

# Mom's Newsletter

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## Liz and Joan Form ABBA Tribute Band

*"Take a Chance on Us" says Anni-Frid-Joanie*

(Shieldsville) Taking a moment from their hectic autumnal tour, Mamma Mia 2015, the members of the newly-formed ABBA tribute band, **ABBA-Dabba-Doo**, checked in from the West Shieldsville Casino and Diner to fill in the family on the comings and goings. "It was a tough summer," said **Agnetha-Liz**. "The fight with **Mike Dapper**, the funerals, the tension with the big city cousins and the disputed Husband of the Year award."

In July, the girls got a call from **Björn-Cookie** and **Benny-Jeff Herring** and decided to get form a family band based on the high number of ABBA devotees. Joanie nodded as she used ice out of the pitcher to receive ongoing treatment for a recent hamstring pull during her enthusiastic rendition of "Waterloo" at the Steele County Fair. "Getting old is a bitch," sighed the still-blondish grandmother, "I got to hydrate more and stop all this jumping malarkey when I sing."

Family kudos continue to come into their New Market based offices heralding their first world tour. Their manager, **James "Snapper" Batchelder**, is confident the quartet can be on the road through the end of 2015 with only pauses in the schedule to plan a Thanksgiving dinner for their favorite brother/cousin. "They are still pretty spry," said Batchelder, "Hey, they are not getting any younger but it seems a lot of people want to see the gals in their jumpsuits so maybe at the next family reunion we can knock off a few of the hits."

## L.B. Miller Copyrights Phrase *Cashes In on the Family Credo*

(Las Vegas) "We will be billionaires," screamed **William "L.B." Miller's** personal assistant **Tammy Long**. "L.B. has copyrighted the 'There is No Trouble Like Pecker Trouble' phrase made famous by former Matriarch Jane Miller Sears." The great nephew was tired of all the potential revenue which was left on the table and decided to make a move.

**L.B.** (see right) is shown at the right modelling one of the initial styles and promises that all "the shelves will be filled with NTLPT™ merchandise for the upcoming holiday season. "The family is completely behind my venture and they are only demanding a ten percent pre-tax profit on all product," said the Gulf War veteran.



**Lorrie Beyl** represented the family for the negotiations and showed a distrust of her close relative. "It is nothing personal about Little Billy, I mean L.B., but this is not my first rodeo. The family lost millions on **Grandpa Bing's** "Popcorn Fart" Hairdryer™ line and I was just making sure we got a fair share."

## Sound of Music Closes Due to Cast In-Fighting



(New York) The cast and crew of the family production of the Sound of Music was informed that the show will be shuttered due to in-flight between cast members. "I will not work with that maniac," fumed **Jill Lohrmann** when discussing the director (and husband) **Dean Lohrmann**. "His off-stage 'direction' (finger quotes) was ham-handed, his bias towards **Mike** was obvious and his 'style' was dictatorial. He should have cast himself as a Nazi....the Nazi."