

Auditor Kovack's Weekend Update

May 24, 2017

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Greetings!

Well, the weather is finally warming back up and that can only mean one thing - music and food! Medina's [Rally in the Alley](#) returns this Friday night and the [Farmer's Market](#) on Medina's Square happens Saturday morning. Let's hope for great weather!

Congratulations to the Cloverleaf Academic Challenge team of **Jacob Berchtold, Pate Powalie, Emily Gladden, Grace Garbonic** and **Jackson Stuff**. They qualified for state competition again this year!

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of long-time Seville police officer **Ivan Reed**, who recently passed away. Reed served the Village for nearly four decades.

Our very best wishes go out to Buckeye Schools Treasurer **Carolyn Weglewski**, who retired from the district May 9th. Carolyn represented a tremendously high level of excellence, which will be hard to match.

Congratulations to Brunswick sisters **Madeline, Chole and Lainey Mihacevich** who qualified to appear on NBC's new talent show "**World of Dance**". The sisters recently filmed their segment in Los Angeles. The show premieres Tuesday, May 30th at 10 pm.

Finally, our thoughts and prayers this weekend to all those families who have lost loved ones in the service of our military. **Michael Finke** of Wadsworth, **Devin Grella** of Medina and my colleague **Dan Holland** of Texas and many, many others. Please take a moment to reflect on their and their families' sacrifices this month.

Wishing you all the best,

Mike Kovack

**Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful,
committed citizens can change the world.
Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.**

Margaret Mead

Remember the Burning River?

Dust from Medina concrete plant worries residents

City officials are anxiously awaiting an analysis of dust produced by a concrete company to determine if it contains harmful levels of silica, a crucial development in an ongoing battle between the company and nearby residents.

Jonathan Mendel, Medina's community development director, said the concerned residents of the Liberty Woods and the Yorktown housing developments in western Medina would be alerted when the results were available.

Once the report on the safety of the dust is released, the Medina Planning Commission is expected to rule on a conditional zoning certificate to allow the crushing to continue at Osborne Concrete. Residents have complained about noise and dust from the nearby plant, but said in the past 10 to 12 months the dust problems have gotten worse.

"The amount of dust thrown into the air has increased exponentially," said **Bob Russell**. "They start as early as 7 a.m., and the dust is everywhere. You have a layer of dust on everything outside, houses, cars, furniture. If you leave your window open, you'll have dust all over your house."

On June 22, 1969, the Cuyahoga River caught fire, bringing attention to the water quality and pollution issues of our nation's rivers and lakes. On **Thursday May 25, 6 pm, at the Brunswick Library, 3649 Center Rd.**, the Brunswick Area Historical Society will hear how the Cuyahoga River was cleaned up. Local resident **Ed Kelly** will discuss his involvement in the clean-up and the investigation into the sources of water pollution in the river. [MORE INFO](#)



End of the School Year Dance Party!

Join Medina City Schools in celebrating the end of another successful school year. All Medina City School District residents are invited for an evening of music, dancing, and other fun family activities on the **Historic Medina Public Square this Thursday May 25, 5 to 7 pm.**



For more information e-mail debnars@medinabees.org

Buckin' Ohio Opening Day

After this hard winter, we know all of you are ready for summer and bull riding, so Buckin' Ohio figured it's time to get this party started. Buckin' Ohio is proud to present a unique western experience with bull riding, barrel racing, an ice cream eating contest, and other attractions your family can enjoy. Opening day will be **Saturday, May 26, 4 pm at Creek Bend Ranch, 8154 Garman Rd., Burbank.** Tickets are \$18 at the gate. For more info, call **330-624-7205** or visit their website. [MORE INFO](#)



Medina Farmers Market

Come enjoy the day in beautiful downtown Medina. Shop for local produce, bakery, meat, maple syrup, and honey, along with unique craft items. The Farmers Market takes place **every Saturday, 9 am - 1 pm** on the **Historic Medina Square** with free parking on the Square and in the garage at E. Washington & Jefferson streets. [MORE INFO](#)



Memorial Day Events

Brunswick VFW Post 9520 and American Legion Post 234 will be holding their Memorial Day program on **May 29, 10 am** at Visintainer Middle School, **1459 Pearl Rd, Brunswick**, followed by a parade to Westview



Plus when they are going I can feel the noise and vibrations throughout the house."

Read **Michael Sangiacomo's** full story at Cleveland.com.



Hinckley family runs escape room in Ohio City

You have 60 minutes to escape.

Escape from what?

Think of the board game "Clue." Your mission is to use the brain-teasing puzzles to solve the mystery behind each clue. If you solve the mystery within 60 minutes, you "escape" and win the game.

Ready ... set ... go!

The **Molchan family** of Hinckley Township - mother Diana, father Bill and their children Mike, Christina and Bill - are the brains behind Perplexity Games, an entertainment center that is a hobby for the family.

Located in Ohio City, the escape room features two different games - Eliot Ness Investigation and The Clockwork Caper.

Set in 1938, the **Eliot Ness** Investigation challenges guests to

Cemetery. For more info call Pat, **330-225-5151** or Len, **330-225-8457**. [MORE INFO](#)

Chatham Township will hold a service at **10 am in the VFW Hall, 6299 Avon Lake Rd.**, followed by a march to the memorial at the center of town.

Granger's Memorial Day parade starts at **9 am** at Granger Middle School and goes to Granger Fairview Cemetery. Guest Speaker will be Medina County Auditor Mike Kovack.

Hinckley Township's parade will start at **9 am** at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, **1088 Ridge Rd, Hinckley** with a stop for a ceremony at Memorial Park . Refreshments will be served at the town hall. Boy Scout Troop 520 will hold a flag retirement ceremony after the parade.

Homer Township will begin its parade on **Sunday, May 28**, at **1 pm**, at the Homer Township Community Center, **8964 Spencer Rd., Homerville**. Medina County Auditor Mike Kovack will be the speaker and there will be refreshments afterwards. They will be honoring WWII vets.

Lodi's American Legion Post 523 Memorial Day Parade will start at **9 am** at the American Legion Hall, **320 N Washington St, Lodi** and will go through the center of town to Woodlawn Cemetery.

Medina's annual Memorial Day Parade will begin at **10 am** in front of the courthouse, **93 Public Square, Medina**. Join Medina County VVA Chapter #385 in honoring those with their name on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. The Summa Health Medina Half Marathon and 5K will be held on Saturday, starting at **6:45 am** from the **Public Square**.

Rittman, Western Reserve National Cemetery, **10175 Rawiga Rd, Seville**, will be hosting its Memorial Day Ceremony at **12:30 pm on Sunday, May 28**.

Sharon Township's parade will begin at **9 am**. Stop by the Sharon United Methodist Church before or after the parade for a pancake breakfast.

Seville's parade will begin at **1 pm** in front of the **First Baptist Church, 22 East Main St**.

collect evidence against a corrupt city commissioner who has ties to illegal gambling.

The room is open to a group up to 12 players.

Read **Halee Heironimus'** full story in [The Gazette](#).



Career Center revenues rising, deficit looming

The Medina County Career Center is projecting a possible increase in revenue of about \$587,000 by 2021, but also shows a deficit by then, according to the school's new five-year forecast that was approved by its board Wednesday night.

"The five-year forecast is a fluid document that will change on a monthly basis due to the changing of economic conditions as well as our current and future needs," Treasurer **Aaron Butts** noted in the report.

The report filed shows the district is estimated to receive \$16.9 million in fiscal year 2017, with that amount increasing to \$17.5 million by fiscal year 2021. Fiscal year 2018 shows an estimated decline to \$16.1 million,

Spencer's parade will begin at **9 am** at the **Old School** and end at the **Cemetery** with a ceremony directly after.

Valley City Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5563 will be holding a Memorial Day Parade at **10:30 am** from the **Township Community Center to VFW Post, 6731 Center Rd.** A Ceremony of Remembrance will be held at the Memorial. [MORE INFO](#)

Village of Westfield Center's Memorial Day Parade will be at **11 am**, North Leroy Park and end at the Cemetery on Greenwich Rd. [MORE INFO](#)

Wadsworth City's Memorial Day Parade will begin at **10 am**, stepping off from **downtown and proceeding to the Woodlawn Cemetery**.

York Township's Memorial Day Parade will be held **Sunday, May 28 at 2 pm**.

Medina's Memorial Park Pool Re-opening

After undergoing an extensive renovation project, Medina's Memorial Park Pool will be ready to open to the community Memorial Day weekend. The official grand-re-opening and ribbon cutting will take place **Friday, June 2 at 10:30 am**. Armstrong Cable is donating free admission to the first 100 people on that day and Discount Drug Mart will be providing free hot dogs, chips, and bottled water. Memorial Pool Park will be **open every day, 11 to 7 pm**. [MORE INFO](#)



Astronaut STEM Camp in Wadsworth

Wadsworth High School will host an exclusive NASA STEM camp this summer, **June 26-28**, featuring hometown astronaut Navy Captain **Mike Foreman!** **Go For Launch!** is a 3-day program (8 hours each day) that uses Space Exploration as a platform to launch student involvement in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM), STEAM (Art), teamwork, communication and leadership. Fee is \$250 but **take 25% off with code GFLWADSWORTHLOCAL25 through May 31**. Get more info [HERE](#).



but a jump to \$16.8 million in fiscal year 2020.

Meanwhile, total expenditures in fiscal year 2017 are estimated to total \$15.4 million and increase to \$18 million by fiscal year 2021.

"Our revenue reduction is a combination of two items - the proposed biennium (state of Ohio) budget for fiscal years 2018-2019, and a projected reduction in student enrollment (of about 156 students) for fiscal year 2018," Butts said.

Read **Halee Heironimus'** full story at **The Gazette**.



Highland levy renewal needed to avoid deficit

Highland Schools' five-year fiscal forecast indicates that if voters don't renew an operating levy, the district could face a \$7 million deficit in fiscal year 2021, the district's treasurer said.

"The forecast does assume the passage of an expiring levy that has a

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DAYS OF ACTION VOLUNTEER

Medina County runs on volunteers. During June, 17th-24th, our Medina County Volunteer Corps will be working with organizations throughout the county, fulfilling needs of all kinds. You can be one of those making a difference - while enjoying yourself, bonding with friends and co-workers - or family - while making new friends. This is the place to put your community passion into action. Share this flyer then follow the "Volunteer" tab at www.unitedwaymedina.org to register as a first-time volunteer and/or explore Days of Action opportunities (needs and events). New opportunities will be posted right up until June 16th. Collect your volunteer t-shirt at the site of your project and wear it proudly. See you in the community! www.unitedwaymedina.org

OTHER EVENTS

Thursday, May 25 and Friday, May 26

The Chatham Community Church will be having its annual rummage sale, **May 25 and May 26, 9 am to 3 pm at the Chatham Community Church, 6324 Avon Lake Rd.** Fill a bag for \$2 on **May 27, 9 am to 12 pm.** For more info, contact Rosalie VanGilder at **330-667-2682**.

Thursday, May 25

The Chippewa Lake Historical Society welcomes guest speaker, Joann King, to its meeting at **7 pm at the Chippewa Lake Town Hall, 24 Circle Crest Dr.** King, a Medina author and historian, will be discussing the history of Medina County and explaining how to research properties. For more info, call **330-725-8169**.

Friday, May 26

Let the reading begin! The **Medina County District Library** begins its kids and teens reading game through August 5. Earn prizes based on your amount of reading and visits to the library! [MORE INFO](#)

Friday, May 26

The season begins for Main Street Cafe's "**Rally in the Alley**" concerts with 40 Oz. to Freedom, **17 Public Square, Medina, 6 - 11 pm.** [INFO](#)

current effective millage of roughly 5.1 mills and currently generates a little over \$4.1 million annually," Treasurer **Neil Barnes** said Tuesday. "The last year of collection for this levy is calendar year 2018."

Voters first passed the levy in 1998 and renewed it in 2007.

"Fiscal years 2019 through 2021 show the dramatic impact of not passing the renewal" - jumping from a \$2.7 million surplus in fiscal year 2017, he said, to a \$2.5 million deficit in 2019 and \$7 million deficit in 2021.

Barnes' report, presented to the school board Monday, shows the district expects to receive about \$32 million in fiscal year 2017 and \$28.3 million in fiscal year 2021. The years in between show slight increases and decreases in total revenues - with \$32.1 million anticipated in 2018, \$29.8 million in 2019 and \$28 million in 2020.

Total expenditures for fiscal year 2017 are anticipated to be \$29.2 million and \$35.4 million for fiscal year 2021.

Read **Halee Heironimus'** full story at [The Gazette](#).



Saturday, May 27

The Lodi/Harrisville Historical Society presents the Cloverleaf Community Choir at the First Congregational Church of Lodi, **114 Church St., at 2 pm**. Refreshments will follow. For information, call **330-635-7294**.

Monday, May 29

Join the Sharon Center UMC for their annual Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast from **7 to 11 am at the Sharon Center United Methodist Church in Wadsworth, 6407 Ridge Road**. Cost is by donation.

Monday, May 29

Come enjoy breakfast before the Memorial Day Parade! Boy Scouts will be serving pancakes from **7:30 to 10 am**, at the **United Church of Christ, Congregational, 217 East Liberty St**. Cost is \$5.50 in advance, \$6.50 at the door; veterans and children under four eat free. For advanced tickets, contact Laura Wash, **330-391-1242** or trentandlaura@juno.com

Wednesday, May 31

The OSU Extension of Medina County will be having its third annual Pond School from **5:30 to 8:30 pm at Medina County Park District's Wolf Creek Environmental Center, 6100 Ridge Rd**. Cost is \$30 per family and includes take-home resources. Deadline to register is **May 24**. For more info, contact Ashley Kulhanek at

330-725-4911, ext 106. [MORE INFO](#)

Wednesday, May 31 The popular free summer concert series, Music in the Circle, will start at Sharon Circle Park for its seventh season at 7 pm with Mo'Mojo-Zydeco band. Bring a blanket or lawn chair.

Saturday, June 3

The Black River Endowment Fund will hold its "Cow Plop Bingo" fundraiser on the front lawn of the high school. Squares are \$15 each with only 200 being sold. Three cash prizes will be awarded with the top prize of \$500. Contact any school offices to purchase. **419-736-3303**

Sunday, June 4 The Cloverleaf High School bowling team is sponsoring a Car and Truck Show, **10 am - 3 pm** in the Cloverleaf High School parking lot. Registration fee is \$10. Come out and support your Colts! For more information, contact Bob Zadravec at 216-634-8392.

Young Naturalist Camp

Medina County Park District will be offering 11 three-day camps for children ages 7-12, during the months of **June and July**. Children will be encouraged to get their feet wet and their hands muddy as they explore the many parks of Medina County. Cost is \$10 per child. For more

Brunswick eyes consolidation of 3 middle schools

Consolidating all three middle schools into one and renovating the district's aging elementary schools is the idea behind a bond issue now being considered by the Brunswick Board of Education.

As part of a May 1 work session, Superintendent **Michael Mayell** explained that two of the district's middle schools, Visintainer and Edwards, are no longer conducive for how students learn today.

"Our middle school facilities are among the oldest buildings in the district and they are not keeping up with the changes we are making with technology and curriculum," Mayell said.

Currently, Mayell said, the district's middle school facilities are not conducive to flexible learning or small/large group collaboration. He also noted that the district has outgrown two of its three middle schools, as the district has two classrooms in trailers this year with plans to double that for the 2017-18 school year.

Read **Melissa Martin's** full story at [The Post](#).

info, call **330-722-9364** or **1-844-722-9364** or visit their website. [MORE INFO](#)

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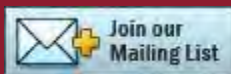


Eleven middle schoolers recognized for Memorial Day Essays

Eleven Medina County middle school students were honored this week for sharing their thoughts on patriotism and sacrifice in county Auditor Mike Kovack's annual Memorial Day essay contest.

The contest is co-sponsored by Wadsworth VFW Post 1089.

Read Ann Norman's full story at Cleveland.com. Read all of the students' essays at [Essay Contest Winners!](#)



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Employment Opportunities

Click on the Above Link for more opportunities

Akron Beacon Journal - Carriers needed in your area. Do you have a drivers license, car insurance? Contact **Drew Burge** at 330-352-5568.

Lifeguards needed in Brunswick - Must be Red Cross certified. [INFO](#)

Seville Landscape/Excavating Company - Looking for full time general labor. [INFO](#)

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Enhance the life of a senior in our community through companionship and home-helper services. [INFO](#)

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