had also been a Star Farmer in Vermont. I wonder what the probability of that happening is?

This winter hasn't been as kind as last year was and with all the snow days we've had, I'm afraid we might be making days up during our summer vacation. The days off have been fun though and my brother, sister and I have enjoyed spending that time together. During one of those days off, when it was just too miserable to be outside enjoying the hill in front of our house on the sled, I was watching television when a commercial about milk came on with the beautiful Salma Hayek. It made me think...Why do I drink three or more servings of milk a day? Was it because of the marketing with celebrities or happy cows from California? No, even though the cow commercials are pretty funny. Was it because of my dairy farming heritage? Well, I must admit, that has something to do with it but it wasn't the reason. About that time, Mom got up and went to the kitchen. With that familiar sound of the refrigerator door gently shutting and my mom sitting back down in her chair with a glass of milk, it dawned on me. SHE is the reason I drink milk and eat dairy products. My whole life, all 17 years of it, my mother has been my role model and taught me what I need to know. From washing my hair to teaching me responsibility and getting homework done on time to making healthy choices, Mom has shown me the way.

Studies show that children will follow their parents lead. And with the decline in children drinking milk and getting the calcium they need to grow and stay strong, it's important for parents to be good role models. Some parents are concerned that giving their children flavored milk such as chocolate milk isn't good for them and is high in sugar and calories. Chocolate milk or any flavored milk has the same 9 essential nutrients as white milk. And chocolate milk has half the sugar that soda or fruit juices have. Comparing soda and juices to milk may also have your family reaching for milk more often. An 8 oz. serving of fat free milk fortified with vitamin D is 80 calories and provides us with the nine essential nutrients our bodies need to grow. The same 8 oz. of soda is 100 calories and will only give us 3% of the phosphorus we need compared to 20% with milk. Fruit juices have about 120 calories and about 2% of the potassium we need where milk gives us 11%.

So in the end I find myself asking, "Am I turning into my mother?" I can only hope so!

During the month of January, we celebrate my mother, Grandmother, Uncle John, Aunt Billie Jean and Cousin Megan's birthdays (all from the 23rd to the 26th). One of our favorite cakes is Chocolate Cake with Peanut Butter frosting. While you can make whatever chocolate cake you want, this is the Peanut Butter frosting you've been waiting your entire life to try. And my great grandmother had the recipe all this time!

### Peanut Butter Icing

- 1 Cup MILK
- 2 TBSP. Corn Starch
- ½ Cup BUTTER, softened
- ½ Cup Crisco
- 1 tsp. Vanilla
- pinch of salt
- ½ Cup granulated sugar
- ¾ Cup and 2 TBSP. Smooth Peanut Butter

In a saucepan over medium low heat, heat milk and corn starch until it bubbles and becomes thick. Stir constantly with a whip. Let cool (you can put it in the refrigerator to help cool it quicker.)

Add the remaining ingredients and mix until completely blended. Spread over a 9x13 cake or 2 - 9 inch round cakes.

During the winter, when days are short and time seems to pass by too quickly, my mother makes a lot of casseroles. This is one of our favorites. It works great as a meal but can also be a side dish at a potluck dinner.

- Scalloped Potato and Ham Casserole
- 4 Cups thinly sliced Potatoes
- Paprika
- 3 Cups flour
- 1 stick BUTTER
- Salt and Pepper to taste
- 1 jar Hot Mustard
- 1 ½ Cups MILK
- 1 lb. Ham

Arrange potatoes on the bottom of a casserole. Put onions on top. Sprinkle with flour, salt, pepper and paprika. Dot with 2 tablespoons of butter. Add ham and 1 teaspoon of hot mustard. Continue to add layers as above. Scald 1 ½ cups of milk and pour over the layers. Top with more ham and sprinkle with paprika. Bake at 350° F for 2 hours.

## Library hosting Baked Potato Fundraiser

The Herr Memorial Library is hosting a baked potato fundraiser from 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 2 at the Mifflinburg Fire Station—325 Chestnut Street, Mifflinburg.

Enjoy a baked potato bar with the works—from the standard potato toppers to some that are slightly unconventional—a salad, drink and dessert. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$6 for children ages 4-10, and children 3 and under are free.

Tickets can be purchased at the library located at 500 Market Street, Mifflinburg. For more information call 570-966-0831 or visit the website at [www.herrlibrary.org](http://www.herrlibrary.org).

## Farm Bureau Commiserates Food Check-Out Week

The Union county Farm Bureau will be celebrating Food Check-Out Week from February 17-23, 2013, as a means of recognizing that growing and raising wholesome food is a farmer's top goal, and that Americans enjoy a food supply that is among the safest, most abundant and most affordable in the world. Our farmers provide the highest quality, healthiest food possible. Pennsylvania farmers are committed to producing safe, abundant and healthy food and the Farm Bureau is helping consumers find solutions to eating healthy on a stretched budget. Food check-Out Week will be observed through a charitable donation of food and money and other needed items for Pennsylvania's six Ronald McDonald Houses in Pennsylvania. Here in Union and surrounding counties, Farm Bureau is proposing donations to the Ronald McDonald House in Danville.

"The Ronald McDonald House is a wonderful program that provides needed resources and services to members of our community" said Union County Farm Bureau President Lavere Hook. It takes a lot of support from various groups to provide this charitable service for our area. It's a perfect way for us to recognize the bounty of our farmers in the valley."

A contribution of food or funds to the event can be made by contacting Susan Hauck at 966-3760. The donated items will be presented to the Ronald McDonald House in Danville during the Food Check-Out Week program on February 19th. Or you can personally drop off items at the Ronald McDonald House at 100 North Academy Avenue in Danville the morning of February 19th.

The Union county Farm Bureau is a farm and rural organization that advances agriculture and provides cost-saving services to its members in the county and the state.

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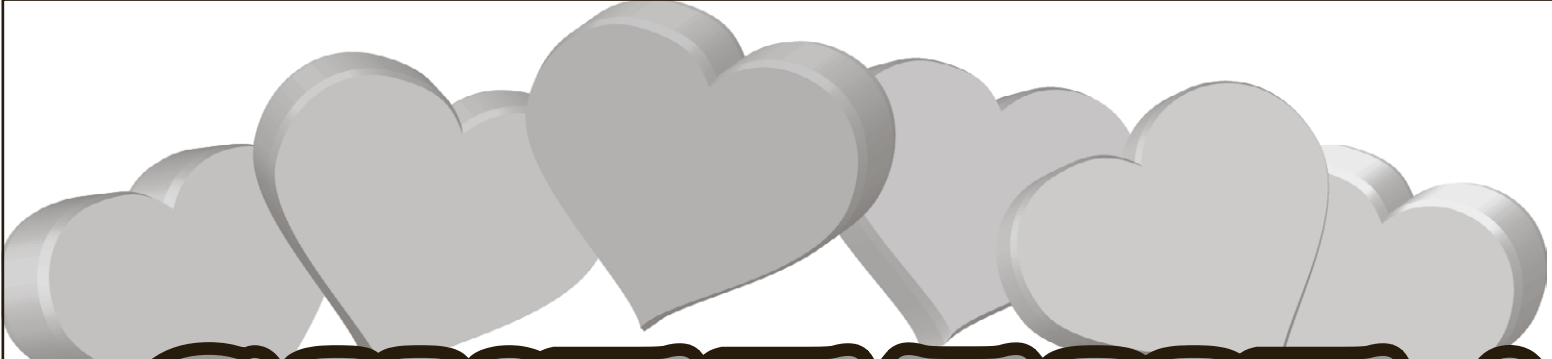
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