

Auditor Kovack's Weekend Update

June 21, 2017

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Greetings!

We're into festival season in Medina County! The **Wadsworth Blue Tip Festival** runs on through Saturday of this week. The **St. Ambrose Summer Festival** kicks off Thursday and runs through Sunday of this week. Then the **Brunswick City Summer Celebration** opens up **Thursday, June 29th** running through **July 4th!** Try to take advantage of all the great goings on!

Congratulations to attorney **Richard Gemperline**, who was recognized as the Medina County Volunteer of the Year by the regional Volunteer Legal Services Program (VLSP). Great work and much appreciated!

Have you heard about the Uncorked **Medina Wine Festival** coming to Buffalo Creek **July 21 and 22?** It's a fundraiser for Friends of Medina County Parks and they're expecting 3,000 people to attend - and they need volunteers! See the different jobs & times (I'm pouring wine!) available at [Volunteer](#). For organizations & businesses interested in helping out, the organizers will donate \$10 for each volunteer if you recruit at least 10 people to assist. Come on out - it's going to be a great event!

Congratulations to **Alexis Patchen** and **Leegan Vorndran** of Medina and **Kristen Day** and **Allie Slavin** of Brunswick, who all made the Dean's List at Youngstown State University last semester! Enjoy your weekend!

Mike Kovack

Our human compassion binds us the one to the other - not in pity or patronizingly, but as human beings who have learnt how to turn our common suffering into hope for the future.

Nelson Mandela

Wadsworth Blue Tip Festival

It's Blue Tip Festival time! The celebration runs through **Saturday, June 24** and offers daily rides and at Memorial Park, just north of Art Wright Memorial Stadium. See all the hours and events [HERE](#).



St. Ambrose Summer Festival

Despite fiscal troubles, county plans to donate land to Lafayette Twp

Medina County commissioners are planning to donate 8 1/2 acres of land in Innovation Park to Lafayette Township for its new fire station.

"It's just a transaction," commissioner **Bill Hutson** said at Tuesday's commissioners meeting. "We don't want to hold up Lafayette Township."

Commissioners still must pass a resolution on the transfer.

Township voters approved a 2.5-mill levy Nov. 8 that will generate about \$4 million over 15 years for the station.

Earlier this year, the Medina County Port Authority, which has been charged with developing Innovation Park since 2005, approved a resolution to negotiate the transfer of park acreage to Lafayette for the fire department.

The land for the fire station is part of an area totaling 60.42 acres that has yet to be developed. Other than the University of Akron's Medina County University Center, there are no other occupants on the property.

Commissioners on Tuesday noted there is a stipulation in the county's agreement with the Port Authority that says it can't sell any of the land for less

June 22 through the 25, Saint Ambrose Catholic Parish, 929 Pearl Rd., Brunswick, will be hosting its 10th annual Summer Festival. This family-friendly event will include games, delicious foods, and a fireworks show along with live music from The McCartney Project, Shout, The Diamond Project, and The Avenue. Admission and parking is free. For more info, call **330-460-7300** or visit their website [HERE](#). Don't forget to enter the Festival Raffle!



MCOOA Picnics on the Patio

Join the **Medina County Office for Older Adults** for this summer's **Picnics on the Patio on Fridays, June 23, July 7 and 21, August 4 and 18, 11 am to 1 pm, at 246 Northland Dr., Medina.** Food and live entertainment. \$4 for seniors and children/\$5 per adult. Call for details at **330-723-9514**. Sponsors: Avenue at Medina, Elmcroft, Home Instead, Willowood, Altercare of Wadsworth, Pearlview and Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging.



Antique Engine Power Show & Pie Contest

The Chatham Bicentennial Committee will be having an Antique Engine and Power Show on **Saturday, June 24** from **11 am to 4 pm** at the **Chatham Township Community Center, 6306 Avon Lake Rd.** There are no entry fees. They will also be hosting a "Pie Baking Contest" with local celebrity judges. Entry fee for the "Pie Baking Contest" is \$8 before June 23 and \$10 the day of the event. For more info contact Kara Wolff, **330-635-9553**, or Shelia Benson, **330-635-5716**. Both activities benefit the Chatham Bicentennial Committee. [MORE INFO](#)



73rd Annual Bath Horse Show

Enjoy a Central Ohio Saddle Club Association Show on **Saturday, June 24** and a special appearance by the Cleveland Police Department's Mounted Police Unit on **Sunday, June 25**. Events begin at **9 am** both days at **Allardale Park, 141 Remsen Rd.** Tickets are \$5 at the gate. For more info contact Connie Wyatt, djwyattsm@frontier.com or visit their website [HERE](#).



Buckin' Ohio Professional Bull Riding

than \$40,000 an acre.
Read the rest of **Bob Finnan's** story at [The Gazette](#).



Medina Police Chief steps down

Police Chief **Patrick Berarducci** has told his colleagues on the Medina force that Wednesday will be his last day on the job.

The chief sent an electronic message to the department Saturday.

Medina Mayor **Dennis Hanwell** confirmed the news in an interview Sunday with The Gazette.

Hanwell said he had received notice from Berarducci via email Sunday afternoon.

Berarducci released the following in a statement Sunday night: "I am so thankful for my time as Medina police chief. My wife and I have lived in Medina for more than 30 years. We raised our family here. It was a dream come true to serve as Medina's chief of police.

It is certainly difficult to walk away, but this isn't necessarily goodbye and I

Buckin' Ohio hosts one of five professional bull riding events Saturday, June 24 at 8154 Garman Road, Burbank in Medina County. **Gates open at 4 pm with Mutton Bustin' at 5:30 at bull riding at 7 pm.** Theme for the evening is "Salute to Our Warriors." Tickets are \$16 for adults and \$7 for children 6-12. [INFO](#)



Cahal Dunne Benefit Concert

Cahal Dunne, Ireland's Happy Man, will be performing a benefit concert at the **Medina Performing Arts Center Middle Stage** from **2 to 4 pm** on **Sunday, June 25**. Tickets are \$30 and can be bought by calling **330-342-2019**. Proceeds benefit the Children's Free Care Fund. Present your ticket stub at Rose Hill Restaurant and Amuse European Bistro and they will donate 20% of your dinner tab. For more info, visit [HERE](#) or [HERE](#).



Sundaes on Thursday on the Square

The Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities will host Sundaes on Thursday, a community ice cream social, on **Thursday, June 29, 6:30 to 8:30 pm** on the **Medina Public Square**. For more info, **330-725-7751 ext. 318** or bbucks@mcbdd.org or visit their website [HERE](#).



Brunswick Summer Celebration

The Brunswick Summer Celebration of Bands, Bites & Booms kicks off **Thursday, June 29** and runs through **Tuesday, July 4**. Eleven different bands will be performing on two stages throughout the festival including Lynyrd Skynrd Tribute, Vicious Circle and the Chardon Polka Band. **Fireworks on Saturday** and the **Grand Parade on Sunday at 2 pm**. [INFO](#)



2017 Medina County Race Calendar

Like Running? Check out the races coming to Medina County the next few weeks!



am excited to begin the next chapter of my life."

Lt. **Dave Birckbichler** has been serving as acting chief since November when Berarducci went on medical leave.

Read the rest of **Halee Heironimus'** story at [The Gazette](#).



Court Order halts vote on Medina Twp fire service

A legal move Thursday by the Medina Township Firemen's Association blocked a bid by township trustees to turn over fire service to the city of Medina.

Medina County Common Pleas Court Judge **Joyce V. Kimbler** granted the association a temporary restraining order against a potential contract between the township and Medina.

The order prevented trustees from voting on the proposal calling for the township to pay \$230,000 annually for fire service from the city. Trustees have said it cost \$623,000 to operate the fire department in 2016.

Matchstick Challenge, Wadsworth Art Wright Stadium, June 23. Info: [HERE](#)

Al "Buz" Anderson Memorial 5k, Spencer JB Firestone Park, June 24. Info: [HERE](#)

Twin Sizzler, Medina Public Square, July 4. Info: [HERE](#) or [HERE](#)

Thursday, June 22 and Friday, June 23

The Annual Farm Yard and Tent Sale will be from **9 am to 2 pm** at **Skyview Lodge, 336 Pearl Rd.** There will be sneak peak on **Wednesday, June 21**, from **5 to 7 pm**. For more info, **330-225-8345** or visit their website [HERE](#)

Thursday, June 22 through Sunday, June 25

Jamgrass 6 will take place at **8120 Coon Club Road, Medina**. Music, camping, workshops! 18+ bands performing, kids activities and more! \$50 for Friday through Sunday. \$10 Thursday early bird arrival. [INFO](#)

Friday, June 23

The Brunswick Astronomy Club will be hosting the Brunswick Lake Star Party from **9 to 11 pm** at **Brunswick Lake Park**. [MORE INFO](#)

Friday, June 23

Join ventriloquist Robert Miller and his "Knee High Posse" for Cafe Customer Appreciation Day at the **Soprema Senior Center Cafe, 617 School Dr., Wadsworth**, from **11:30 am to 1:30 pm**. The \$5 lunch special includes mac and cheese, fruit, sugar cookies, and fruit punch. Bring the grandkids! For more info contact Nancy Likens, **330-335-1513** or nlikens@wadsworthcity.org or visit [HERE](#).

Friday, June 23

Enjoy hot dogs, sloppy joes, pie, and ice cream & music at the Litchfield Circle, **3928 Avon Lake Rd**. Food will be served beginning at **6:30 pm**. Stay to hear the Litchfield Town Band from **7:30 to 8:30 pm**. Donations will benefit the Litchfield United Church of Christ. For more info contact Melanie Schank, 440-328-7690 or litchfielducc@aol.com or visit their website [HERE](#).

Friday, June 23

Community Action Wayne/Medina will be offering free vegetable and flower plants to income eligible customers. You have to have a photo ID, Social Security cards, income documentation for all household members for the last 90 days, and a completed application. The program will run til **June 23 from 9 am to 3:30 pm each day**. For more info, visit [HERE](#).

Saturday, June 24

In honor of Kelli Baker, Kelli's C.R.U.S.A.D.E. will be holding its annual open horse show at the **Medina County Fairgrounds** beginning at **9 am**.

On Monday, Medina City Council unanimously approved the plan and termed it an emergency measure at the request of the township.

Officials noted the city has provided similar service to neighboring Montville Township for years.

If the agreement had been approved Thursday, the contract would have taken effect immediately.

The township now is required to appear at a hearing in Kimbler's court on June 26.

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



Man pleads not guilty to series of burglaries around county

A Cleveland man accused of committing a series of burglaries in and around Medina County pleaded not guilty to the charges Thursday in Medina County Common Pleas Court.

Jeffrey Wint, 30, is facing five counts of burglary, all second-degree felonies, stemming from reported break-ins at three homes in Granger Township, one

Riders can sign up for numerous classes. Fee is \$5/class with a \$10 stall fee. For more info, call Sharon Baker, **330-948-1784** or kellis.crusade@yahoo.com

Starting Monday, June 26 and Last Camp Friday, August 4

Stony Hill Summer Camp

Weekly themed summer camps will be held for children ages 5-12 starting **June 26**. Sign-up for an individual week or all 5 weeks. Camps run **Monday through Friday, 9 am to 1 pm**. Cost is \$75 per week. Take 5% off if you register more than one child and 10% if you sign up for all 5 weeks. To register your child, contact Sam Weisend, **330-239-9858** or sweisend@churchatstonyhill.com, or visit their website. [MORE INFO](#)

Saturday, July 1

Cloverleaf High Class of 1977 is holding its 40th class reunion at **Moxie's Bar and Grill, 700 Medina St., Lodi**. Dinner will be at **6 pm** with the Fast Lane Eagles Tribute Band playing from **8:30 pm to 12:30 am**. You will have to pay for your own food and drinks. RSVP to Debbie Wills Vorndran, jvorndran001@neo.rr.com or through Facebook.

Sunday, July 2

Medina County Historical Society will host an Open House from **1 to 4 pm** at the John Smart House museum, **206 N. Elmwood St**. Come see our newly remodeled basement and displays. Any questions? **330-722-1341**.

Sunday, July 2

Join **Remsen Christian Church, 1500 Remsen Rd.**, in celebrating America with a free patriotic concert and ice cream social at **2 pm**. [MORE INFO](#).

Monday, July 3

The Wadsworth Community Band will be playing patriotic songs for its Independence Day Concert starting at **7 pm** on the **lawn of O.J. Work Auditorium at Wadsworth Intermediate School**. For more info, **330-283-8009** or visit their Facebook page or their website [HERE](#).

Community Action Wayne/Medina Summer Crisis Program

Help is available for eligible households trying to cope with the summer heat. The program can assist with a one-time benefit. To be eligible you must have a member over 60 years or older and have a member with a documented medical condition verified by a licensed physician or registered nurse practitioner. **Call for appointments at 1-844-493-1196**.

Every Sunday

The Brunswick Farmers Market will be from **11 am to 2 pm** at **Heritage Farm, 4613 Laurel Rd**. Browse a variety of locally grown produce, bakery, canned goods, and flowers. For more info, **330-441-0292** and leave a message. Proceeds benefit the Brunswick Area Historical Society.

Every Saturday

The **Northern Ohio Railway Museum, 5515 Buffham Rd., Seville** is

in Hinckley Township and one on Richfield.

A jury trial is scheduled for Aug. 14 in Medina Common Pleas Court before Judge **Joyce V. Kimbler**.

Kimbler on Thursday set Wint's bond at \$100,000 bond, according to court records. She also ordered Wint to not to have contact with the victims.

Read the rest of **Halee Heironimus'** story in [The Gazette](#).



Brunswick council considers adopting massage parlor ordinance

Brunswick City Council is considering legislation regulating the operation of massage parlors within the city limits.

This following a police department undercover operation in December, 2016, that resulted in the arrest of two employees of Relax Massage Spa, 3321 Center Road.

"We were given information that there was suspected illegal activity,"

open every Saturday, **10 am to 4 pm**. Admission is free, donations gratefully accepted. The public may visit a restored 1954 Cleveland Transit System Rapid Transit Car and ride a streetcar on the second Saturday of each month. Rides cost \$4 for adults, \$2 for children, and free for children younger than 5. Rides will begin at **11 am** and end at **3 pm**. For more info, **330-769-5501** or asknorm@northernohiorailwaymuseum.org or visit their Facebook page or website [HERE](#)

All of July

Visit Martins' Blueberry Farm in Spencer to pick your own blueberries this July! They are located at **11581 Spencer Mills Rd**. For picking days and hours call **330-648-2884**.

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

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Brunswick Police Chief Brian Ohlin said of the operation, which also involved officers from the Department of Homeland Security and the Medina County Sheriff's Department. "An undercover police officer went in and on two occasions was solicited for sexual activity."



Whit & Whimsy from Sam Boyer

Register for the annual Family Fun Day of Putt from noon to 4 p.m. June 25 at Rinky Dink Family Fun Center, 2390 Medina Road (Route 18).

This is a great value for a family fun event - lunch and unlimited putt putt for just \$10. Baskets, games and more to enjoy - and it's a wonderful way to help save abandoned or mistreated pets. Can't attend? Be a hole sponsor for just \$25.

Read about more news and events from around the county at Cleveland.com.

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Employment Opportunities

Click on the Above Link for more opportunities

City of Medina Patrol Officer - Exam administered on July 27. Deadline to apply is July 19. [INFO](#)

Mike's Jerky Company - Seeking qualified candidates for Team Leaders, Office Support, Machine Operators & Packaging. Apply in person Mon-Fri 9am - noon at 711 West Smith Rd., Medina or send resume to info@justmikesjerky.com.

Galaxy Restaurant, Wadsworth - Currently hiring cooks, dish, food runners and maintenance. [INFO](#)

Mack Ready Mix Concrete, Valley City - Seeking customer service oriented drivers. Will train. Home nightly, opportunities to learn and advance. Ready Mix Truck Drivers must have Class A CDL, Class B CDL. Clean MVR required. [INFO](#)

City of Medina - PT Clerk to work in parks & recreation. [INFO](#)

Direct Support Professional - Providing aid to individuals with intellectual disabilities, brain injury and emotional, behavioral or medical complexities. Located in Medina County, working for national company. [INFO](#)

Fire-Dex, Medina - Digital Marketing Specialist, focusing on internet marketing and graphic design. [INFO](#)



Kovack earns state education award

Medina County Auditor **Mike Kovack** has been honored for going above and beyond in making himself more knowledgeable in the public auditing field. Kovack recently received the Distinguished County Auditor award from the County Auditors' Association of Ohio for completing 100 or more hours of continuing education during his term of office.

County auditors are required by Ohio law to complete at least 24 hours of continuing education while in office.

Read the rest of **Ann Norman's** story at Cleveland.com.



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