

Click Here For More Info
JACK MATIA CHEVROLET
 1100 E. Broad St., Elyria
AN AMERICAN REVOLUTION



THE CHRONICLE-TELEGRAM
Chronicleonline

AccuWeather.com
77°F
 Elyria

Type keywords here
 Search our website

TRIBAL PURSUIT
 Indians' baseball from the perspective of a fan

Contact Us | Top Stories | Classifieds | Local News | Obituaries | Sports | Subscribe | Business Directory | >> Log in or Register [RSS](#) [Feed](#)

Sunday June 15, 2008

>> LATEST VIDEOS

- ▶ GOBA Attempts Record in Wellington
- ▶ LCADA New Facility Tour
- ▶ SUV Sheers Pole on Murray Ridge Road
- ▶ Edmund Fitzgerald Maiden Voyage
- ▶ Amber Johnson Survives being hit by a truck
- ▶ Teens seriously injured when semi hits van
- ▶ New Homeowner's Association Disallows Kids Playset
- ▶ Building wall collapse in Lorain

>> GET GOING

- ▶ Home
- ▶ Get The Chronicle
- ▶ Advertise with us
- ▶ Contact us
- ▶ Headlines widget
- ▶ FAQs
- ▶ Jobs here
- ▶ Milestones
- ▶ Newspaper in Education
- ▶ Obituaries
- ▶ Ohio news portal
- ▶ Online Forms
- ▶ Subscribe
- ▶ Weather

>> MARKET PLACE

- ▶ Business Directory
- ▶ Classifieds
- ▶ Display ads/coupons
- ▶ Especially for Seniors
- ▶ Garage sales
- ▶ Have you heard?
- ▶ Healthy living
- ▶ Laminated prints
- ▶ Local dining menus
- ▶ Special sections

>> ZAP2IT TV LISTINGS

- ▶ Zap2it TV listings

>> PHOTOS AND VIDEOS

- ▶ Chronicle videos
- ▶ Homes Plus videos
- ▶ Photo gallery
- ▶ Order photos

>> CHRONICLE FORUM

- ▶ Chronicle blog page
- ▶ Patti Ewald blog
- ▶ Bruce Bishop blog
- ▶ Tribal Pursuit

>> DAILY DIVERSIONS

Chief Justice won't get involved in Family Court issue

Brad Dicken | The Chronicle-Telegram

ELYRIA — Ohio Supreme Court Chief Justice Thomas Moyer said Friday he isn't standing in the way of efforts to derail a planned merger next year of the county's Domestic Relations and Probate courts.

Moyer said while he supports a Family Court, he views the issue as a local budgetary decision.

"When it becomes a local funding issue, I tend to step back," Moyer said following a speech in a poverty law seminar at Lorain County Community College.

State Rep. Joe Koziura, D-Lorain, who has been trying to convince fellow legislators to repeal the 2005 state law that will merge the two courts, said he's been told by Ohio House Speaker Jon Husted that Moyer has worked behind the scenes to keep the Family Court alive in Lorain County.

Koziura's bill is stuck in committee, but he said Friday he may try to add it to another bill in the fall when the Ohio House reconvenes.

He said he might also try to introduce a bill that would require all probate and domestic relations courts to merge across the state.

"If it's such a great idea, everybody ought to do it," he said.

Moyer said he had thrown his full support the Family Court idea when it had widespread support from county officials a few years ago. That has since changed, and most county officials now oppose the idea.

County Commissioner Ted Kalo said the county simply doesn't have money to pay for the \$650,000 to \$750,000 in new personnel the change will require.

"We can't afford to do this," he said.

If Koziura and his allies in Columbus can't find a way to stop the change from happening, it will go into effect when Lorain County Probate Judge Frank Horvath retires in February. His likely replacement, Assistant Lorain Law Director Jim Walther, is running unopposed in the November general election.

Lorain County Domestic Relations Judge David Basinski, a strong supporter of the Family Court concept, said he doesn't believe Koziura will be successful and when Walther takes the bench, it will be as a Family Court judge.

"I'm still hopeful," he said.

Moyer urged the attorneys attending the seminar – sponsored by the Lorain County Bar Association and the Legal Aid Society of Greater Cleveland – to continue to volunteer their time to help those who can't afford to hire attorneys.

Jessica Baggett, managing attorney for Legal Aid's Lorain County office, said last year that nearly 800 clients were helped by her office and local attorneys volunteering their time. She said she hopes that number will grow this year.

Moyer said that helping less fortunate clients was vital, particularly with the foreclosure crisis.

"Their cases are no less real than those of a high-paying client," Moyer said.

The AbbeWood
 Senior Living Community
 1210 S. Abbe Rd., Elyria
 (440) 366-8980
 www.Abbewoodretirement.com

Lorain Public Library System
Dazzle your mind!

RUSSELL
 REAL ESTATE SERVICES
 RussellRealty.com
"Bringing MORE to the table!"
If You Really Want to Learn Real Estate, Call 1-800-847-1606
 (up to \$1500 reimbursed for class fees)
This Week's Feature Home
 View Virtually EVERY home available locally & nationally ...
 RussellRealty.com

YOUR TV

Stewart's
 Really Personal Service
 Home Appliances • TV • Audio
 Since 1946
468 Cleveland Street Elyria
 Elyria/Lorain: 365-7321
 Toll-Free 800-589-6532
 Home Appliances • TV • Audio
 www.stewartappliance.com

- » Sudoku
- » Word Search
- » Local gas prices
- » Grocery coupons
- » Place the state
- » Yellow pages

Contact Brad Dicken at 329-7147 or bdicken@chroniclet.com.

- [Add Yahoo](#)
[Add Bloglines](#)
[Add MSN](#)
[Add Google](#)
[Mark Del.icio.us](#)
[Mark Digg](#)

>> MISCELLANEOUS

- » Amber alert
- » Community links
- » Road Construction
- » Sheriff Sales
- » American Profile
- » Parade.com
- » Relish Magazine

Filed by **Brad Dicken | The Chronicle-Telegram**
 June 14th, 2008 in **Local and State**.
 Popularity: 2%

- [Email this story](#)
- » [Print this story](#)
- » [Read comments and discuss this story](#)
- » [Report an inappropriate comment](#)

>> ARCHIVES

June 2008

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					
« Jun						

In order to comment, you must agree to our [user agreement and discussion guidelines](#).

You must be registered and logged in to post a comment. If you aren't already registered, [click here](#). If you are registered, [click here](#) to log in.

Write a Comment

Name:

E-mail:

Website:

Your comment:

Submit

- » [JUNE 2008](#)
- » [MAY 2008](#)
- » [APRIL 2008](#)
- » [MARCH 2008](#)
- » [FEBRUARY 2008](#)
- » [JANUARY 2008](#)
- » [DECEMBER 2007](#)
- » [NOVEMBER 2007](#)
- » [OCTOBER 2007](#)
- » [SEPTEMBER 2007](#)
- » [AUGUST 2007](#)
- » [JULY 2007](#)
- » [JUNE 2007](#)
- » [MAY 2007](#)
- » [2006 AND PRIOR](#)

» Put our headlines on your web site

© 2008 Chronicle-Telegram | Next-generation publishing powered by **NewsPhase** and integrated by **Best Technology Strategy LLC**.