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New Council Member

Desarae Barger has been appointed to the Village Council in the vacant spot created when Aletha Grubb decided to retire from the Council. She looks forward to serving the community the best of her ability. We thank her for stepping up and taking this position.

Mt. Blanchard News

We are pleased to inform all residents that State Route 37 and Main Street within the Village are now fully reopened to traffic.

Village employees have successfully completed extensive repairs to the recent water main. In addition to repairing the water main, crews also completed necessary repairs to the sanitary sewer line to ensure the long-term integrity and reliability of our infrastructure. As part of this project, two new service meter lines were installed to further improve service and prevent future issues.

This was a significant repair that required careful coordination, hard work, and long hours from our Village team. We understand that the road closure and utility interruptions may have caused inconvenience, and we sincerely appreciate the patience, cooperation, and understanding shown by our residents and local businesses throughout this process.

Communication is an important part of Our community. This newsletter is Being produced to improve our spread Of knowledge. It will be released quarterly With articles about the people and events not only in Mt. Blanchard but also at Riverdale. If you know of any events that Are occurring in the future that you would Like to see in this newsletter, please contact Liz Myers at 514-315-1209 or myers1225@yahoo.com.

Reminders:

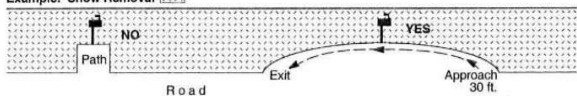


Approaches to Curbside Mailboxes

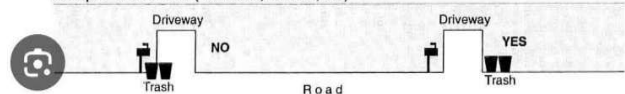
Dear Customer,

The Postal Service depends on you to meet postal requirements regarding delivery and collection of mail to curbside boxes. Please keep the full approach and exits to your mailbox clear, as illustrated in the examples below. Removing trash cans, snow, vehicles, and any other objects from the area allows the carrier to deliver your mail safely and efficiently without exiting the vehicle. Your cooperation in this matter is sincerely appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact us. Thank you. Your Postmaster

Example: Snow Removal



Example: Obstructions (trash cans, vehicles, etc.)



Village Maintenance Work

Our village work crew has been very busy this winter. They helped the Beautification Committee put up the Christmas decorations and bring water and electricity to Memorial Park. I'm sure we all enjoyed the beautiful lights and decorations.

They also installed some new much needed fire hydrants and the last of the new playground equipment. Also, in the works was inspecting and cleaning the old sewer system, as well as make much needed repairs.

They not only did repairs to the sewer system but also to the water system. As you all are aware, there were 3 water main breaks on Main Street this past winter. The most recent is reported in another article.

This winter has seen a lot of cold and snow, more than we've seen in a long time.

That has kept Gavin and his crew extremely busy trying to keep our streets and alleys clean. I know there was many a morning I heard them go down my alley.

Hopefully we won't get that much more snow this year.

Gavin told me about the grant that has been received. He will be able to replace all the catch basins, storm drains, and some curbs and gutters that need repaired or replaced on Main Street. And after all this work is done, the state will be repaving State Route 37 through Mt. Blanchard. It will be great having Main Street all redone. Thank you, Gavin and our work crew, for all the fine work you have done this winter.

Gavin and his crew taking on the repairs to the water main break on Main Street.



Mt. Blanchard has been described as a bedroom community, a community with no businesses, a community with residents who work elsewhere. Perhaps we are, but we do have some businesses that are worth knowing. Here are some of them.

The Rustic Cow

Dan and Jen Frey own the Rustic Cow in Pandora and are extending this great restaurant to Mt. Blanchard. They have been doing quite a bit of renovating and updating Mt. Blanchard Rustic Cow so they will be able to provide the excellent food and good service for which they are known at the Pandora Rustic Cow. I viewed the menu they have in Facebook and was quite surprised at the variety. Of course they will be providing ice cream, both hard and soft serve, and sandwiches including hot dogs, burgers, subs, and smoked pulled pork and bologna. They will also be serving some homemade side dishes such as mac and cheese, baked beans, coleslaw and green bean casserole. Most surprising is coffee and espresso as well as PIZZA.

The are hoping to open the beginning of April if the renovations are completed on time. Their hours will be 3:00 to 9:00 for now. Also they will be looking for workers. I'm sure, like me you can't wait until April.

Born 2 Party

One of the best kept business secrets is the one owned by Terri and Mark Born the Born 2 Party, event planner. They have two locations, the Venue at 100 S. Main Street, and the Shop at 106 N. Main Street. They plan all kinds of events including but not limited to parties, celebrations, vender shows, trivia nights, speakers, homesteading and any other reason to gather.

Their most recent venture is workout classes. They offer fitness dance, jumping, and drumming. Fitness dance and drumming I understand, but jumping? The boots are furnished. The dance sessions are on Saturday mornings at 9:00 a.m. for \$6.00 per session. Jump sessions are Saturday mornings at 10:00 a.m. for \$10.00 per session and the Drumming is offered Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. for \$10.00 per session. These are all offered at the Shop.

It is exciting to talk to Terri and hear about her plans for the future. She wants to add more exercise classes and more events. She would also like to have a juice and coffee bar as a place for people to gather. I find this a wonderful opportunity to exercise in my hometown without having to go to Findlay or some other place out of town. I hope you take the time to check out these places. I have.

Treats from BAM

Treats From BAM is a company founded by Bret and Amber Miller. They started by transforming ordinary candy into extraordinary experiences using freeze-drying technology in their garage in 2020. Today, they're Northwest Ohio's first licensed freeze-dried candy manufacturer, offering unique treats with new textures and flavors. Their story began with a passion for creating something special, and they've built a business that's not just about products, but about spreading joy and smiles. They are continually working to improve and expand their menu such as including desserts like raspberry cake, carrot cake and eclairs.

BAM Treats can be purchased in Brinkman's Market, and other local spots in Ada, Anna, Arlington, Bellevue, Bluffton, Carey, Dayton, Dunkirk, Fairborn, Forest, Fostoria, Kenton, Leipsic, Lima, Marion, McComb, Piqua, Troy, Upper Sandusky, Urbana, Wapakoneta. They can also be purchased online on their Facebook page.

Beginnings of Mt. Blanchard

In 2030 Mt. Blanchard will be celebrating its bicentennial. The Village Council and the Beautification Committee have started planning for it. If you would like to help or if you have any ideas, please contact them.

I do not remember much of Mt. Blanchard's past and I'm sure most of you don't either, so I decided to research our history and print articles in this newsletter. I thought we would start at the beginning.

Mt. Blanchard was the first community established outside Findlay in Hancock County.

Mt. Blanchard is at the site of a former Wyandot Indian village and named after Jean Jacques Blanchard. He was a refined, educated Frenchman who married a Shawnee woman and settled here. He used the Blanchard River to travel and work.

After the War of 1812 many former soldiers moved into northwest Ohio which had recently been opened to settlement. Asa M. Lake and his family were among them. He bought the land which is currently downtown Mt. Blanchard and laid out plots in 1830.

Other families that came with him were Michael Burke, Don Hamlin, William J. Greer, Reuben Hamlin Godfrey Wolford, Bob Elder, John Rose, Nathan Williams, Warren Hancock, Michael Casner, Bill Davis, and Ayers Stradley. They settled in the area and in the village.

Soon after being organized, Hancock County started dividing into townships, the first being Amanda and Welfare (which was renamed Delaware) townships.

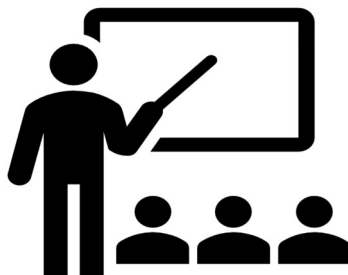
I look forward to printing articles about the history of our community in later newsletters, and I hope you enjoy learning about our history.





Riverdale School Events

Feb	15	Hancock All County Honors Band/Choir Festival
Feb	16	All Day NO SCHOOL - President's Day
Feb	17	8:00 AM Health Partners of Western OH Dental Cleaning
Feb	18	8:00 AM Health Partners of Western OH Dental Cleaning
Feb	21-28	National FFA Week!
Feb	23	8:00 AM Red Cross Blood Drive Riverdale Local Schools
Feb	25	2:00 PM 1st Grade Program
Feb	26	2:00 PM 1st Grade Program
Feb	26	7:00 PM 1st Grade Program
Mar	3	6:00 PM HS Scheduling Parent Meeting
Mar	3	7:00 PM PTO Meeting
Mar	4	All Day K-5 Elementary Spring Picture Day
Mar	5	8:00 AM Riverdale Shop/Engineering Robot Competition @ BG
Mar	7	9:00 AM PTO Craft Show
Mar	9-13	Spring Book Fair in MS/HS Library
Mar	12	5:30 PM Family Fun Night
Mar	17	7:00 PM 4th Grade Recorder Concert
Mar	19	All Day End of 3rd Nine Weeks
Mar	19	3:00 PM Spring Sports Photos
Mar	20	All Day NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-Service
Mar	27	All Day Grade Cards
Apr	3-6	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
Apr	7	7:00 PM PTO Meeting
Apr	9	6:00 PM Washington DC Meeting Main - Cafeteria
Apr	15	All Day Riverdale Kindergarten Screening
Apr	16-18	Riverdale Shop/Engineering National Robotics Challenge @ Marion
Apr	22-24	All Day Vision Outreach
Apr	25	6:00 PM 62nd Annual Riverdale FFA Banquet
Apr	27	All Day Vision Outreach
May	2	All Day HS Prom
May	5	11:00 AM Kindergarten Program
May	5	7:00 PM PTO Meeting
May	5	7:30 PM Kindergarten Program
May	9	7:00 AM BT Twirlers - WTA State Championship
May	11-15	All Day Forest Jackson Library summer reading program visit
May	12	7:00 PM Arts Extravaganza
May	14	5:00 PM FFA Chicken BBQ
May	17	2:00 PM GRADUATION
May	21	2 HOUR EARLY RELEASE LAST STUDENT DAY



Riverdale High School Spring Sports Schedule

Feb	21	9:30 AM	HS Boys & Girls Wrestling AT Van Buren High School	
Feb	28	8:00 AM	HS Sectional Wrestling at Van Buren	
Mar	6 & 7	All Day	HS Wrestling District Tourn. at Rossford HS	
Mar	13-15	All Day	HS Wrestling State Tourn. at Schottenstein Center OSU	
Mar	19	3:00 PM	Spring Sports Photos	
Mar	24	5:00 PM	HS Softball vs Hardin Northern	Hardin Northern
Mar	26	5:00 PM	HS Softball vs Perry	Perry
Mar	27	1:00 PM	HS Baseball & Softball vs Wynford	Wynford
Mar	28	12:00 PM	HS Baseball vs Hardin Northern	Riverdale
Mar	30	5:00 PM	HS Baseball & Softball vs Carey	Riverdale
Mar	31	5:00 PM	HS Baseball vs Jefferson	Jefferson
Mar	31	5:00 PM	HS Track vs Cory-Rawson and Vanlue	Riverdale
Apr	1	5:00 PM	HS Baseball & Softball vs Arlington	Arlington
Apr	2	5:00 PM	HS Softball vs Ridgedale	Riverdale
Apr	4	10:00 AM	HS Track vs Carey Blue Devils Relay	Carey
Apr	6	5:00 PM	HS Baseball & Softball vs Leipsic	Leipsic
Apr	7	5:00 PM	HS Baseball & Softball vs Allen East	Riverdale
Apr	7	4:30 PM	HS Track vs Arlington, Ada, Vanlue	Riverdale
Apr	8	5:00 PM	HS Baseball & Softball vs Van Buren	Van Buren
Apr	11	5:00 PM	HS Ayersville Tournament	Ayersville
Apr	11	9:00 AM	HS Track vs Lakota Invitational	Lakota
Apr	13	5:00 PM	HS Baseball vs New Riegel	New Riegel
Apr	15	5:00 PM	HS Baseball & Softball vs Arcadia	Riverdale
Apr	16	5:00 PM	HS Baseball & Softball vs Upper Scioto Valley	Upper Scioto Valley
Apr	17	4:30 PM	HS Track vs Columbus Grove Meet	Columbus Grove
Apr	18	11:00 AM	HS Baseball vs Upper Sandusky	Upper Sandusky
Apr	20	5:00 PM	HS Baseball & Softball vs Pandora Gilboa	Riverdale
Apr	22	5:00 PM	HS Baseball vs Vanlue	Riverdale
Apr	23	5:00 PM	HS Baseball & Softball vs Cory-Rawson	Riverdale
Apr	23	4:30 PM	HS Track vs Ottoville	Ottoville
Apr	25	12:00 PM	HS Baseball vs Kenton	Riverdale
Apr	25	10:00 AM	HS Softball vs Upper Sandusky Turnament	Upper Sandusky
Apr	25	9:00 AM	HS Track vs Hardin Norther Invitational	Harden Northern
Apr	27	5:00 PM	HS Baseball & Softball vs Ada	Ada
Apr	27	4:30 PM	JHS Track vs Columbus Grove/Ridgement	Ada
Apr	28	5:00 PM	HS Baseball vs Bluffton	Riverdale
Apr	29	5:00 PM	HS Baseball & Softball vs Elmwood	Riverdale
Apr	29	4:30 PM	JHS Track vs Van Buren Invitational	Van Buren
Apr	30	4:30 PM	HS Track vs Upper Scioto Valley Invitational	Upper Scioto Valley
Apr	30	4:30 PM	JHS Track vs Liberty Benton Invitational	Liberty Benton
May	1	5:00 PM	HS Track vs Benjamin Logan Invitational	Benjamin Logan
May	2	11:00 PM	HS Softball vs Gibsonburg	Gibsonburg
May	4	5:00 PM	HS Baseball & Softball vs Liberty Benton	Liberty Benton
May	4	4:30 PM	JHS Track vs Waynesfield-Goshen/Arcadia	Ada
May	6	5:00 PM	HS Baseball & Softball vs McComb	Riverdale
May	6	4:00 PM	JHS Track vs Elmwood	Elmwood
May	7	5:00 PM	HS Baseball & Softball vs North Baltimore	Norh Baltimore
May	8	4:30 PM	JHS Track vs Hardin Northern Invitational	Hardin Northern
May	9	11:00 AM	HS Baseball vs Ridgedale	Riverdale
May	9	9:00 AM	HS Track vs Ada Invitational	Ada
May	12	5:00 PM	HS Baseball vs Mohawk	Riverdale
May	15	4:00 PM	HS Track vs BVC	Ada