

# AN UPDATE ON WARREN COUNTY

FROM OUR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

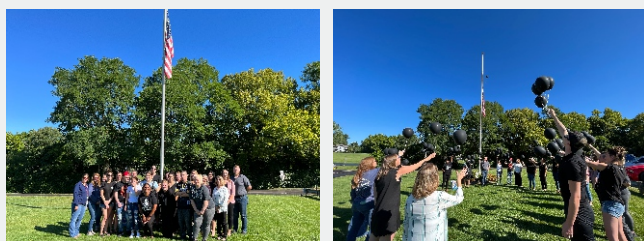
## FALL 2022



## COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

### OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

As a Peer Support Specialist for Warren County Children Services, Sarah Hayden works alongside individuals combating addiction while on their path to recovery. In observance of Overdose Awareness Day, Sarah organized a special event for the families served through the Sobriety, Treatment & Reducing Trauma (START) Program. Collaborating with others in the community who also work with substance abuse, the group created a space for families and friends to honor the lives of loved ones lost to addiction or mental health.



“ I think it’s important as a community that we stand together to help those who want help . . . we can navigate and open arms to share strength and hope to those that are ready [and] offer love and encouragement to those that lost someone. ”

- Sarah Hayden



## STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS



Brian Sleeth, Director of Elections for Warren County, earned the Election Official of the Year Award at the Ohio Secretary of State conference. Thank you, Brian, for all you do on behalf of Warren County voters!

Jen Haney, from Records Management, was named President Elect for the National Association of Government Archives & Records Administrators. Congratulations, Jen, this is well-deserved!



# ENCOURAGING THE COUNTY'S ECONOMIC GROWTH

## CHAMBER ALLIANCE HOSTS ITS 7TH ANNUAL DC FLY-IN

The Warren County Chamber Alliance hosted its 7th Annual DC Fly-In this September. Joined by nearly 80 local leaders in business, government, and education, the group met with federal representatives and agencies to advocate with one voice for Warren County! Commissioner Dave Young attended and had a few moments to share Warren County's strategic approach to economic development. Noting that it was 15 years ago when he and former Commissioner Pat South moved to create the Warren County Port Authority, with a commitment to further the success of the county's vibrant business community. Since its creation, the Port has been a crucial piece in bringing numerous projects to fruition. Commissioner Young also presented Senator Rob Portman with a plaque recognizing his 30 years of distinguished service to the people of Warren County and Ohio.



## IDENTIFYING & BREAKING DOWN WORKFORCE BARRIERS

### 1 TACKLING CHILDCARE CHALLENGES THROUGH CREATIVE SOLUTIONS & PARTNERSHIPS



Commissioner Shannon Jones moderated the opening session of the County Commissioner's Association Workforce, Children, and Families Symposium. This meaningful discussion with the business community, including the CEO of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, Steve Stivers (pictured), shed light on the strain many families are experiencing throughout Ohio due to the inability to obtain affordable quality child care. This poses a significant barrier to parents, specifically mothers, to enter or reenter the workforce, causing additional hardships for businesses. Whether child care providers lack capacity or the financial burden is too great on families, this issue has only increased in the wake of the pandemic.

One way the Commissioners are addressing this workforce barrier is by partnering with 4C For Children, an organization that specializes in early education and care. Through this collaboration, 4C will aid in expanding access to quality, affordable child care in Warren County. Specifically, the county is supporting an effort to recruit new family child care providers to serve more infants and toddlers, provide access to child care during nontraditional work hours, and locate child care businesses in communities of particular need.

#### THROUGH THIS PARTNERSHIP WE WILL:

- Equip new business owners with start-up resources
- Provide business training
- Support owners on their path to licensure
- Offer supports to ensure a successful child care business in their home



**Know someone interested?**  
**To learn more about this opportunity, scan the QR code to find out what resources are available!**

### 2 COUNTY COLLABORATION FOR WORKFORCE

In an effort spurred on by Commissioner Shannon Jones, leaders in education, business, and the public sector have been engaging in conversations around Warren County's collective vision for addressing workforce challenges. With the goal of facilitating a more streamlined approach, Commissioner Jones is working with interested parties to better support job seekers and businesses.



# 9/11 REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

## HONORING THE COURAGE, SERVICE, AND SACRIFICE

Each year, Robin Kiley of Stand2Serve partners with countless local organizations, educators, police & fire chiefs, elected officials, and community leaders to host Warren County's 9/11 Ceremony. On Sunday morning, many gathered together at the 9/11 memorial to remember the lives lost and the sacrifices made 21 years ago.



**Thanks to the students at the Warren County Career Center who produced all photography and videography!**



# THANK YOU TO OUR COUNTY'S FIRST RESPONDERS

## PUBLIC SAFETY IS ALWAYS OUR FIRST PRIORITY

The most important function of government is public safety. Making sure that local public safety departments are prepared for all situations is an essential responsibility Warren County owes to its residents. The best way to ensure that our communities are safe is by being proactive. Recently, the county's sheriff deputies participated in an active shooter training. Sheriff Sims extended an invitation for county officials to observe. Knowing just how critical a simulation like this is for law enforcement, Commissioner Dave Young was glad to attend this training experience.



“ Special thanks to members of the Warren County SWAT team for training our deputies on active shooter situations. This sad but necessary fact of today's world must be done. Many take for granted these professionals who are willing to run into the trouble and might not come out. I value these brave men and women and we stand by them in Warren County as many throughout our nation unfortunately do not. ”  
- Commissioner Dave Young

All of Warren County's first responders work hard to be ready for any kind of threat. Hosted right here in our county, the Southwest Ohio region conducted a cybersecurity exercise in an effort to prepare emergency communications personnel for cyber attacks. Eight counties were represented on the day, along with organizations from the state and federal levels.



“ We quietly, professionally, and constantly train on a variety of topics. Without a doubt, preparing for a swift response to active violence is one of the most critical. Mindset is key – this means we will confront these violent offenders head on, with everything and anything we have at our disposal. Having elected officials stand by our side is government at its very best. ”  
- Chief Deputy Barry Riley

“ Warren County is committed to providing critical emergency communications to our community. The Southwest Ohio Region is committed to any and all events that may occur, including those in the cyber security realm. We show that today by participating in the Southwest Ohio Region Communications Cybersecurity Exercise. ”  
- Melissa Bour, Director Warren County EMS

# COMMISSION LEADERSHIP IN 2022

This year Commissioner Tom Grossmann was appointed as President of the Board, and Commissioner Shannon Jones was appointed to serve as Vice President.

Commissioner Shannon Jones was appointed to the CCAO Board and NACo Human Services & Education Committee.



The Warren County Board of Commissioners meets on most Tuesdays at 9:00 AM and on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, as needed.

Meetings are held in the county administration building and live streamed to [www.youtube.com/channel/UC1ELh0jGpXd4VV2DTgsuqPA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1ELh0jGpXd4VV2DTgsuqPA)

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