

Auditor Kovack's Weekend Update

April 18, 2018

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Greetings,

It's always nice to hear about folks who enjoy receiving our "Friday Update." Had the opportunity to run into **Dave & Gwen Wilson** from Brunswick at the HANDS Foundation's "Sing Into Spring" event this past weekend as well as **Linda Wuthrich** of the "new" Black River Ruritan Club at **Skylar Dawson's** Eagle Scout ceremony out in Homer Township. Thanks for being loyal readers!

Early voting has started for the May 8th, 2018 primary. You can either vote in person at the Board of Elections at 3800 Stonegate Drive (Around the corner from Kohl's) in Medina until Sunday, May 6 ([Early Voting Times](#)) or you can request an absentee ballot to vote from home. You can see all the ballot issues and primary elections in the story at the bottom left. Don't forget to vote! It's your first and foremost right!

Did you suffer any flooding damage to your basement with our "April Showers?" You may be able to have the damages removed from next year's tax bill. Make sure to file a ["Destruction of Property Form"](#) with our office.

Like to color? This is the last week to get your drawings in for the Pet-Tacular! Coloring Contest - and it's for [ADULTS](#) as well as [KIDS](#)! Click on the links to enter for great prizes!

Congratulations to Highland seniors **Dagny Sacksteder** and **Madelyn Young** who captured 1st and 3rd place in the Medina County Art League's Art Education scholarship competition this year!

Have a great week!

Mike Kovack

**Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any other.
Abraham Lincoln**

AAUW Book Sale



Annual used book sale features hundreds of books for adults, young adults and children at reasonable prices. Also, DVD's, audio books and puzzles. Large selection of cookbooks and art books this year. **Sale is**



Arrest made in death of Margaret Douglas

A 17-year-old Wadsworth High School student was arrested Monday in connection with the death of 98-year-old **Margaret Douglas**.

Police said Douglas' body was discovered April 9 in a closet in her home, concealed by various items and clothing. It is believed she died April 6 in the early morning hours.

Wadsworth Police Lt. **Dave Dorland** said while police are still waiting for the autopsy results and an official cause of death, it is believed Douglas was strangled.

Dorland said at first there did not appear to be any visible signs of trauma to Douglas' body.

"It wasn't until we had a detective that was present during the autopsy and received information from the doctor who performed the autopsy as to what actually did kill her," Dorland said.

According to a Tuesday police statement, the teen

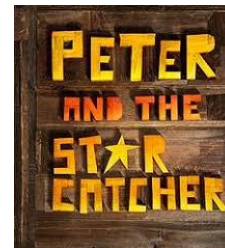
April 18 through Sat. April 21 at 4891 Grand Shop Ave in Medina from 11 am to 7 pm. [MORE INFO](#) All book sale profits go towards local scholarships and educational projects.

Australian Tenor Brad Cooper Performance



Dynamic performer and well-known Australian tenor, Brad Cooper engages in genres, from Opera to Crossover, from Early Music to Romantic and Modern. His shows play to packed audiences in England and Australia. Expect traditional Australian songs that will be new to U.S. audiences. Event is **April 19, at 6 pm at Highland Library, 4160 Ridge Road in Medina**. Call (330) 278-4271 for details or to register.

Peter and the Star Catcher in Medina



Medina High School's Drama Club presents the enchanting backstory of how Peter Pan came to rule Neverland in "Peter and the Star Catcher". **Friday & Saturday, April, 20 & 21 at 7 pm** in the Middle Stage Auditorium at Medina High School. Tickets available at the door, \$8 for adults and \$5 for students.

9/11 Memorial Groundbreaking



The Medina Rotary Club and the City of Medina will hold a groundbreaking ceremony for the county's 9/11 Memorial on **Friday, April 20 at 4 pm** at Fire Station #1, 300 W. Reagan Parkway. The memorial will feature a 9 foot beam recovered from the remnants of the 9/11 site. Refreshments. [INFO](#)

Raise Money For The Animals!



Join the Medina County SPCA at their 15th

was at a "Cleveland area location" when Wadsworth police detectives were notified of his possible involvement in Douglas's death, and the boy was taken into custody at 3:30 p.m. Monday.

The case has been forwarded to the prosecutor's office, "who will determine the exact charges to file against the suspect."

Read the rest of **Nathan Havenner's** story at [The Gazette](#).



Culvert collapse in Wadsworth closes College Street

Damage to a culvert underneath a College Street bridge near Holmesbrook Park forced the city to close the road indefinitely, Public Services Director **Robert Patrick** said Tuesday.

"It was (damaged) from heavy rain that we had on Saturday and Sunday, and heavy water wore out the edge of roadway," he said.

Patrick said the headwall of an "old stone culvert" gave way due to the force

Annual Animal Affair, **Saturday, April 21! Doors open at 5 pm**, opening remarks at 6:15 pm and **dinner served at 6:30 pm**. Take part in one of Medina County's best Chinese raffles, silent auction and live auction! Tickets are \$35 and all proceeds go to care for abandoned and abused animals in Medina County! [Info/Registration](#)

King's Daughters Fundraiser



The 4th annual Spring Gala for King's Daughters will be held **Saturday, April 21 from 5 - 9 pm** at Williams on the Lake. Dinner followed by silent and live auctions. Tickets are \$40 per person and proceeds benefit Medina County charities. RSVP to paulad803@gmail or call 330-421-7432.

22nd Annual Earth Day Festival



The Medina County Park District its hosting its **22nd Annual Medina County Earth Day Festival on Saturday, April 21 from 10 am to 4 pm at Buffalo Creek Retreat, 8708 Hubbard Valley Road in Seville**. Guests can enjoy kids crafts and activities, raffles, live animal displays, book mobile, K9 search and rescue demo, Nate the Great Balloon Artist, Eco fair, kite making and flying demos and so much more. Native Bee House Make-N-Take is \$10, and the family fishing derby is from 11 am to 3 pm with prizes awarded to registered families. Workshops are also available. [INFO-REGISTRATION](#)

5K Historic Hustle-Water Tower District



Enjoy a 5K fun run through historic neighborhoods north of Medina Public Square **on Saturday, April 21**. Registration and packet pick up is from 7:45-8:45 am. **Race begins at 9 am** at 211 N Elmwood, in front of Medina County Historical Society. Registration is \$25. [REGISTER HERE](#).

and pressure from the heavy, wet ground.

College Street is closed between Trease and Leatherman roads.

"Detours were posted (Monday) night and we are working on a detour map that will be posted online," Patrick said.

An investigation will determine if the damage can be repaired, or if it has compromised the structural integrity of the bridge, Patrick said. Read the rest of **Nathan Havenner's** story at [The Gazette](#).



Brunswick Hills family escapes fire

A local family was displaced from their Caxton Lane home after an early morning fire Saturday quickly engulfed their residence, the township fire chief said.

"They had smelled something burning, heard something. They described it as unusual noises and then they discovered there was a fire in the garage," Fire Chief **Anthony Strazzo** said.

Robert Skoczen Jr., wife **Jennifer** and their daughter were outside when firefighters arrived

Brunswick Spring Fling Fundraiser



Brunswick Education Foundation is hosting its 2018 Spring Fling on **Saturday, April 21**. The event will be held at Cherokee Hills Golf Course at **5740 Center Road in Valley City from 6 pm to 9 pm**. The evening will include dinner, silent auction, and induction into Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame and Outstanding Staff Awards. Cost is \$45. Call Jan Rizzo at (330) 273-0201 for more information.

The Longest Table Luncheon



Leadership Medina County Signature Class of 2018 invites you to attend The Longest Table Luncheon on **Sunday, April 22 from 1 to 3 pm** at Medina High School, **777 East Union St**. This is a free event, open to all Medina County residents 16 years of age & older. There is no planned agenda beyond sharing a meal with your neighbors and meeting people that you may not normally have the opportunity to engage with before. RSVP appreciated. [INFO](#)

Health Talk with Dr. Mark Hyman



Join nationally-known health expert, & frequent guest of the Dr. Oz Show, **Mark Hyman, MD**, for a free program at Medina High School's Performing Arts Center on **Wednesday, April 25**. There will be a **health expo from 5:30-6:30 pm** and **Dr. Hyman will speak from 7-8 pm** on ways to tackle the root causes of chronic disease by harnessing the power of Functional Medicine to transform healthcare. [REGISTER](#)

Match Wits 2018!!



Join Project:LEARN for its annual Match Wits trivia night, **Thursday, April 26, 6:30 - 9 pm**, at Coppertop at Cherokee Hills, 5740 Center Rd., Valley City. Enjoy

shortly after 1 a.m. Saturday. The two-story home at 922 Caxton Lane was fully involved, with a significant amount of fire coming out of both the front and the rear of the residence, a fire department news release said.

"There were no injuries either to the residents of the home or to the firefighters," Strazzo said.

After determining the residents were safe, firefighters fought the fire for nearly an hour, preventing it from spreading to nearby homes. The fire was under control by 1:57 am.

A donation drop-off for the family has been set up at the Brunswick Hills Police Dept, 505 Substation Road.

"Currently, they have enough clothing and personal effects," Strazzo said Sunday. "Gift cards would be appreciated, whether they are food gift cards or to department stores and things like that, those would be welcome."

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a delicious buffet dinner, then try to become Match Wits Champions. All proceeds support adult literacy tutoring in Medina County. [INFO](#)

Take Me Out to the Ballgame



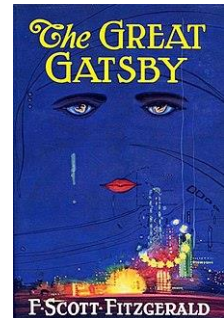
Soprema Cafe Customer Appreciation Day on **Friday, April 27** will feature the "Take 55+ Players senior theater group with an all-star baseball-themed show. Wear your favorite team gear. The cafe lunch special includes fried chicken, baked beans and peach pie for \$5.50. The lunch is at 617 School Dr, Wadsworth, **11:30 am - 1:30 pm**.

Shakespeare on the Rocks



Join Shakespeare lovers **Saturday, April 28** at Williams on the Lake for a fundraiser for Medina's Shakespeare in the Square. **7 pm starts the cocktail hour**, where performers will mingle and at **8 pm Shakespeare's most famous monologues & scenes will be presented**. Hors d'oeuvres and 1 drink tickets included in the \$25 ticket price. [Tickets](#)

The Great Gatsby Gala



You're invited to a fundraiser to benefit the **Ohio Regional Music Arts Cultural Outreach (ORMACO) and Main Street Wadsworth**. The Great Gatsby Gala A Swell Affair with 20's "Jazz Age" flapper attire will be held **April 28 from 7 to 10 pm** at the home of Dr. Joseph Arpad, **280 Woodland Avenue in Wadsworth**. Guests are invited to dress in roaring 20's "Jazz Age" flapper attire. \$75 ticket includes 2 drink tickets, VIP Theatre ticket to see the Great Gatsby at Highland High School on May 1 at 7 pm. **MUST RSVP BY APRIL 6** at adriane@mainstreetwadsworth.org.

Step Up to Prevent Suicide



Please join the Medina County Coalition for Suicide Prevention for its fourth annual Step Up to Prevent Suicide Walk, **Sunday, April 29, 1 pm**, at Medina Public Square. **Registration: Noon**. [INFO](#)

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Other Events:

Wednesday April 18 through Saturday April 21

The American Association of University Women is now collecting used books for its 25th annual book sale of thousands of used books of all different genres for reasonable prices. The group accepts both hardback and paperback books for young adults, children. Encyclopedias and magazines are not accepted. **Wednesday April 18 through April 20 from 11 am to 7 pm and Saturday, April 21 from 11 am to 4 pm.** [INFO](#)

Friday, April 20

The Lodi-Harrisville Historical Society is hosting a bowling fundraiser from **7 pm to 10 pm** at the **Strike and Spare Lanes, 301 Highland Drive in Lodi**. The event costs \$30 per person and includes unlimited bowling with shoe rental and food. Bowlers can win the 50/50 raffle and Chinese raffles for gift baskets. Call the bowling alley to make a reservation at (330) 948-1090.

Saturday, April 21

Join experienced birders with the Medina County Park District as they hold their 85th annual series of spring bird walks on **Saturday mornings April 21 & 28 at 7:30 am** at River Styx Park. No registration required. [INFO](#)

Saturday, April 21

Chatham Township Community Center, 6306 Avon Lake Road in Spencer, will have a family movie night **Saturday, April 21 at 7 pm**. "**Coco**" will be shown for **FREE**. Concessions including pizza, popcorn and soda will be available for a nominal donation starting at 6:30 pm.

Saturday, April 21

Support Brunswick youth lacrosse **from 7-11 pm** at The Harvest Saloon (Old Cleats), 15147 Pearl Rd., Strongsville for an adult night. \$25 tickets includes wings medium & BBQ, chicken tenders, pasta salad, salad, cheeseburger & hamburger sliders and drinks plus a chance for a \$100 cash door prize! [INFO](#)

Saturday, April 21

Join the **Fraternal Order of Eagles 2224 at 696 Lafayette Road in Medina** for a spaghetti dinner. This charity dinner benefits **Newbridge Place** in Lodi which is a home for homeless and indigent veterans. This dinner is from Noon to 8 pm and is all you can eat for just \$6. Open to the public. Guests can stay after 8 pm or return with their dinner ticket to drink and dance to The Marshall Law Band. [INFO](#)

Saturday April 21

Mother's Day Vendor & Craft Fair at the **Falling Oaks Clubhouse, 810 Guilford Road in Medina. 10 am to 3 pm** shoppers can enjoy unique Mother's Day gifts while supporting **Kids First Medina**. Enjoy household names such as Pampered Chef, Lularoe, Norwex, Tastefully Simple, Scentsy and more.

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St. Paul Lutheran Church's annual Swiss steak dinner, 4:30 - 6:30 pm, 1377 Lester Road in Calley City. Swiss steak and fixings, country sweet

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Sunday, April 22

Can you mash potato? Can you do the twist? Stop by the Medina United Church of Christ's Sock Hop, 217 E. Liberty St., **from 6-8:30 pm** and learn how! For ages 8 months to 80+, enjoy the party with music, dancing & light snacks. Not into dancing? We'll have other games and activities. **Free and open to the public**, bring a friend.

Tuesday, April 24 Please join us at the Recovery Center of Medina County, 538 W. Liberty St., Medina, for a beginner's yoga class every Tuesday, taught by registered yoga instructor **Michelle Scardigli**. No prior experience necessary! Free and open to the public. Please bring a yoga mat or a towel.

Saturday, May 5 The Medina City Schools Foundation sponsors their annual Run 4 Fun. The Kids Fun Run (1/2 mile, \$15) **begins at 7 pm** at the high school track. The 1 mile run or walk **begins at 7:15 pm** (\$20 pre-registration) and the 5K (\$25 pre-registration) **begins at 7:30 pm**. All races begin and end at the high school track. [INFO](#)

Saturday, May 5

The Buckeye Education Foundation hosts the Craig Bailey Memorial 5K Fun Run & 1 Mile Fun Walk **beginning at 9 am** at the Buckeye Track/Soccer Complex. Early registration \$20 per person or \$60 for an entire family. \$25 day of race. **REGISTER BY APRIL 27** [INFO](#)

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Music in Medina County

Medina

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Wadsworth

[Sonnet's](#)

[Galaxy](#)

[SubStation](#)

Employment Opportunities

Click on links below for more opportunities.

There will be a job fair at the Lodi Library, 635 Wooster St., on Tuesday, April 24 from 11 am - 1 pm. There will be 14 local employers in attendance. Gas cards and a basket of prizes will be raffled off for those that attend the event!

Full-Time Summer Help - Sharon Township Maintenance Department. Must be 18 years or older. [INFO](#)

Hospice Nursing Assistants - Hospice of Medina County. 3rd shift 8 p-8a, 3 times a week. Must be state tested. [INFO](#)

Receptionist, Part-time - Ruhlin Construction Company, Sharon Center. 1 - 5 pm Monday through Friday. [INFO](#)

Carlisle Brake & Friction - Hiring all shifts in Medina. [INFO](#)

Job openings with Medina County - Various. [INFO](#)

Substitute teachers needed throughout Medina County - [INFO](#)

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Jerry Gunner has helped mold generations of Medina youngsters

John G. Gunner is known as "Jerry" to his friends, as "Coach" to hundreds of youth football and baseball players, and as "Boss" to dozens of former young employees who learned the value of hard work and responsibility from him.

Gunner coached youth baseball for 20 years, teaching kids ages 8 to 16 over the years. He's better known, however, as the head coach of the Medina Colts youth football teams. He's proud of the program he led for 27 years and can't say enough good things about the coaches he worked with.

"We were there for the kids. 'Do your homework before you come to practice.' We never had kids quit. All the kids played, and we nurtured them," he said.

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"We had guys coaching five years after their kids were out of the program," he said.

For his work with Medina's youth, he received the Al Thomas Award from the Medina County Sports Hall of Fame and the Varsity M Award from the Medina High School Athletic Department.

Read the rest of **Mary Jane Brewer's** story at Cleveland.com.



Early voting begins for May 8 primary election

Early voting hours at the elections board have started and run through Monday, May 7th.

On May 8, polls will be open 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

INFORMATION

LIST OF CANDIDATES & ISSUES ON MAY BALLOT



Memorial Day Essay Contest for Middle Schoolers

We invite Medina County
6th, 7th & 8th graders to
help us honor the bravery
of our military personnel
by entering our **Memorial
Day Essay**

Contest! Cash prizes of
\$75 for 1st, \$50 for 2nd
and \$25 for 3rd in each
grade level! Click [HERE](#)
for contest
rules. **Deadline is Friday,
May 4th.**