

2020 in review

2020 Carey Fest canceled

Carey Fest has been canceled for 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic. The festival was set to celebrate its 40th anniversary with an Aug. 7-8 celebration in downtown Carey and the annual pre-fest homecoming at Waterworks Park Aug. 6. "We waited as long as possible before making the call," said Steve Zender, festival board president, "but our board decided there are too many unknowns to proceed with our plans."

Carey okays Spring Run bulkhead

Village of Carey Council voted to build the Spring Run bulkhead for the W. South Street culvert. The bulkhead will cost \$31,485 and is a temporary fix. "This will be a temporary structure till we move forward with this phase of the culvert project," said village administrator Nathan Curtis June 1. The permanent improvements are about three to four years away, Curtis said, and because the planned culvert will be larger, it will need a new bulkhead to fit it. "We have had another sink hole appear after the recent rain," Curtis also reported to council.

First Federal will become Premier

Premier Bank will be the new name of First Federal Bank of the Midwest ("First Federal Bank") and Home Savings Bank, the banks announced recently. The banks merged on Jan. 31 and are now releasing their newly designed logo and brand identity for Premier Bank, including their "Powered by People" tagline that honors the commitment both banks have to their customers, communities and employees. First Federal Bank will officially become Premier Financial Corp. on or about June 19.

Edward Jones moving to Sheriden

Edward Jones, now located at 116 E. Findlay Street in Carey, will soon be moving to a new office building in the Sheriden Drive complex. Dan Beach, financial advisor for Edward Jones in Carey, said the floor plan at the new location will provide for more efficiency and the location will provide easier access for the Edward Jones clients. Construction at the new site started on April 20 and should be completed by mid to late July, according to John Barnes, head of business development at Vaughn Industries.

Carey Brewing Station opening soon

Derek Cunningham said he already had the headline announcing the arrival of the new business at 300 E. Findlay Street: "There's something brewing in downtown Carey." We were happy to oblige. The Carey Brewing Station, owned by Cunningham Brewing LLC, has a tentative opening date of early August. The original plan was to open on the weekend of Carey Fest. The festival, scheduled for Aug. 7-8, has been canceled for 2020 but the Carey Brewing Station still hopes to be open to the public on those dates. **Unique for this area.** There are other breweries in the area but Cunningham thinks Carey Brewing Station will be unique. "It's something you might find in Columbus or Cleveland and now you'll find it in Carey," he said. He looks at the new business as a "brewery/tap room but with a bar feel," he said. Cunningham said the new business will be an entertainment center, offering live music, sports (there will be seven TVs), and features like open mic night and trivia contests. **20 taps.** The business will feature 20 taps, including four for its locally-brewed beer, 14 taps for Ohio-brewed beers and two guest out-of-state taps. The firm will also offer wine, some of it made in the area, and domestic beer.

Angelo's celebrates 45th anniversary

Angelo's Pizza in Carey is celebrating its 45th anniversary this month. Carey residents Tom and Elaine Fair, formerly of Upper Sandusky, saw the opportunity to start a pizza shop in Carey and opened Angelo's Pizza on June 19, 1975. Their first store was located at 207 S. Vance Street. Later the Fairs purchased Chip's Pizza in 1982 and moved Angelo's to its current location at 211 E. Findlay Street.

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Sycamore gradually reopening

The Village of Sycamore is gradually reopening from the COVID-19 closures. The parks and playgrounds are open. Recycling has also resumed its regular schedule with curbside recycling on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month and drop-off collection at the former bus garage on the last Saturday of the month. Village employees have returned to their full-time schedules. Village offices, however, currently remain closed to the public due to safety concerns, but the situation will continue to be monitored.

Bright Minds opening soon

Bright Minds Learning Center will open its doors at 923 Summer Drive in the near future. Bright Minds will be located in the new structure now being constructed by Vaughn Industries in the Sheriden subdivision.



Protesters held demonstrations in Carey last week to raise awareness of police brutality throughout the nation following the killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis. Protests were held on three separate occasions in the downtown area, including Saturday when an estimated 30-35 demonstrators met at John Carey Park Gazebo and marched throughout the community. Carey Police Chief Shawn Taylor expressed thanks to Lucas Allison and Clair Allison "... for choosing a peaceful protest for their cause." The police chief added, "And to the rest of you who came in peace, thank you." Photo by Mike Lang.

Casey's General Store now open

Casey's General Store, a gas station and convenience store, has opened in Carey. Carey Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting to welcome the new business June 26. The store officially opened at 1400 S. Vance Street on June 19. The Carey location makes its own doughnuts and pizza, highlighted store manager Jody Myers. It is also a truck stop.

Stained glass repair will cost \$48,850

Wyandot County Courthouse's main stained glass dome will cost \$48,850 to repair, according to a quote Bigelow Glass, Findlay, submitted to the Wyandot County Commissioners last week. Bigelow Glass anticipates the work would begin later in 2021, said Commissioner Bill Clinger after the commissioners accepted the quote.

Sycamore fireworks will be Sept. 6

Sycamore's fireworks, normally held the final Saturday in June, have been postponed until Sunday, Sept. 6, due to the coronavirus.

Your taxes are due on July 15

Residents who have not already filed their taxes still have one more week to do so. This year's filing deadline is Wednesday, July 15. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the due date to complete federal, state, school and municipal taxes was postponed three months from the usual date of April 15. The extended deadline gives tax filers more time to complete their 2019 tax returns without incurring penalties or interest.

Carey girls win Fastpitch Spectacular

Carey came roaring out of the loser's bracket to defeat Colonel Crawford twice on June 23 to win the Sycamore Fastpitch Spectacular. Coach Teresa Gillig's Blue Devils, sporting orange shirts, the color honoring leukemia awareness, erupted for a 17-4 victory in the final-day opener and followed that up with a 4-0 victory in the second game for the championship. The tournament featured six Northern 10 Athletic League schools and was organized by Sycamore's Jeff Garber as a way to recognize the league's seniors who lost their final high school season due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Carey Chiropractic moving to Sheriden

Carey Chiropractic Center has announced it will be moving to a new office in Carey. The chiropractic office, currently at 105 E. South Street, Carey, will relocate to the office building Vaughn Industries is constructing in the new Sheriden subdivision. The new address will be 923 Summer Drive, Suite C. The move is expected to occur in mid-August, but an exact date has not yet been set. Dr. Scott Griffin opened the chiropractic office in Carey 29 years ago.

Ballot request forms coming soon

How Ohio will conduct the general election still remains "up in the air," according to Jenise Derr, director of Wyandot County Board of Elections. But what is certain is that each registered voter can expect to receive an absentee ballot request form in the mail. Mailing of the request forms is expected to begin around Labor Day, according to the Ohio Secretary of State's office. In Ohio, absentee ballot request forms have been sent before every presidential and gubernatorial general election since 2012, according to the secretary of state's office. The Ohio Controlling Board recently authorized the use of federal dollars to allow ballot request forms to be sent to all 7.8 million registered voters in Ohio. The cost is estimated to be around \$1.5 million. It will be covered entirely through federal funds, not state dollars. Voters may contact their local board of elections or visit VoteOhio.gov to update their voter registration information. Registered voters may also print their own absentee ballot request form from the website and submit it right now.

County appropriating CARES Act funds

Wyandot County has begun to appropriate CARES Act Funds. The county received \$332,723.40 from the state for the reimbursement purposes of payroll, equipment and supplies needed for the prevention of COVID-19. The board of commissioners have distributed funds to the following departments: Job and Family Services, \$8,212.98; health department, \$163,905.54; Angeline School and Industries, \$43,856.90; general fund, \$13,091.78.

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