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Street Light

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Every spring a new “Streetlight” edition is printed that takes a close look at the people, places and events in the Barnesville area. For the past 25 years, beginning in 1995, this special edition has recorded what has already happened and what is likely to happen in the future in and around Barnesville. Each of those special publications, begun by Mike Cihak as an intern at the Record-Review, has had a specific theme surrounding the content of the publication.

This year the “Streetlight” theme is simply **“Barnesville.”** It highlights all the things in and around Barnesville that make it extraordinary. We will take a look at different events, people and places that make Barnesville an amazing place to live. From the yearly Community Picnic to New Families and everything in between, we will explore different areas of Barnesville that make Barnesville, well, Barnesville.

We will take a look at what the Main Street Program has to offer us throughout the year. Rummage Sale Weekend, Miss Barnesville Pageant, Community Picnic and so many other things, Bailey Thompson runs a program other towns should be envious of.

Do you like wine? Or know someone who likes wine? Well take a look in the pages of “Streetlight” to read up on local residents who are taking the first steps to establish Barnesville’s first ever winery.

Lutefisk, turkey, meatballs, mashed potatoes, fish and cranberries. Between all the churches Barnesville has to offer, there will rarely be a time you would leave a special dinner hungry. Learn about some of the churches and what some of them do to welcome the public into their sanctuary.

We take a look at residents who moved away for a time, but then eventually moved back to their hometown. We also visited with people who moved from other communities and find out why they decided to call Barnesville home.

Kindergartners gave their perspective on what areas are worth visiting in town.



The school district is the backbone to the community. We take a look at their search for a new superintendent and how they are looking to the future for our kids.

The Clay County Fair is a welcome event in Barnesville. They offer things from corn dogs to cattle shows. We take a look at when that will be rolling into town and what people can do during the four day event in July.

Not only do we look to the future, we also look to the past. The Redbirds baseball team was a source of free entertainment for many years in Barnesville. Party

Lines were another source of free entertainment as one could almost always pick up the phone and listen in on another conversation. Howie Peet gives us a sneak peek into what life was like in Barnesville with Party Line telephones.

Churches are a plenty in Barnesville. We take a look at all they have to offer. From special dinners to mission trips to new pastors and employees. The one thing that is for certain, there is definitely not a shortage of churches to choose from.

One thing Barnesville is famous for is its annual Potato Days Festival. Every year, thousands of people descend on our small town to pay homage to the lowly potato. Find out what events and contests the festival has to offer.

Community Education offers a wide variety of activities and events throughout the year. From preschool to baseball, kids definitely do not have a shortage of things to help keep them busy all year.

In this issue of “The Streetlight”, we’re going to take a look at all of those areas of interest, plus we will get the perspective of a lot of people you are already familiar with and a lot more that you are going to meet for the first time.

Hang on for the ride and we hope you enjoy reading about your friends and neighbors as we bring you the Barnesville Record-Review’s 25th edition of “The Streetlight”.

- Gene Prim, Publisher