

## Homeless or jobless, but not voice mail-less

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DEFIANCE — Utility advocates and social service officials unveiled a new service this morning for people without homes or phone service in their homes.

People living in the 419 area code service area can access a free voice mail service and messages, the Ohio Consumers' Counsel announced today.

The counsel, Leader Technologies Incorporated, the Ohio Benefit Bank and other agencies are sponsoring the program.

Leader Voice Mail provides a way to be contacted by potential employers, find a place to live or maintain contact with family, medical services and social service agencies, the counsel said.

People who live in Allen, Ashland, Auglaize, Crawford, Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Huron, Lucas, Mercer, Morrow, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Richland, Sandusky, Seneca, Van Wert, Williams, Wood and Wyandot counties can use the service.

Users are given phone numbers unique to them at which others can leave messages. Users retrieve messages by calling a toll-free number or using the Internet on a computer with speakers.

**Read more about this story in Wednesday's The Lima News.**