

Auditor Kovack's Weekend Update

December 5, 2018

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2018 Top Dog

Greetings,

We have announced the TOP DOG winners for 2018 and that means - it's time to license your dog! The commissioners raised the licensing fee to \$14 this year, so be prepared for the change. Click [HERE](#) for all the information. License your dog - it's not only the law, but also your pet's ticket home!

Our Top Dog winners for this year are:

1st Place: **Chase Parker**, Ralph E. Waite Elementary School, Medina. Dog - Shelby. Teacher - **Mrs. Cindy Bishop**. Parents - **Elizabeth and Aaron Parker**

2nd: **Peyton Esser**, Ella Canavan Elementary School, Medina. Dog - Diezel. Teacher - **Mr. Mike Paffumi**. Parents - **Brittney and Nick Esser**

3rd Place: **Leah Bugner**, St. Francis Xavier School, Medina. Dog - Bill. Teacher - **Mrs. Kathy Jo Fronk**. Parents - **Mark and Beth Bugner**

4th Place: **Adriana Chesla**, Kidder Elementary, Brunswick. Dog - Buddy. Teacher - **Mrs. Meehan**. Parents- **Renee and Chris Chesla**

5th Place: **Taylor Thur**, Cloverleaf Elementary School. Dog - Bandit. Teacher - **Mrs. Shannon Hart** Parents - **Melissa and Andy Thur**

Congratulations to all our 4th grade authors.....and their dogs!

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! ;)

Wishing you the very best this first week in December!

Mike Kovack

**He who has not Christmas in his heart,
will never find it under a tree.**

Roy Smith

Winners Named

Chase Parker, Peyton Esser, Leah Bugner, Adriana Chesler and Taylor Thur kicked off the 2019 Dog Licensing season by being named the 2018 Top Dog authors! Congratulations!

Don't forget to get your **Dog License** today!



Medina school board looks into renewing superintendent contract

MEDINA - Medina Superintendent Aaron Sable, whose contract expires July 31, said there's still work to be done.

Sable signed a three-year contract in 2016. He was given a 2-percent raise last year, which bumped his annual salary to \$142,800, according to figures provided by Medina Treasurer Dave Chambers.

According to Ohio Revised Code, the school district needs to inform

The Dr. Ron Ricci 8th Annual Medina Holiday Pops Concert

Home for the Holidays will feature the Akron Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, **Saturday, Dec. 8, 7:30 pm**, at the Medina Performing Arts Center, 851 Weymouth Rd., Medina. An evening of traditional carols, inspiring songs and holiday cheer. A special visitor from the North Pole. A marquee event of the Medina County Arts Foundation. Tickets start at \$20. Box Office - 330-535-8131 [INFO](#)



Mud Mothers Studio Open House & Holiday Art Sale

Enjoy beautiful handmade pottery, jewelry, crafts and delicious food from 10 local vendors, **Friday, Dec. 7, 10 am - 5 pm; Saturday, Dec. 8, 10 am - 5 pm and Sunday, Dec. 9, noon - 4 pm** at 721 S. Court St., Medina [INFO](#)



A Happy Hinckley Holiday

Santa is coming to Hinckley! Join the Hinckley Chamber of Commerce on **December 8 from 6-9 pm** for a family fun holiday event. The town Hall will be decorated, the Senior Room will be a winter wonderland with Santa and his elf. There will be a tree lighting, two Highland Choirs, the Hinckley Women's Club will be serving up treats and giveaways. [INFO](#)

A Happy Hinckley Holiday



Dancing with Encore

Your chance to sing and dance with Medina High School's award-winning show choir The Encore Entertainment Company on **Saturday, December 8**. Open to students in grades 4 thru 8. Registration begins at noon, open house performance at 3:15 pm. \$20 registration fee includes t-shirt, snack, and holiday music.



Sable by March 1 whether or not they will renew his contract, school board President Rebecca Parkhurst said after Monday's work session at the high school. Finish Bob Finnan's story [HERE](#).

Brunswick Hills community comes out for Police Department holiday lighting

BRUNSWICK HILLS TOWNSHIP, Ohio -- Initial plans for the Police Department's inaugural "Light Up The Police Station" Giving Tree and 2018 holiday community food drive kick-off were ambitious, according to Police Chief Tim Sopkovich.

"At first, we wanted to have a tree planted, something that could 'grow with the community,' set it up and decorate it," Sopkovich said.

And while time did not allow for that particular approach, the dozens of township residents who did come out for the Nov. 30 event were treated to an impressive spread --

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Christmas in the Valley

The Valley City Community Group announces Christmas in the Valley, Saturday, **Dec. 8 and Sunday, Dec. 9**. Activities include a holiday movie, Christmas carol sing-a-long, the Reindeer Dash Fun Run/Walk, a chili cook-off, holiday marketplace, the Buckeye High School marching band parade with Santa and much more.



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Medina Band Concert Series

Medina High School is proud to present as part of the Medina Bands Concert Series A Holiday Band Concert on Thursday December 13 at 7 pm. This concert will feature all four concert bands at the Performing Arts Center, 851 Weymouth Road in Medina. \$6 for adults and \$4 for students and seniors.



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Medina High School Holiday Choir Concert

Medina High School's choral music department invites you to their Holiday Choir Concert featuring all six choirs on Thursday, December 6 at 7 pm. This performance is on the main stage at the Medina Performing Arts Center. Adults \$6 and children & seniors \$4.

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Brunswick Hills Fire Department Santa meet and greet

Come meet Santa at the **Grafton Road Brunswick Hills' Fire Station #2, 4875 Grafton Road in Brunswick on December 16 from noon to 3 pm**. There will be crafts, snacks and of course Santa! But make sure to be on the lookout that morning, Santa will be getting an early start while cruising the township neighborhoods in



even sans live Christmas tree.

"We really started planning this two weeks ago," Sopkovich said. "Everyone pitched in and provided donations of food and crafts. The Brunswick Hills Police Association built our coffee and cocoa bar."

Read the entire story by **Brian Lisik** at The Gazette [HERE](#).



Fire displaces 6 from Medina apartment building

Six people were displaced after an apartment fire Sunday night at Nottingham Court.

Medina Fire Chief **Bob Painter** said his department responded to the fire at 10:44 p.m. Sunday. He said his entire department was on the scene.

One couple and four individuals were forced out of their apartments in the 800 block of Nottingham Drive.

"Red Cross was on the scene to help with lodging," Painter said.

one of the township firetrucks. Starting at around 9:30 am listen for the siren to let you know when he is close to you! Then get to Station #2 to continue the festivities.

Main Street Medina 2019 Calendar



Main Street Medina announces the availability of their 2019 Medina events calendar! The \$20 calendar features historic images of the Medina community and special event dates. It is a thoughtful way to remember the history of Medina and makes a great gift.

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Music in Medina County

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Other Events

Wednesday, December 5

Plum Creek Senior Assisted Living Community cordially invites you to **Stuff the Escalade!** presented by ClearPath Home Health and Hospice & Encore! Rehabilitation Services. Proceeds to benefit the HANDS

"Some went with families."

There were no reported injuries.

A resident at 810 Nottingham Drive turned on the unit's furnace, which is in the attic, and it started smoking, according to reports.

The fire spread through the attic area and heavily damaged five units. The roof will mostly likely need to be replaced, Nottingham maintenance employee **Mike McCune** said.

"The rafters burned in half," he said.

Eight fire trucks, including a pumper from Sharon Township, responded to the fire, Painter said.

Because an access road in the apartment complex was closed for resurfacing, Painter said the trucks couldn't get close to the fire.

"We had to lay 500 feet of hose (to the closest hydrant)," he said. "That was challenging."

Painter said Medina police had evacuated the tenants by the time the fire department arrived, which he said was a big help.

The fire chief said his department was on scene for about three hours.

There are 11 units in the building that was affected by fire and smoke.

About 10 years ago, fire damaged 14 apartments

Foundation. Grand Prize Winner will receive a Fisher Price Escalade stuffed with wonderful presents! Second, Third and Fourth place prizes to be awarded. Silent Auction, a Gingerbread House of Crafts & Games, and Santa for photos! (Bring a camera)

Complimentary appetizers, desserts, wine, beer and excitement. Silent auction. **Grand Prize drawing at 6:30 pm. RSVP by December 1** to (330) 220-4900 or Chrissy@plumcreekseniorliving.com.

Thursday, December 6

Celebrate the season with the wonderful sights and sounds of **Medina High School's choirs**, singing and dancing to festive favorites, **7 pm**, at Medina Performing Arts Center, 851 Weymouth Rd. All seating general. \$6 Adults/\$4 Students and Senior Citizens. Tickets available at the door and online at [Tickets](#).

Friends of Medina County Parks will host a free public reception for former park district Director **Tom James** and new Director **Nathan Eppink from 3 - 6 pm** at Buffalo Creek Retreat, 8708 Hubbard Valley Rd. in Guilford Township. Refreshments will be served. The event is free and open to the public.

Friday, December 7

The December **Soprema Cafe Customer Appreciation** event, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm, will feature a \$5.50 lunch special of baked ham, cheesy potatoes, green bean casserole and chocolate peppermint cookies. Enjoy a holiday musical performance featuring vocalist Ceci Taylor and pianist Laura Taylor. The cafe is located in the Soprema Senior Center, 617 School Dr., Wadsworth.

Saturday, December 8

Join the **Brunswick Band Parent Organization** for **Super Hero & Princess Breakfast** at Comfort Suites, 1464 Town Center Blvd., Brunswick, **9 - 10 am**. Buffet style breakfast. Take pictures and visit with surprise guest characters after breakfast. Limited seating available. Tickets \$10. Children 2 and under free. Proceeds will help students travel to London in December 2019. Make required reservations at 855-239-9300.

Brunswick High School Craft & Gift Fair, 9 am - 3 pm, in the East Cafeteria and hallways. FREE. Over 100 crafters will provide 120 tables of items. Refreshments and raffles available. Hosted by BHS Work-Study hosts to support community educational opportunities, and student and employer recognition. For information, email hgross@bcsoh.org.

at Nottingham. The insurance company hasn't determine the value of the damage from Sunday's fire, McCune said.

Article by **Bob Finnan**,
The Gazette



Wadsworth man pleads guilty in case of phony letter

A Wadsworth man who wrote a phony letter about how Norton will spend money collected through its controversial photo-radar enforcement program on Interstate 76 has pleaded guilty in Barberton Municipal Court to a charge of impersonating a police officer.

John Powell Jr. was permitted to enter a diversion program and the first-degree misdemeanor will be dismissed and the case sealed if he completes the program, which involves writing a letter of apology to Norton police and completing 24 hours of community service.

Powell entered the plea Friday before Judge Todd

ORMACO is collaborating with the Medina County Police Activities League to take children to see "**Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer**" at Cleveland's Playhouse Square. Leaves from the Montville Police Department at **12:30 pm for a 2 pm show**. Tickets \$40/person. [Tickets](#)

The **Cloverleaf Community Choir** will present two Christmas concerts. They are identical and refreshments are served afterward. **Saturday, Dec. 8, 7 pm** at Seville United Methodist Church, 74 Main St. and **Sunday, Dec. 9, 2 pm** at LeRoy United Methodist Church, 7 Park Circle, Westfield Center.

A Happy Hinckley Holiday, 6 - 9 pm at Hinckley Town Hall and Downtown. The event features holidays games and refreshments, Christmas Tree lighting, Hinckley Middle School Choir, Santa Claus, Highland High School Choir.

The Women (WELCA) of Our Saviour Lutheran Church at 1605 Center Rd., Hinkley, will host their 13th annual **Homemade Christmas Cookie Sale & Raffle, 10 am - 2 pm**. For more information, call Valerie at 330-278-4114.

The Granger United Methodist Church having a **cookies sale** at 1235 Granger Road in Medina. \$8 per pound with dozens of homemade delights to choose from. **9 am to 11 am only**.

Lodi American Legion Ladies Auxiliary 523 is having its annual bake sale and Christmas craft & vendor fair from **10 am to 2 pm** at 320 Bank Street in Lodi.

Sunday, December 9

The Medina Chorus presents its Winter Concert at **3 pm** at the Medina Presbyterian Church, 5020 Burgundy Bay Rd.

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ORMACO ends its 2018 free concert series with **A Celtic Christmas at 2 pm**, featuring Clash of the Tartans at the Wadsworth Public Library, 132 Broad St. Clash of the Tartans is an all-female Celtic and American folk band, putting Celtic twists to popular music and exposing similarities between American and Celtic folk music.

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Join the **Recovery Center of Medina** at **2 pm** at 538 W. Liberty St., for the movie, "Elf," on the big screen. Enjoy snacks and cocoa and an elf lab experience. Santa will stop in for a visit. For info, call 330-952-2611.

Friday, December 14

The Music Ministry of **Our Lady of Grace Church** will present the **Third Annual Family Christmas Concert at 7 pm** in the church at 1088 Ridge

McKenney.

His attorney Jared C. Roberts declined to comment. Norton police couldn't be reached.

The letter carried the Norton police logo and was signed by Police Chief John Dalessandro. It claimed Norton was giving the money to groups such as the LeBron James Family Foundation, Planned Parenthood and the NAACP.

It's not Dalessandro's signature on the letter, and his last name is misspelled.

Norton police began investigating after the letter was circulated on social media.

Story by Beacon Journal.

Rd., Hinckley. The Traditional Choir and Youth Choir and several soloists, under the direction of Mary Gabriel, will offer a selection of contemporary, traditional, Advent and Christmas carols. An old fashioned sing-a-long will conclude the concert.

Saturday, December 15

The **Sharon Center United Methodist Church** will have its annual Cookie & Craft Sale, **9 am - noon** at 6407 Ridge Rd., Wadsworth. Cost \$8/lb. Large variety of cookies, treats and homemade crafts.

Cookies with Santa. For a \$5 donation to the American Cancer Society, you will enjoy cookies and beverages and be able to snap your photos with Santa at Root Candle Community Room, 623 W. Liberty St., Medina, **10 am - 1 pm**. Crafts will also be available. Sponsored by Relay for Life of Medina County.

Sunday, December 16

St. Francis Xavier PTA invites you to fill a container with delicious homemade holiday cookies and pay by the pound, or pick up a convenient grab 'n go tray from **9 am - 2 pm** in the church basement, 606 E. Washington St., Medina. Guests can also enjoy complimentary kids' cookie decoration station along with coffee and hot chocolate.

Stony Hill Church at 6653 Ridge Rd., Wadsworth, is hosting its first holiday shop, at **noon**, featuring fine arts and crafts that are great for gifts. There will be beautiful jewelry, cards, gingerbread and more for sale. [INFO](#)

Employment Opportunities

Click [HERE](#) for more employment opportunities throughout the area.

Wadsworth manufacturing help needed - Complete benefits package offered. Must be able to lift 55 pounds. [INFO](#)

Assembly/Production/Warehouse Workers - Temp to hire. Wadsworth/Sharon Center/Brunswick/Valley City. Apply with Mancan Staffing. [INFO](#)

Seville Meadows now hiring evening cooks and morning aides - [INFO](#)

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

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

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Help!

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[Suicide Prevention Hotline/Services](#)

NAMI Recovery Support Group is a peer-facilitated support group for adults living with a mental illness. Join them on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 246 Northland Drive in Medina, craft Room, lower level from 7-9 pm.

Call (330) 225-6448.

Circle of Friends is a social group for widows, widowers and those who have lost someone close to them. Meets are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Weymouth Country Club (3946 Weymouth Road in Medina) for lunch at 11:30 am.

For more information call (330) 725-9975.