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## WARREN COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE HONORED BY OHIO DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION AND CORRECTIONS



Assistant Prosecutors John Arnold (left) and Christopher Delnicki (right) accept the 2017 DRC Impact Award

The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections presented the Warren County Prosecutor's Office with the 2017 DRC Impact Award during a ceremony held on May 25, 2017, at Lebanon Correctional Institution. The award is in recognition of the office's efforts in two cases involving Warren Correctional Institution.

In 2016, Assistant Prosecutor John Arnold successfully prosecuted 11 inmates who participated in a riot occurring at Warren Correctional Institution on July 22, 2015. A group of inmates who were in the dayroom area of their cell block argued over the use of telephones. This escalated to a large scale riot involving a number of inmates, many of whom were affiliated with two prison gangs, the Aryan Brotherhood and Cincinnati Wild Boys. The 11 inmates were convicted of aggravated riot.

Also in 2016, Assistant Prosecutor Christopher Delnicki successfully prosecuted a former Warren Correctional Institution corrections officer, Robert Dunson, for bribery. Dunson accepted money in the form of Kroger gift cards from inmates' families, and in exchange, Dunson would bring tobacco into the prison and give it to the inmates. During the period of January 2016 through May 2016, Dunson received a total of \$30,386 for the tobacco.

"We have close to a thousand male and female prison employees who work at Warren Correctional Institution and Lebanon Correctional Institution. These facilities hold approximately 3,000 'Level 3' inmates, over 40% of which are gang members. It's a very demanding and dangerous environment," said Warren County Prosecutor David P. Fornshell.

"When inmates riot, or when corrections officers sneak tobacco, drugs, or other contraband into these facilities, it greatly affects the safety of the prison staff. Our goal is to make sure the men and women who work there are able to safely go home to their families every night, which is why we prosecute these types of cases as aggressively as possible.

This recognition that the state has given to Assistant Prosecutors John Arnold and Christopher Delnicki for the successful outcomes they achieved in these cases is well-deserved," Fornshell said.

## WARREN COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICES OUTREACH

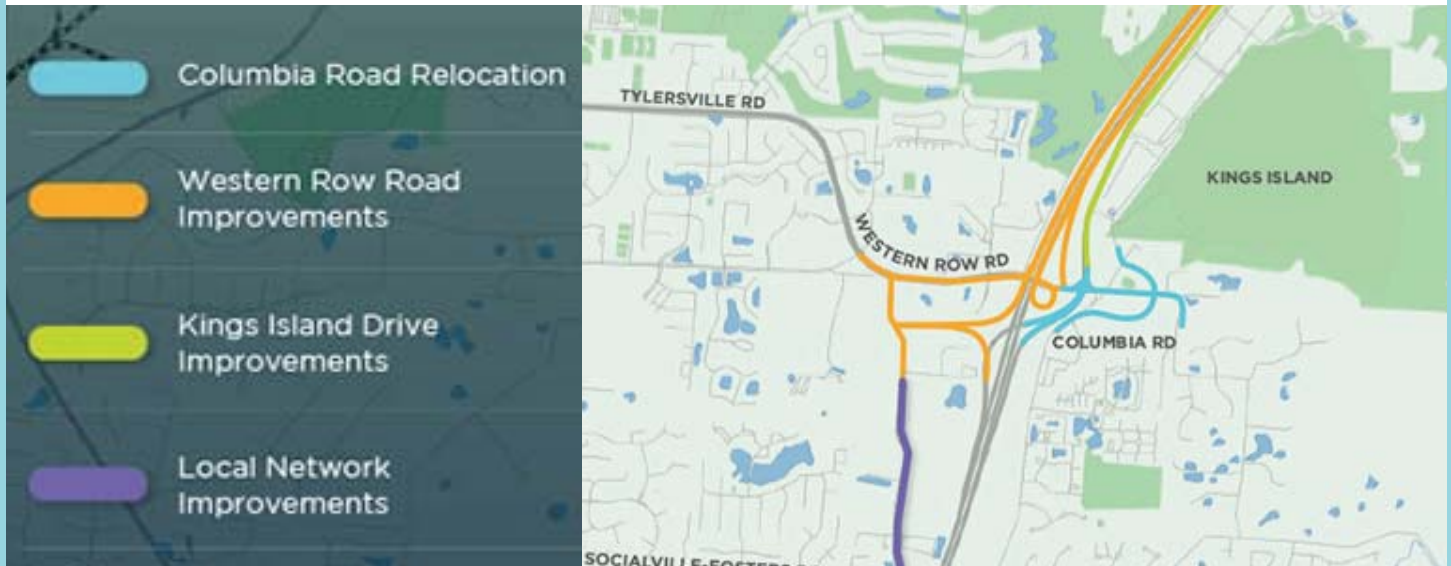
Look for the Warren County Veterans' Services Outreach Coach at the following events this summer:

- July 17-22, 2017 - Warren County Fair
- August 1, 2017 - National Nite Out, Clear Creek Twp. Patricia Allyn Park
- August 26, 2017 - Take a Warrior Fishing, Caesar Creek Welcome Center

Come aboard the Outreach coach to get answers to your questions concerning Local, State, and Federal Veterans benefits. Get a Free State of Ohio Veterans ID Card; just bring your DD 214 (preferably the original or certified copy) plus a valid government photo ID, to receive your ID Card.



## I-71 AND WESTERN ROW ROAD INTERCHANGE



A full interchange with northbound on- and off-ramps, as well as southbound on- and off-ramps will be built at the I-71 & Western Row Road Interchange. Whereas currently there is only a partial interchange, with northbound exit ramp and a southbound on-ramp, at the completion of this project, there will be on- and off-ramps for both north and southbound traffic. Specifically, there will be a new southbound off-ramp and on-ramp connecting directly to Innovation Way, as well as two new northbound on-ramps from eastbound and westbound Western Row Road.

Additionally, I-71 will be widened by one lane in each direction north and southbound between the new ramps at Western Row Road and the existing State Route 741 exit (Kings Mill Road, Exit #25).

Shared-use paths and pedestrian-friendly elements will be a part of the improvements being made at the Interchange.

Western Row Road is a key access point along the I-71 business corridor, and is an important hub for economic development and job creation. This project will increase mobility, improve safety and expand access to business and recreational destinations in this area.

Significant planning and design work has also gone into pedestrian and bike paths that will be built – some new and some an expansion of existing paths.

The importance of improved connectivity in southwest Warren County and northeast Hamilton County cannot be overstated. With the work at the Fields-Ertel & Mason-Montgomery Road Interchange completed in 2015, studies indicate that the Western Row improvements will reduce I-71 southbound off-ramp traffic at Fields-Ertel by 17%. In addition, northbound I-71 on-ramp traffic at Fields-Ertel is expected to decrease by 24% with the completion of improvements at Western Row.

This coordinated regional program will support Warren County's growing business and tourism economy.

The 2005 Southwest Warren County Transportation Study identified the improvement of the Western Row Road interchange as a high-priority project.

Five conceptual alternatives were developed. The completion of the 2010 Conceptual Alternatives Study (CAS) recommended three alternatives (Alternatives 2, 4, and 5) be advanced for further study. Upon further consideration, Alternative 2 was eliminated due to the number of traffic signals and insufficient level of service on Western Row Road. A new alternative was created, Alternative 6, to undergo further study. Project planners held a public involvement meeting in the summer of 2013 and gathered public feedback on each alternative. Alternative 6 was advanced as the preferred alternative. The design process has begun, Phase 1 is fully funded and construction is planned to begin in 2016. Phase 2 is fully funded, and construction will begin in 2017.

## WARREN COUNTY SILVER STREET JAIL



Did you or someone in your family live or work in the Warren County Silver Street Jail? Or do you have a personal experience about the old Silver Street Jail? If so, we would love to hear your story!

The Archives staff will be conducting interviews and oral histories in late June and July to capture this unique part of Warren County government history for our upcoming exhibit on the Silver Street Jail.

To schedule an interview contact: Jenifer Baker, Deputy Archivist 513-695-1815 or [archives@co.warren.oh.us](mailto:archives@co.warren.oh.us)

## SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT: FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL TEAM PLACES FOURTH IN AREA 4 ENVIROTHON, MOVES ON TO THE STATE COMPETITION

For the past 27 years Franklin High School has participated in the Area 4 Envirothon. Over that time, teams from the school advanced to the state competition 20 times.

The Envirothon is an environmental high school competition designed to stimulate, reinforce and enhance interest in the environment and natural resources among high school students. Students are tested on their knowledge of soils, forestry, wildlife, aquatic ecology and current environmental issues.

This year, two Franklin High School teams in Warren County competed in the Area 4 Envirothon competition held at Fernald Preserve on April 25, 2017. One of the two Franklin High School student teams (Team 1) advanced to the state competition by placing fourth out of 83 teams. Team 1 participants include Kelsea Penny, Joshua Storms, Corbon Moss, Rowan Karrick and Sidnie Penny. Kelsea Penny is the only student who has participated all four years of her high school career at Franklin. Kelsea highlighted that this is the first year students from her team moved on to the state competition.

Team 1 advanced to the State Envirothon at Ohio Christian University on June 12-13, 2017. Only one top ranking team from each state Envirothon competition advances to the National Envirothon, and the Franklin team ranked 14 overall. Paul Ostermann and Peggy Irvine are the advisors for the team. Ostermann said he was most impressed with the group's motivating attitude and leadership skills. Great job Franklin High School!



## WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PRESENT SINCLAIR COLLEGE WITH TUITION ASSISTANCE FUNDING FOR WARREN COUNTY RESIDENTS

The Warren County Board of Commissioners is committed to higher education for Warren County residents. Since the opening of Sinclair College's Courseview Campus in 2007, the County Commissioners have annually funded assistance for all Warren County Resident enrollees, now up to 4,967 scholarships at a total of \$536,123. Today, a check for \$56,200 was presented to Sinclair College in the Commissioners' Board Meeting.

The Board was then honored to hear a presentation by Dr. Steven L. Johnson, President and CEO of Sinclair College, as he acknowledged Bernard Wright, Jr., for his service as Warren County Representative on the Board of Trustees for Sinclair College. Mr. Wright will be leaving to take his role as elected Warren County Treasurer. Also during the Commissioners' meeting, the Board heard from Brett Salyer, a current full-time student at Courseview Campus, who expressed his gratitude towards the county resident scholarship fund that, alongside other financial assistance, is helping him to receive an education without the burden of student loan debt.



*From Left to Right: Bernard Wright, Jr., Warren County Representative on Board of Trustees for Sinclair College; Brett Salyer, Full-time student at Sinclair College; Dr. Scott Markland, Vice President for Regional Centers at Sinclair College; Tom Grossmann, Warren County Commissioner; Shannon Jones, Warren County Commissioner; Dr. Steven L. Johnson, President and CEO of Sinclair College; and David Young, Warren County Commissioner.*

With a current enrollment of 1,123 students and 55 types of degrees and certificate programs, this investment in the community is worthwhile. The Courseview Campus, located in Warren County, has paved the way for partnerships with each of the county's local public schools, through supplementary guidance staff and dual credit college courses for high school students. This past year, the success of Sinclair College Courseview Campus in Mason has seen 190 graduates and 350 transfers into 4 year college.

## WARREN COUNTY SHRED DAY

The Warren County Records Centers would like to thank everyone who came out to support our semi-annual community shred day on May 13th!

We had one of our most successful turnouts, where we helped over 140 Warren County residents securely shred 10,000 pounds of paper!!

Save the date, September 23rd.  
We will once again be partnering with



Warren County Solid Waste Management District where they will be recycling electronics for the community along with our annual shred!

Look for more information to follow in late August.

Questions? Contact Jen Haney at 513-695-1868 or [jennifer.haney@co.warren.oh.us](mailto:jennifer.haney@co.warren.oh.us).

The Warren County Records Center and Archives is on Facebook and Wordpress. If you are interested in your family genealogy or the rich history that Warren County government has accumulated over the last 200+ years, check us out and don't forget to Like Us on Facebook!

## TICK SAFETY | DEET, Showers, and Tick Checks can Stop Ticks.

Reduce your chances of getting a tickborne disease by using repellents, checking for ticks, and showering after being outdoors. If you have a tick bite followed by a fever or rash, seek medical attention.

Gardening, camping, hiking, and playing outdoors – when enjoying these activities, don't forget to take steps to prevent bites from ticks that share the outdoors. Ticks can infect humans with bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can cause serious illness.

### Before You Go Outdoors

- Know where to expect ticks. Ticks live in moist and humid environments, particularly in or near wooded or grassy areas. You may come into contact with ticks during outdoor activities around your home or when walking through leaf litter or near shrubs. Always walk in the center of trails in order to avoid contact with ticks.
- Products containing permethrin kill ticks. Permethrin can be used to treat boots, clothing and camping gear and remain protective through several washings.
- Use a repellent with DEET on skin. Repellents containing 20% or more DEET can protect up to several hours. Always follow product instructions. Parents should apply this product to their children, avoiding the hands, eyes, and mouth.

### After You Come Indoors

**Check your clothing for ticks.** Ticks may be carried into the house on clothing. Any ticks that are found should be removed. Tumble dry clothes in a dryer on high heat for 10 minutes to kill ticks on dry clothing after you come indoors. If the clothes are damp, additional time may be needed. If the clothes require washing first, hot water is recommended. Cold and medium temperature water will not kill ticks effectively.

**Shower soon after being outdoors.** Showering within two hours of coming indoors has been shown to reduce your risk of getting Lyme disease. Showering may help wash off unattached ticks and it is a good opportunity to do a tick check.

**Check your body for ticks after being outdoors.** Conduct a full body check upon return from potentially tick-infested areas, which even includes your back yard. Use a hand-held or full-length mirror to view all parts of your body. Check these parts of your body and your child's body for ticks: Under the arms, In and around the ears, inside belly button, Back of the knees, In and around the hair, Between the legs, and Around the waist.

### What to Do if You Find an Attached Tick

Remove the attached tick as soon as you notice it by grasping with tweezers, as close to the skin as possible, and pulling it straight out. Watch for signs of illness such as rash or fever in the days and weeks following the bite, and see a health care provider if these develop. Your risk of acquiring a tick-borne illness depends on many factors, including where you live, what type of tick bit you, and how long the tick was attached. If you become ill after a tick bite, see a health care provider.

### Prevent Ticks on Animals

Use tick control products to prevent family pets from bringing ticks into the home. Tick collars, sprays, shampoos, or "top spot" medications should be used regularly to protect your animals and your family from ticks. Consult your veterinarian and be sure to use these products according to the package instructions.

Resource provided by [www.CDC.gov](http://www.CDC.gov).



## Your County Guide | *How do I?...*

**Obtain a copy of my deed** – Recorder's Office – 406 Justice Drive 513-695-1382

**Obtain a building/electrical permit** – Building Dept. – 406 Justice Drive 513-695-1290

**Obtain a Vendors License** – Auditor's Office – 406 Justice Drive 513-695-2616

**Pay my Property Taxes** – Treasurer's Office – 406 Justice Drive 513-695-1300

**Obtain a Marriage License or a copy** – Probate Court – 900 Memorial Drive 513-695-1771

**Obtain a passport** – Clerk of Courts Title Office – 19 Dave Avenue 513-695-1175

**Obtain a copy of a birth certificate** – Health Dept. – 416 S. East Street – 513-695-1228