

Auditor Kovack's Weekend Update

September 19, 2018

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Greetings,

Congratulations to the **Medina High School Lady Bees soccer team** - they snapped Walsh High School's 107 game home winning streak last week. Outstanding job, ladies! Read the Gazette article [HERE](#).

Brunswick High School was recently featured on "Ramona's Kids" on news channel 19. The feature was on students making donations to paint parking spots at the high school for charity. See the clip [HERE](#).

The county, state and nation will hold a general election on Tuesday, November 6th. The deadline to register is October 9th and absentee and in person voting begins October 10th. [You can even register to vote online now!](#) Don't be left out - make sure you're registered and express your opinion this November.

Residents of the **Buckeye Local School District** are asking for community member input on their Strategic Plan. Resident can take the survey [HERE](#). Residents are also invited to participate in a community meeting Tuesday, September 25 from 6-8 pm at Buckeye Junior High. We've got excellent schools in our county - help keep them that way! ;)

Congratulations to **Neo Sim**, senior at Buckeye High School, who just recently attained his Eagle Scout rank with Boy Scout Troop 500 in Mallet Creek!

Interested in advertising your community event in the Weekend Update? Just email us the information to mkovack@medinaco.org! We typically only list events two weeks out, so be patient! ;)

Enjoy this outstanding Ohio weather this week!

Mike Kovack

It happens very often that one tries to do something and fails. He feels discouraged, and yet he may discover years afterward that the

Medina County Income Slips a Notch

Medina County's median household income in 2017 dropped by 3.8 percent even though residents still can boast that they live in one of the most prosperous counties in Ohio.

According to the latest U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey, Medina County ranks fourth among the state's 39 most populous counties with a median income of \$71,360. All amounts have been adjusted for inflation.

The Census Bureau released its detailed look at America's people, places and economy with new statistics on income, poverty, health insurance and other topics.

"The American Community Survey provides a wide range of important statistics about all communities in the United States," **David Waddington**, Census Bureau Social, Economic and Housing Statistics Division chief, said in a statement. "It gives communities the current information they need to plan investments and services."

Waddington said retailers,

very effort he made was the reason why somebody else took it up and succeeded. I really believe that whatever use I have been to civilization has been accomplished in the things I failed to do than in the things I actually did.

Senator George Norris, Nebraska

Power of the Purse with a Twist



The America Red Cross Power of the Purse event is now a Facebook Live event at **Red Cross** at **noon on Wednesday, September 19**. For every VIP Ticket you purchase, you'll have an opportunity to receive one of many numerous gifts. [INFO](#)

Cub Scout Car Hop



Get a car hop meal from the Club Scouts, **Saturday, September 22, 4 to 7 pm**, at the United Methodist Church, 195 Broad St., Wadsworth. \$5 meal includes hamburger or two hot dogs, chips and lemonade. \$2 for a root beer float.

Ledges to Lake Race



Combine passions for running, kayaking and cycling at the Cleveland Metroparks' Ledges to Lake Adventure Race in the Hinckley Reservation, **Sat., Sept. 22**. Start with a 3.3-mile run around Hinckley Lake, then paddle a kayak 1.5 laps around the lake and finish by biking 9 miles on a closed route. **Registration - 7:30 am. Race - 9 am**. For more information, call 216-341-1704.

[INFO](#)

Buckin' Ohio Final Rodeo of Season



Buckin' Ohio, 8154 Garman Rd., Creston, presents their final rodeo event of the season - the 2018 Finals Tournament of Champions on Saturday, September 22. **Gates open at 4 pm with show at 7 pm**. Bull riding, barrel racing, mutton busting - fun for the whole family. Admission. [INFO](#)

homebuilders, fire departments and city planners rely on the annual statistics.

Medina County's median household income in 2016 was \$74,180, about \$2,800 more than households reported as income a year later.

Read **Bob Finnan's** full story at the [Gazette](#).



Medina councilwoman Parnell-Cavey stepping down

Laura Parnell-Cavey's tenure as Ward 1 councilwoman will last less than a year.

She announced her resignation after the Medina City Council budget meeting Wednesday night at City Hall.

Parnell-Cavey, who defeated incumbent Brian Hilberg and challenger Kevin Consiglio in the November general

Liverpool Spirit Walk



The Liverpool Historical Society presents their annual Spirit Walk, which showcases historical events from Valley City and Medina County. On **Saturday, September 22 groups depart every 15 minutes between 6 pm and 8:30 pm** rain or shine from Mill Stream Park in Valley City. \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 5-12. Tickets available at Medina Buehlers stores and at event. Call 330-483-3038 for details.

Johnny Appleseed Festival



The 45th Annual "Johnny Appleseed Festival" runs **Saturday, September 22 10 am - 7 pm and Sunday, September 23 10 am - 6 pm** at Mapleside Farms, 294 Pearl Rd., Brunswick. Enjoy entertainment on different stages, handmade crafts, and mouth-watering food including our signature Apple Butter Barbecue Ribs. Pumpkin Village will be open for you to take a walk through the corn maze, slide down the super slide, enjoy a relaxing hayride through the orchard, and spend some time playing in the jump park! Admission \$14, 55 & Over \$7, 2 & Under FREE. [INFO](#)

DogFest Walk 'n Roll



Canine Companions for Independence, a national non-profit that provides highly trained assistance dogs to children, adults and veterans who have disabilities invites the public to DogFest Walk 'n Roll, **Sunday, September 23** from **1 to 4 pm** in Medina Square. Registration is free. [INFO](#)

1 Book, 1 Community Author to speak



Shelley Pearsall, author of "The Seventh Most Important Thing" will make a presentation **Tuesday, September 25 at 7 pm** at the Medina Performing Arts Center, 851 Weymouth Rd., Medina. The book was featured as the "One Book, One Community" selection for this year. The event is free & open to the public and a book signing will follow. No registration required.

election, is moving to Montville Township Nov. 1. Members of City Council must live in the ward they represent.

She was sworn in in January.

"This was not my intention," she said. "I truly enjoyed the experience."

Parnell-Cavey, 42, said she's has found two good candidates who will apply for the soon-to-be-vacant spot: **Jess Hazeltine**, administrative assistant at the Recovery Center of Medina County, and **Suzanne Sharp**, who works at Cleveland State University.

Parnell-Cavey and her husband, Ben, thought they had found a house in Ward 1, but someone beat them to it. She has lived in Medina 17 years and has two adult daughters. Her husband has three children. She is a native of Michigan.

"I swore I would never run for office," she said. "I swore I'd never move out of my house (on Homestead Street). Like my mom said, 'Never say never.'"

"It's sad leaving the city of Medina."

Parnell-Cavey has immersed herself in the community since joining council.

Juvenile Detention Center Art Show

Medina County Juvenile Detention Center is holding a silent auction of art pieces created by youth at MCJDC, **Thursday, Sept. 27, 3 - 7 pm** in the gymnasium at the Detention Center, 655 Independence Dr., Medina. Live music, ice cream. For more information, contact Ron Stollar at 330-722-9301 or Megan Millikin at 330-722-9302. Proceeds benefit the MCJDC art therapy program and The Children's Center of Medina County.



SPCA Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Kitten Krazy/Quick Fix is holding its annual "Spay-ghetti and No Balls" dinner, **Friday, Sept. 28, 6:30 - 10:30 pm** at Williams on the Lake, 787 Lafayette Rd., Medina. Live auction, 50/50 raffle, silent auction and more. Tickets are \$25. **Tickets must be purchased by September 20!** [INFO](#)



Oktoberfest in Medina

Join St. Paul's Episcopal Church and Hofbrauhaus Cleveland for Oktoberfest on **Sunday, September 29 from 1 - 9 pm!** The Hofbrauhaus-Cleveland will be selling: Bavarian pretzels, brats, sauerkraut, bier cheese, roasted chicken and apple strudel. There will be a Biergarten, Weingarten, German bands from 1-6 pm & a rock band 6-9 pm., and a kids corner with obstacle course and other activities. Pre-sale admission \$7, \$5 for kids. Admission day of event \$10. [INFO](#)



Mo' Mojo Performance

ORMACO presents internationally acclaimed Mo' Mojo a hard driving, high energy "**Pawdi-Gras Band,**" **Saturday, Sept. 29.** Join the fun at James R. McIlvaine Performing Arts Center at Wadsworth High School. Zydeco dance lesson on stage with the band begins at **6:45 pm.** **Concert at 8 pm.** Tickets are \$20 online. A portion of the proceeds benefits the Wadsworth Alumni Association Scholarship Fund.



Made in Medina County Day - Factory Tours



She owns Cool Beans Café on Public Square.

Read **Bob Finnan's** full story at the [Gazette.](#)



Brunswick may outlaw feeding deer

City officials want to stop community members from feeding deer and other wildlife in the area and believe a new ordinance may be the answer.

The idea of making this kind of generosity illegal in Brunswick was first brought to Council in May, but it wasn't presented to Council as a resolution until recently.

"The idea came forward in the spring via the animal control officer who approached me with the idea due to the complaints he'd been investigating," Brunswick Police Chief **Brian Ohlin** said Thursday.

"So, he provided a sample ordinance ... that was similar in nature to addressing this problem, and so we brought it to the Safety Committee and then they reviewed it

The Medina County Economic Development Corporation is celebrating **National Manufacturing Day, Friday, October 5**, by hosting **plant tours at 17 sites across the county beginning at 8:30 am with the last tour going out at 2 pm**. There will be a **gathering at 4 pm** that same day at BW3's, 5050 Eastpointe Dr., Medina to celebrate manufacturing.

Participating manufacturers include: Blair Rubber Co., Seville; Chickmaster, Medina; Clampco Products, Wadsworth; Columbia Chemical, Brunswick; Controls, Inc., Sharon Township; Firststar, Brunswick; Fire-Dex, Medina; Fuserashi International Technology (FIT), Valley City; IMT, Brunswick; Knott Brake, Lodi; Plastipak, Medina; Remington Products, Wadsworth; Rico Manufacturing, Medina; Rohrer Corporation, Wadsworth; Root Candles, Medina; Sandridge Foods, Medina; Sealy Inc., Medina; and SFS Intec, Sharon Township. Reservations for plant tours are a must! [INFO](#)

Other Events:

Thursday, September 20

Tea & Trends is a luncheon held from 11:30 am - 1 pm at Western Reserve Masonic Community, 4931 Nettleton Rd., Medina to **benefit the Brunswick Schools journalism program**. Tickets are \$20. Entertainment, door prizes, raffles. Contact cindischneider@aol.com, 216-780-4135 for info.

Come shop or sell at Northeast Ohio's Largest **Baby, Kids' & Maternity consignment sale**. Free admission & parking. Runs through Saturday. Thursday **9am-7pm**, Friday 9am-7pm and Saturday 8:30am-5pm. Medina County Fairgrounds 735 Lafayette Road, Medina. [INFO](#)

Friday, September 21

Join the Recovery Center of Medina County for the Blurt's Foundation **Big Blurtathon** to share your story or simply come to support those affected by mental illness, noon - 4 pm at 538 W. Liberty St., Medina. [INFO](#)

Saturday, September 22

Rolling Thunder presents a POW/MIA Day program, "The Cost of Freedom" at the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery. **Ceremony begins at 1 pm** at the Committal Shelter. For info, call 330-723-0116.

Ride a historic Cleveland streetcar at the Northern Ohio Railroad Museum (NORM), 5515 Buffham Rd., Seville, weather permitting. **Depart every hour from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm**. Enjoy a walking tour of our grounds and extensive collection as part of your visit. Fares are \$4.00 for

and discussed it."

Residents are complaining to the animal control officer that the food is attracting animals other than deer, such as raccoons and skunks, and creating a nuisance in neighborhoods, Ohlin said.

At-large Councilman **Brian Ousley** said the Safety and Environment Committee wanted to take the summer to evaluate their options.

"There have been instances where it's bringing up to 40 white-tailed deer up to these feeders.

"There's also been aggressive doe with their young," said Ousley, who is chairman of the committee.

Ousley said the animals have caused some fear among residents.

Read **Alyssa Alfano's** full story in the [Gazette](#).



Adults (13+), \$2.00 for Youth (6-12), age 5 and younger ride free when accompanied by an adult. All aboard! [INFO](#)

Bennett's Corners Community United Methodist Church (47 W. 130th Street in Hinckley) is holding a **Spaghetti Dinner** from 5 to 7 pm. Guests will enjoy delicious dinner fight baskets for auction and games. Cost is \$8 per person. Proceeds from ticket sales will be shared with Western Reserve. Call (330) 225-5623 to make reservations by Sept. 14.

Friends of Wadsworth Trails will host its autumn night hike on the Trolley Line Trail, **7 - 9:30 pm**. The hike will begin at the south parking lot at Miller Field off Chestnut Street. The guided hike will be two miles and will be lit by lanterns and the stars and moon. For more information, call Madeline Schwab at 330-336-7337. Rain date is Sept. 29.

Medina Early Childhood PTA will meet at the Medina Library, Community Rooms A & B at **9:30 am**. Babysitting provided free of charge. [INFO](#)

The **Lodi Police Advisory Board** is sponsoring a Texas Hold 'Em at the American Legion Lodi Post 523, 120 Bank St. **Doors open at 6 pm; game starts at 7 pm**. Proceeds will go to the Lodi Police Dept. to help their officers better serve the Lodi community. For more information, call Charlie at 330-948-1027.

Sunday, September 23

The **Liverpool Township Train Depot and Museum**, 6615 Center Rd., Valley City, will be **open to the public from 1 - 4 pm**. There currently is a special display on Valley City hand rolled cigars, which were quite popular in the area at the turn of the century.

Canvas & Cider Night at the Medina County Recovery Center, 538 W. Liberty St., Medina. **Begins at 6 pm**. Join us to create a fall themed canvas while sipping on some fresh cider! Free and open to the public. All materials provided by the Recovery Center of Medina County.

Monday, September 24

St. Ambrose Women's Guild will host its annual salad luncheon, **11:30 am - 2:30 pm** in Hilkert Hall, 929 Pearl Rd., Brunswick. Enjoy more than 40 salads plus sandwiches, door prizes, basket raffles, entertainment. Price is \$17. For tickets, contact Connie at 330-220-8036 or Joanie at 330-273-4229.

Tuesday, September 25

Project DAWN (Deaths Avoided With Naloxone) is an overdose education and Naloxone distribution program held at the Medina County

Statewide bike route could pass through Brunswick

The Ohio Department of Transportation has been working to create a bike route throughout the state and Brunswick may soon become part of the route.

Caraline Griffith, program management transportation engineer with ODOT, said the goal of the bike system is to connect 17 major cities throughout the state. The route will offer cyclists a way to traverse the state, seeing new sites in different communities along the way.

The bike trail is not a construction or maintenance project, said Griffith.

The city will not be funding this project and will not have to maintain it. ODOT will even cover the cost for signage on this trail.

Monday was the first time the route was publically shown in Brunswick.

Wadsworth and Medina have already signed off on the route.

"So, a little bit of background," said City Manager **Carl**

DeForest. "A few months ago, we got an email ... from an ODOT representative that that

Health Department, 4800 Ledgewood Dr., Medina, every Tuesday through December at 4:30 pm. Participants learn how to recognize the signs and symptoms of an opioid overdose, perform rescue breathing, administer Narcan & more. There is no charge for the program, which is also offered in Wadsworth. [INFO](#)

Thursday, September 27

Get great products at great prices at the Summa Wadsworth-Rittman Auxiliary Book and Gift Sale, 8 am - 4 pm in the Medical Records Hallway at Summa Health Wadsworth-Rittman Medical Center, 195 Wadsworth Rd.

Buzzard Cove Haunted Barn opens for the season at 7pm. Putt Putt Open and Ice Cream will continue thru Haunted Barn Season October 28. Admission. 1053 Bellus Rd., Hinckley. [INFO](#)

The Medina County American Association of University Women (AAUW) will host a **salary negotiation seminar for women at 7 pm** at the Medina County University Center, 6300 Technology Lane, Rm 314, Medina. In 2009, women one year out of college were paid, on average, just 82 percent of what their male peers were paid. Take steps to change.

Friday, September 28

Unity of Medina is hosting Armand and Angelina, A Musical Variety Show, **7 - 8:30 pm** at 787 Lafayette Rd., Bldg. D. \$20 Suggested Love Offering.

Saturday, September 29

The 14th annual Knights of Columbus **Clambake at Camp Paradise**, 4283 Paradise Rd., Seville, starts at 5 pm. Orders must be pre-paid by September 24 to Knights of Columbus #4168, c/o Jim Sienlawski, 131 N. East St., Medina, OH 44256.

Hayrides, Pumpkin picking and fun at Boyert's Farm, 7171 Wooster Pike, Medina from 1 - 5 pm. Children and adults can enjoy the autumn air, open fire pits and a tractor-pulled hayride to the pumpkin patch. Select the perfect pumpkin to carve for Halloween, then return to the barns to roast marshmallows by the open fire, enjoy cider, play at the hay maze and wander through the barns & grounds visiting our animals. \$10 for ages 7 & up, \$7 ages 6 and under. Continuing dates through fall. [INFO](#)

Sunday, September 30

Learn about pet obedience training, get your pet a free nail trim, have your pet pose for a drawing and so much more at the **It's a Dog's Life Pet Resort, Daycare and Spa Open House, 10 am - 2 pm**, at 245 S. Medina

they wanted to establish a bike route through this area that would provide some connectivity to businesses and get some people biking through this area."

However, the route provided by ODOT runs along Substation Road, which doesn't fulfill the idea of connectivity in Brunswick.

Read **Alyssa Alfano's** full story in the **Gazette**.



Tom James is a Local Medina County Legend

For the past 25 years, as director of the Medina County Park District,

Tom James has enriched the lives of thousands of county residents.

In 1993, when James came to Medina to serve as parks director, the district had only five parks on 1,000 acres and 10 employees. Today, 35 employees work in 14 parks on a total of 6,500 acres.

James was born in

St., Medina. For more information, call (330) 952-2522.

Rolling Thunder presents "**Gold Star Mothers' Sunday**", a program to honor and remember those who gave all. Ceremony **begins at 1 pm** at the Gold Star Families' Memorial Park, 3874 Columbia Rd., Medina.

"History of Medina Schools and Students" will be presented by local historian and author Gloria Brown and Roger Smalley at **1 pm at the middle stage at Medina High School**, 777 E. Union St. Attendees will learn the history through lecture, video and music.

5th Annual Quarter Mania!! Join the Brunswick Band Parents Organization auction while enjoying lunch. **1 - 5 pm at Goodyear Big Barn, 697 Pearl Rd.** Tickets are pre-sale only. Cost - \$10/person (includes lunch, 2 auction paddles, and list of items for auction). For more information, contact Stephanie Zadzilka at szadzilka@gmail.com.

Wings & Wheels 2018 features vintage and experimental aircraft, automobile exhibitors, Sharon Township Fire & Rescue Services, University Hospitals' MedEvac Team, food, music, tours of Medina Airport's History of Flight and other family activities, 10 am - 3 pm at Medina Municipal Airport (Route #18 - 2050 Medina Rd). [INFO](#)

Hinckley Fire Department "Touch A Truck" event from 1 - 4 pm, 1616 Ridge Rd. See and sit in many trucks, watch Life Flight land, food/drink for purchase, spray a fire hose, safety trailer, more! [INFO](#)

Tuesday, October 2

Berkshire Hathaway Home Services Kovack Realtors are sponsoring a **community shredding day between 9 am and noon**. A mobile shredding unit will be at 3637 Medina Rd., Medina. Bring no more than 4 full boxes of documents for free shredding as a community thank you.

Wednesday, October 3

The Medina Twp Police Department will be participating in the **National Coffee with a Cop Day from 7 - 11 am** at Yours Truly Restaurant, 3725 Medina Rd., Medina. The police will provide souvenir coffee cups while supplies last, compliments of Chief Arbogast and the department.

Medina County Police Athletic League (MCPAL) Fall Mix & Mingle from 5 - 7 pm. Enjoy an evening with friends of MCPAL at the beautiful Blue Heron Event Center! Tickets are \$40.00 and include 2 drinks and appetizers. There will be a silent auction and live music. [INFO](#)

Dennison, Ohio, and grew up in the neighboring town of Uhrichsville in Tuscarawas County.

James graduated from Claymont High School in 1968 and attended Kent State University, from which he graduated with a degree in special education and elementary education in 1973. He taught special education in the Dover School District for five years.

James credits the growth of the park system to several factors. He thinks that because people moved to Medina County due to its rural flavor, they wanted to preserve open spaces and natural resources. They realized that "once it's developed, it's gone." This led residents to vote for local tax levies -- the primary economic support for the parks.

Another boost in funding was the advent of the Clean Ohio Program.

Read **Mary Jane Brewer's** full story at Cleveland.com.



Rainbow Bridge

Saturday, October 6

American Legion Post 202, 620 N. Broadway St., Medina, is hosting a free **paper shredding event from 9 am to noon**. Old flags may also be brought for disposal. No plastic, no ring binders. Donations appreciated.

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Walk draws passionate crowd

Dog barks could be heard throughout the ceremony that paid tribute to all the pets that have been loved and lost during the seventh annual Rainbow Bridge Walk at Buckeye Woods Park on Sunday afternoon.

The event was founded by Medina resident **Char Arthur** after she attended an Alzheimer's walk shortly after losing her dog.

"When I got home I was reflecting on how powerful that was for all the people there because they were with other people who understood," Arthur said during the event Sunday. "Losing a pet was so painful, but there is nothing built into society for me or anybody else to address that grief."

The event was sponsored by Medina County Auditor **Mike Kovack**, who said his office is full of animal lovers and decided to get involved with the walk to provide some administrative assistance to Arthur.

"We are very involved with dogs and actually almost everybody in my office has pets too, so we have all lost pets ... it can have a big effect on you," Kovack

[SubStation](#)

Employment Opportunities

Click on links below for more opportunities.

Police Eligibility Test - Brunswick Hills, Hinckley, Medina Township, Montville and Westfield Village Police Departments are administering an Entry Level Test for the position of Police Officer. Taking this test will place you on all five eligibility lists. Test administered 10/17. [INFO](#)

Rec Center Program Specialist - The City of Medina looking for an individual involved in all facets of rec center programming. [INFO](#)

Asst Gymnastics Coach - Wadsworth High School seeking varsity assistant. Contact bmusgrave@wadsworthschools.org & apply at [INFO](#)

Substitute School Aides & Attendants - Wadsworth City Schools. [INFO](#) or call 216-767-5608.

Wadsworth Library - Seeking customer and team focused candidates for Associate in our Adult and Multimedia Services department. 20 hours a week, starting pay rate of \$12.56 an hour. [INFO](#)

General Labor, Production Worker - Established local company with Production Labor Opportunities. Learn and Grow. Start at \$12 per hour. OT available. We promote from within to key career positions. [INFO](#)

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said Sunday.

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Havener's full story
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