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Street Light

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Time-out Barnesville



This special edition of the local newspaper is a collaboration of the Barnesville Record-Review, Clay County Connection and various groups or individuals who have contributed material. Everything is wrapped up in our annual "progress edition" that features what has been happening and what will be happening in the Barnesville community during 2026.

We call this edition "The Streetlight" as it casts a little light on a variety of topics. Included in this issue will be a look at local housing developments and the ag scene as farmers get ready to go back into the fields. There will be a look at what has been happening and what is expected to happen at the Barnesville school and city levels,

There will be a look at our local celebrations. Everyone loves a party and we will learn a little about our two big summer community celebrations, the Clay County Fair and our Potato

Days celebration. Along the way we will observe some of our smaller celebrations such as the 250th observance of our Independence Day, this year on Saturday, July 4.

We will be observing Memorial Day weekend and graduation ceremonies in late May. Labor Day and the Steam Thresher Reunion at Rollag will wrap up the summer. The monthly Show 'n' Shine Car shows will be featured downtown the second Thursday of each month, May through September.

On the commercial side, there have been multi-million dollar projects completed in each of the past three years. They include the new construction of the Four Corners Convenience Store, the completion and opening of the Strand Ace Hardware and the ongoing construction on a new 35-unit apartment complex here in town.

Many of those special events will be outlined in separate stories in this issue of "The Streetlight".

Also featured will be some of the people in the community that make these events happen in our community.

"The Streetlight" has been a regular spring feature of the Record-Review since 1995. Its original concept was developed by Mike Cihak as he worked as an intern at the newspaper through high school and college. Mike now heads up the Communications Department at Minnesota State University in Morris. It has gradually evolved into the product that you see today. Each of these special publications has had a theme. This year that theme is "Timeout - Barnesville". And that's where you come in. We need you to take a "timeout", read the material included in this special section and learn a little more about your community and the people that make it tick.

Gene Prim, Publisher

