

# Auditor Kovack's Weekend Update

August 16, 2017

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## Greetings!

Oh my, where has the summer gone! Kids are back in school, cooler temps in the evening and so many events happening!

A couple of Medina County's biggest events happen this week - The **International Fest** on Medina's Square on Saturday and then the **Valley City Frog Jump** on Sunday. I hope to see you out and about at both of them this weekend! See more info below.

Good luck to all the students heading back to school. Brunswick actually went back to school today, but I think most of the rest of the districts go back next week. One of the Brunswick Schools had a marvelous quote painted up on their wall: "This is the beginning of anything you want." What a great sentiment!

The Medina County District Libraries are running a **NO PRODUCE LEFT BEHIND** program in August. Local gardeners donate their extra garden produce at any MCDL branch, **ANY MONDAY IN AUGUST**. The food is picked up by the local food banks to be distributed to local families in need. Don't let any of your extra produce go to waste! ;)

Hope you have a great week!

**Mike Kovack**

**Tolerance is giving to every other human being  
every right that you claim for yourself.**

**Robert Green Ingersoll**

## Downtown Medina Ghost Tour

Sonya Horstman of Haunted Cleveland Tours will be hosting "Ghost Walking Tours" on **Wednesday, August 16**. Beginning at **7:30 pm** take a 2-hour tour of downtown Medina's Haunted History. Explore a graveyard, a haunted cellar and coffee shop, and places where spirits allegedly still roam. Cost is \$20 and you'll meet at the **Gazebo in downtown Medina Square at 7:15 pm**. Ages 10 and older. Call **440-775-1217** to reserve a space. [INFO](#)





## Races, tax issues pack November ballot

The county's fall election ballot will feature dozens of officeholders seeking re-election along with two school districts asking voters to help them address aging facilities.

According to Wednesday's filing deadline for the Nov. 7 ballot, there will be 160 candidates running for local offices, along with 24 local issues.

There also will be two state issues - the Ohio Crime Victims Bill of Rights (Marsy's Law) and the Ohio Drug Price Relief Act - on the ballot.

The ballot is to be certified during a Medina County Board of Elections meeting at 3 p.m. Tuesday at 3800 Stonegate Drive, Suite C, Medina Township.

## School issues

Voters in Brunswick Schools will decide a \$48.1 million bond issue, to be retired at 2.3 mills over 36 years, to build a new middle school and renovate its elementary schools.

## Join the Cadet Program

The Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program is looking for 8 candidates (boys and girls ages 12+) to join its Medina Skyhawks Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program, an all volunteer auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force. If you are interested, please visit at least 2 meetings before September 21 to receive an application. Meetings are most Thursdays (**August 17, 24, 31, September 4, 14**) from 6:30 to 9 pm at **Skypark Airport, 3071 Greenwich Road in Wadsworth.**



The Civil Air Patrol is offering activities that include leadership training, aerospace education, up to 5 orientation flights, emergency service training, training exercises, field trips and social activities. Please contact Glenn Somodi at [glenn.somodi@ohwg.cap.gov](mailto:glenn.somodi@ohwg.cap.gov) or the [website](#) for more details.

## Medina International Fest

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### The 9th Annual Medina International Fest

is a celebration of community and culture that has grown into one of the largest single day events in Medina County. The festival is **August 19, 9 am to 6 pm on the Historic Medina Square.** Guests can enjoy 9 hours of entertainment, ethnic foods and hundreds of vendors at the International Bazaar. Free event for the entire family! [MORE INFO](#)

## Hunter Education Course

The Medina County Park District is offering a **hunter education course**, required for all first-time hunting license buyers in Ohio (ORC 1533.10). The class is **August 19, 9 am to 4 pm.** The hunter education course covers topics such as firearms, ammunition, gun handling, archery, hunter responsibilities, outdoor safety, wildlife management and conservation, and other related information. Absolutely NO firearms shall be brought to the class. Lunch is not provided but there will be a one-hour lunch break. [REGISTER](#)



## Valley City Frog Jump & Street Fair

The request would cost a homeowner \$80.52 annually, or \$6.71 per month, per \$100,000 property valuation, according to Medina County Auditor's Office data.

The district recently was approved to receive \$18 million in state funding through the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission toward the project.

Find out about all the candidates and ballot issues in **Halee Heironimus'** story in [The Gazette](#).



### Brunswick Mini Mart owner closes register for last time

Almost 45 years ago, 19-year-old **Michael Esber** drove to Brunswick with his father to look at a convenience store listed for sale.

"The gentleman that owned it passed away," Esber said. "My dad was their family attorney."

"(My dad) said, 'The store is for sale if you want to buy it,'" Esber remembered. "And that's kind of the way it went."

**Sunday, August 20** will be the 56th annual Frog Jump Festival in **Valley City, at Mill Stream Park, 1250 Maple St., 11 am to 5:30 pm.** To register for the frog jump ahead of time, visit [HERE](#). People can continue to register at **10 am** the day of the event. Cost is \$4 if you bring your own frog or \$9 if you rent one. You must check in during your time to participate. During the Frog Jump, from **Friday, August 18 to Sunday, August 20**, the Valley City/Liverpool Twp. Fire and Rescue Association will be sponsoring the 83rd Annual Street Fair, **6700 Center Rd.** Enjoy games, raffles, food, and entertainment from **6 to 11 pm.**



## Ugandan Kids Choir

**Sunday, August 20** the Ugandan Kids Choir returns to **New Life Christian Fellowship, 580 N. State Rd., Medina**

for a free concert. Starting at **6:30 pm**, enjoy traditional African songs, authentic African instruments, and watch as they dance in African attire. No ticket is required. By coming to this event you will be supporting children in need around the world. For more information visit [HERE](#).

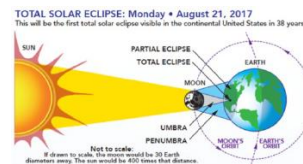


## Solar Eclipse Events

**Monday, August 21** will be a solar eclipse. Enjoy one of the many eclipse events going on throughout Medina County and don't miss being able to see this partial solar eclipse.

Visit the **Wolff Creek Environmental Center, 6100 Ridge Rd.,** on **Monday, August 21** from **12 to 4 pm.** Participate in a variety of sun-related activities and watch the eclipse from **1 to 2:30 pm.** No registration is required and this event is free. For more info, **330-722-9364** or visit [HERE](#).

The libraries around the county will also be hosting several events during the eclipse. On **Tuesday, August 15 between 2 and 3 pm, Medina Library** will be helping children in grades 1 through 3 learn about the solar eclipse and make a camera obscura to safely watch the eclipse. [MORE INFO.](#) **Buckeye Library** will be hosting a solar eclipse week. Stop in any day between **Monday, August 21 and Saturday, August 26** for fun games, crafts, and experiments. [MORE INFO.](#) **Lodi Library** invites you to join them between **1 and 3 pm on Monday, August 21** for a solar eclipse viewing party. Snacks and shades will be provided. [MORE INFO.](#) To find out when the eclipse will be over your city, click [HERE](#).



Michael's Mini Mart, 327 Pearl Road, opened its doors in November 1972.

"I worked open to close, 14 hours a day," he said.

Effective today, Esber, 64, is retired from the business.

But his legacy, name and all, is sticking around.

The convenience store and Valero gas station now is under the ownership of brother-sister team **Paresh and Chhaya Patel**.

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



## Zero speeding tolerance coming on stretch of route 18

The Ohio Department of Transportation will test stricter penalties along a portion of state Route 18, one of Medina County's most dangerous stretches.

Sharon Township Trustee **Ray Lurtz** said when the enforcement begins, drivers could be cited for going even 1 mph over the speed limit of 55 mph.

"That's steep for 1 mile," Lurtz said. "Hopefully, it

## Buckin' Ohio Pro Bull Riding

Come celebrate the American Farmer with the **Buckin' Ohio Pro Bull Riding Series**,

**8154 Garman Rd., Burbank on August 26.**

Gates open at 4 pm, with preshow



activities, like Mutton Bustin' and Barrel Racing, until **7 pm** when the show commences. Adult tickets are \$18 at the gate. Enjoy some of the best rodeo clowns and bull fighters in the industry! For more info, call

**330-624-7205** or visit [HERE](#)

## Annual Lodi Antique Festival

It's time again for the **Annual Lodi Antique Festival, Saturday, August 26 in Downtown Lodi from 9 am to 4 pm.** Featuring artisans, antiques, crafts, a farmers market, musical entertainment, more! Park by donation. [MORE INFO](#)



## Annual Pig Roast

Pig out at **Medina Health Ministry's Annual Pig Roast, August 26, 4 - 8 pm** at Buffalo Creek

Retreat 8708 Hubbard Valley Rd. Tickets are \$40 for adults, \$12 for kids 4-8, and free for any under 3.

For tickets or more info, call 330-764-9300 or click [HERE](#)



## 2017 Medina County Race Calendar

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



Run for the Trails 5k, Maria Stanhope Park in Seville, Sept. 4. Info: [HERE](#)

Nate Vermote Run to Freedom 5k, Hinckly Reservation, September 9. Info: [HERE](#)

Tunnel to Towers 5k, Medina Public Square, September 10. Info: [HERE](#)

Race for Grace 5k, Medina Hospital, September 17. Info: [HERE](#)

will cut down on accidents and fatalities."

According to statistics from ODOT, there were 563 accidents along that stretch of Route 18 from 2008 to 2015. That included nine fatalities.

Officials are hoping to curtail speeding and distracted driving, according to **Julie A. Cichello**, ODOT District 3 traffic engineer.

The 5-mile stretch from Windfall Road to Medina Line Road is the border between Sharon and Granger townships and "will be the first safety corridor in the state," Cichello said.

ODOT will start by adding new signage along Route 18 informing drivers they are entering a zero-tolerance corridor. She said there could be increased communication about the upcoming changes, mostly to give drivers fair warning they are about to be enacted. New enforcement will begin in January.

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



**Wadsworth student designs uniforms for Rubber Ducks**

## Other Events:

### Friday, August 18

From **11:30 am to 1:30 pm** stop by **Soprema Senior Center Cafe** for Customer Appreciation Day at **617 School Dr., Wadsworth**.

The lunch special will be \$5.50 and will include an Italian sausage sandwich with peppers and onions, pasta salad, and strawberry angel food cake. There will be a special music performance by Ashley Marie featuring acoustic covers of folk, pop, and soft rock tunes.

### Friday, August 18

The Medina County Office of Older Adults will be having its last Picnic on the Patio at **246 Northland Dr., Medina, 11 am to 1 pm**. The theme is Hawaiian Luau, so dinner will be BBQ chicken leg quarters and entertainment will be provided by Island Jeff. This week's picnic is sponsored by WRAAA. Cost: \$4/seniors and children, \$5/adult. For more info, call **330-723-9514**.

### Friday, August 18

Join Northside Christian Church, **7615 Ridge Rd., Wadsworth**,

for its last family movie night of the year. Enjoy a free picnic dinner from Chick-Fil-A at **7 pm** and then move inside at **8 pm** to watch *Finding Dory* on a 20-foot screen. [INFO](#)

### Saturday, August 19

Friends of the Spring Grove Cemetery will hold their 13th annual historical walk at 1 pm. Meet at the chapel at the cemetery circle at S Spring Grove and E Washington Sts. Free & open to the public.

### Sunday, August 20

Join Brunswick High School Girls Soccer for its annual Kick-a-thon! The \$5 admission provides you a chance to join in the fun and participate in a raffle. The event begins at **11 am** at the **Brunswick High School Automart Stadium**. [INFO](#)

### Sunday, August 20

Lodi will host the **Bob Rice Memorial Ice Cream Social** from

**Noon to 2 pm** at Lodi Central Park. Homemade ice cream is sponsored by the Lodi Lumber Company and music is by the Travelin' Man duo, sponsored by the Lodi Ruritan Club. The event will be moved indoors in case of rain.

On Friday, the Akron RubberDucks and Binghamton Rumble Ponies matched up in a doubleheader during the heat of the Eastern League playoff race. When the RubberDucks suited up for the second game, however, they donned a jersey designed by a young fan who has faced a far more significant battle.

**Landon Skidmore** is an 8-year-old student at Wadsworth's Franklin Elementary whose love of baseball is surpassed only by his courage and perseverance. At the age of 4, he was thrown a curveball when he was diagnosed with a Wilms Tumor, a cancerous growth that starts in the kidneys.

After nine months of chemotherapy, however, Landon is doing much better and trying his hand at graphic design. After four painstaking days of work, he created the winning uniform in the RubberDucks' annual contest as part of their Showers Family Center for Childhood Cancer and Blood Disorders Celebration Event and Akron Children's Hospital Home Run For Life.

"It's just great to be able to celebrate here," said **Courtney Skidmore**, Landon's mother. "It's overwhelming. We've come to the game the past several years, but this one's special. He's four years cancer-free, and we're just blessed to be able to celebrate."

### **Sunday, August 20**

The Brunswick Area Historical Society will have a special program after the Farmer's Market on the newly released book, "**Secret Cleveland**," which includes information about Brunswick and the Hiram Miller Underground Railroad sign. The program will be at the **Heritage Farm Museum, 4613 Laurel Road, after 2 pm. For more information, call 330-441-0292.**

### **Thursday, August 24**

The OSU Office of Extension, Medina is presenting an "**Introduction to Grant Writing**" workshop. You can choose one morning class, from **10 am to noon**, or one evening class, from **6 to 8 pm**. The cost is \$50/person and will be in the **A.I. Root Community Room, 623 W. Liberty St., Medina**. Registration with payment is needed by **August 18**. [MORE INFORMATION](#)

### **Thursday, August 24**

The Brunswick Area Historical Society will meet at **6 pm at the Heritage Farm barn, 4613 Laurel Rd.**

### **Saturday, August 26**

Closing out this year's **Jazz Under the Stars** concert series will be the popular group, Akin for Jazz. Bring your family, some blankets or chairs, and a picnic to **Medina's Uptown Park** from **7 to 9 pm** to listen to some tunes from the American Songbook. For more info visit [HERE](#).

**Saturday, August 26** Learn how to volunteer for the **AARP Tax Aide Program** at the **Volunteer Fair** at the **Medina Library, 210 S. Broadway, 1 to 3 pm**. The program offers free tax preparation help to anyone of any age. If you like to help people and have 4-5 hours a week from February through April 15 to share, they need you. They offer training. No experience necessary. **Contacts: Dick Green (Brunswick) 330-725-1327, Chuck Catanese (Medina) 216-410-7498, Jan Wagner (Wadsworth) 330-416-5663.**

### **Saturday, August 26**

The Medina Farmers Market will hold a Homemade Salsa Contest. No age restrictions. For more info visit [HERE](#).

### **Thursday, August 31**

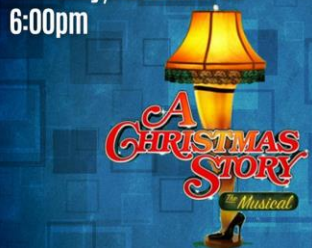
SCORE will be offering a workshop on "Acquiring Commercial Real Estate: Avoiding Pitfalls," 6 to 8 pm, at the Medina County University Center, 6300 Technology Lane, Medina. Call 330-379-3163 for more information.

### **Every second Thursday**

Brunswick AARP meetings will be held at **1 pm** in the **Brunswick Recreation Center, 3637 Center Rd.** Doors open at **12:30 pm**. September's meeting will feature Walter Goldback, creator of Chief Wahoo, logo for the Cleveland Indians.

Read **Jake Dungan's** full story in [The Gazette](#).

No Frills Bus Trip to Playhouse Square  
**Thursday, November 30**  
**6:00pm**



### **ORMACO offering no-frills tickets for "A Christmas Story" through Medina Community Police Activities League**

The Ohio Regional Music Arts and Cultural Outreach and the Medina Community Police Activities League are once again teaming up to offer a live theater experience to area children and their families.

This year's no-frills holiday trip will be to see a production of "A Christmas Story" at the Allen Theater at Playhouse Square in Cleveland.

Seating is limited for the Nov. 30 show. Tickets are \$40 per person and include a school bus ride to and from Cleveland. Participants can meet at the Montville Police Station at 6 p.m. or drive on their own.

Last year, 90 people joined in the fun for the inaugural MCPAL road trip to see "How the Grinch Stole Christmas."

### **Every Saturday**

The **Northern Ohio Railway Museum, 5515 Buffham Rd., Seville** is 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, call **330-769-5501** or [asknorm@northernohiorailwaymuseum.org](mailto:asknorm@northernohiorailwaymuseum.org) or visit their Facebook page or website [HERE](#).

### **Get ready to celebrate 200 years of Medina**

with the Bicentennial Coloring Book, featuring drawings by local artist Cindy Allman. Its 32 pages contain adapted images of historic Medina as well as background text. This coloring book for all ages costs \$10, which benefits 2018's celebration events. Books can be purchased at various locations in Medina or online [HERE](#). For more bicentennial info, call 330-723-7649.

## **FARMERS MARKETS**

### **Every Saturday through October 14**

**Medina Farmers' Market, 9 am to 1 pm, on the square downtown.**

[INFO](#)

### **Every Saturday through September 30**

Main Street **Wadsworth Farmers Market** at **Central Intermediate School, 151 Main St. from 9 to 12 pm.** [INFO](#)

### **Every Sunday through October 8**

**Brunswick Farmers Market 11 am to 2 pm** at **Heritage Farm, 4613 Laurel Road.** Proceeds benefit the Brunswick Historical Society. [INFO](#)

## **SAVE THE DATES**

**September 9** - Alzheimer's Walk, Medina Community Rec Center, 855 Weymouth Road. Free registration 8:30 am, 9:30 am event

**September 17** - Rainbow Bridge Pet Memorial Walk, Buckeye Woods Park, 6335 Wedgewood Rd. Free registration 12:30 pm, event at 1pm.

## **OTHER ACTIVITY LISTINGS**

[Joy of Medina County](#)  
[Main Street Medina Events Calendar](#)

Read Ann Norman's full story at [Cleveland.com](http://Cleveland.com).

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## Music in Medina County

### Medina

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[JoJo's](#)

[High & Low Winery](#)

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[Thirsty Cowboy](#)  
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Brunswick  
[Mapleside Farms](#)

### Wadsworth

[Sonnet's](#)  
[GALAXY](#)

[Community Band](#)

### Sharon Township

[Music in the Circle](#)

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## Employment Opportunities

Click on links below for more opportunities.



**Construction Company** - Needs laborers and roofers. [INFO](#)

**Lodi Hospital** - Seeking PRN & PT RN'S for the OR. Also PT off-shift nursing coordinator. [INFO](#)

**Nurturing Hands & Hearts** - Has open positions for caregivers for individuals with developmental disabilities both in home and in day programs. [INFO](#)

**FireDex Sewing Associates** - Will train. \$10.50 an hour to start. Second shift hours 3 pm - 11:30 pm. [INFO](#)

**SFS Group USA** - Seeking entry level and skilled operators for our unique, state of the art equipment in Medina. Comprehensive training in our clean, safe environment. [INFO](#)

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