

# OUR TOWN

**JEFFERSON  
SOUTH COUNTY**



**FACTS AND FIGURES • KEY CONTACTS  
BUSINESSES CELEBRATING MILESTONES  
NEW AND OLDEST BUSINESSES  
WHAT'S IN JEFFERSON'S FUTURE**





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# DONATE TO WIN CAR GIVEAWAY!



Vicky Vargo reacts after winning a brand new Honda Civic during the 5th Annual Donate to Win Program!

## THANK YOU TO OUR FINALISTS!



The finalists of the Donate to Win program at Nassief Honda on Saturday morning in Austinburg Township include:

From Left Seated: Karen Mathis, Dan Tisdale, Pauline Lentz, Don Camp, Julie Bowes, Kim Ellis, Jamey Shahan, Linda Spellman.  
From Left Standing: Mary Valitsky, Sonja Sorenson, JoAnn Herendeen, Vicky Vargo, Beverly Stasko (representing David Gill), Babs Legeza (representing Joel Specht), Keith White, Reba Sykes and Cheryle McCourt.



Ashtabula County Food Bank's Diane Bradbury lets the crowd know what a difference they continue to make with their donations.



Irene "Doc" Fiala, APL Board Vice President, thanks the dealerships and public for their continued support.



Eric Schwarz, Executive Director of Goodwill, thanks the crowd for record donations!

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNER!



(From Left) Zach Knight of Goodwill, David Miller of Media One, Diane Bradbury of Country Neighbor, Eric Schwarz (accompanied by Louie!) of Goodwill, VICKY VARGO-WINNER, Marybeth Nassief, Todd Nassief, Irene "Doc" Fiala of APL.



Jill, Dave and Jordan of Media One Radio announcing, hosting and playing games at the all new Nassief Honda Dealership!



The all new 2017 Honda Civic awaits it's lucky new owner!



Sandy Lund & Jane Lachey Greet the 18 excited finalists!

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# DEMOGRAPHICS

<b>ASHTABULA COUNTY POPULATION ESTIMATES</b> 98,231	<b>MALE</b> 50.4 percent	<b>HISPANIC OR LATINO</b> 2.1 percent	<b>2010-2014</b> \$107,300	<b>OLDER, 2010-2014</b> 13.4 percent	<b>\$40,304</b>
<b>POPULATION, PERCENT CHANGE</b> (April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2015) 2.8 percent	<b>FEMALE</b> 49.6 percent	<b>VETERANS, 2010-2014</b> 8,934	<b>BUILDING PERMITS, 2015</b> 88	<b>WITH A DISABILITY, UNDER AGE 65, 2010-2014</b> 10.4 percent	<b>PER CAPITA INCOME IN PAST 12 MONTHS (IN 2014 DOLLARS), 2010-2014</b> \$20,284
<b>PERSONS UNDER 5 YEARS</b> 5.6 percent	<b>WHITE ALONE</b> 93.4 percent	<b>FOREIGN BORN PERSONS, 2010-2014</b> 1.3 percent	<b>HOUSEHOLDS, 2010-2014</b> 38,933	<b>IN CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, POPULATION AGE 16 OR OLDER, 2010-2014</b> 57.2 percent	<b>PERSONS IN POVERTY</b> 21.5 percent
<b>PERSONS UNDER 18 YEARS</b> 22.4 percent	<b>BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN ALONE</b> 3.8 percent	<b>HOUSING UNITS</b> 45,828	<b>PERSONS PER HOUSEHOLD, 2010-2014</b> 2.49	<b>MEAN TRAVEL TIME TO WORK (MINUTES), 2010-2014</b> 25.3	<b>TOTAL EMPLOYER ESTABLISHMENTS, 2014</b> 1,941
<b>PERSONS 65 YEARS AND OVER</b> 17.7 percent	<b>AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE ALONE</b> 0.3 percent	<b>OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING UNIT RATE, 2010-2014</b> 72.3 percent	<b>HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR HIGHER, AGE 25 OR OLDER, 2010-2014</b> 85.6 percent	<b>MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME (IN 2014 DOLLARS), 2010-2014</b> \$41,850	<b>TOTAL EMPLOYMENT, 2014</b> 24,606
	<b>ASIAN ALONE</b> 0.5 percent	<b>MEDIAN VALUE OF OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING UNITS,</b>	<b>BACHELOR'S DEGREE OR HIGHER, AGE 25 OR</b>		<b>TOTAL ANNUAL PAYROLL, 2014</b> 841,850
	<b>TWO OR MORE RACES</b>				

<b>VILLAGE OF JEFFERSON POPULATION ESTIMATES</b> July 1, 2015 3,023	<b>MALE PERSONS</b> 45.6 percent	<b>NATIVE ALONE</b> 0.1 percent	<b>OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING UNIT RATE</b> 61.7 percent	<b>BACHELOR'S DEGREE OR HIGHER, PERSONS AGE 25 OR OLDER, 2010-2014</b> 17.1 percent	<b>MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME (IN 2014 DOLLARS) 2010-2014</b> \$36,500
<b>PERSONS UNDER 5 YEARS</b> 6.3 percent	<b>FEMALE PERSONS</b> 54.4 percent	<b>ASIAN ALONE</b> 0.4 percent	<b>MEDIAN VALUE OF OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING UNITS 2010-2014</b> \$98,400	<b>IN CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, POPULATION AGE 16 OR OLDER, 2010-2014</b> 49.7 percent	<b>PER CAPITA INCOME IN PAST 12 MONTHS (IN 2014 DOLLARS) 2010-2014</b> \$22,124
<b>PERSONS UNDER 18 YEARS</b> 22.5 percent	<b>WHITE ALONE</b> 97.1 percent	<b>TWO OR MORE RACES</b> 1.3 percent	<b>HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR HIGHER, PERSONS AGE 25 OR OLDER, 2010-2014</b> 89.3 percent	<b>MEAN TRAVEL TIME TO WORK (MINUTES) 2010-2014</b> 24.7	<b>PERSONS IN POVERTY</b> 15.6 percent
<b>PERSONS 65 YEARS AND OVER</b> 26.6 percent	<b>BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN ALONE</b> 1.1 percent	<b>HISPANIC OR LATINO</b> 1 percent			
	<b>AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA</b>	<b>HOUSING UNITS</b> 1,290			

ALL INFORMATION FROM LATEST AVAILABLE U.S. CENSUS DATA (AS OF 2010 CENSUS, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The Star Beacon would like to congratulate the following businesses celebrating 10-year anniversaries.

## 80 years

### ORWELL GUN CLUB

8089 Higley Road  
Orwell 440-437-8983  
Founded 1937 Employs 1  
Sports and recreation

## 70 years

### FREEMAN INDUSTRIES

2061 State Route 193  
Dorset 440-858-2600  
Founded 1947 Employs 4  
Special trade contractor

### TRUMBULL LOCKER PLANT

3393 State Route 534  
Rock Creek 440-474-4631  
Founded 1947 Employs 3  
Animal slaughtering,  
meat and fish markets

## 50 years

### MASSENGILL INSURANCE AGENCY

143 S. Chestnut St.  
Jefferson 440-576-9010  
Founded 1967 Employs 4  
Insurance agents

### STUTZMAN'S NEWS ROOM

22 N. Chestnut St.  
Jefferson 440-576-2866  
Founded 1967 Employs 2  
Tobacco store, newsstand

### FIVE STAR MUFFLER CENTER

2285 State Route 307 E.  
Jefferson 440-858-2227  
Founded 1967 Employs 2  
Automotive repair services

### SHERYL'S STYLING AND TANNING SALON

255 E. Main St.  
Andover 440-293-6767  
Founded 1967  
Employs 1  
Beauty shop

## 40 years

### CANTINI'S VILLAGE MARKET

3459 S. Main St.  
Rock Creek 440-563-5300  
Founded 1977 Employs 17  
Grocery store

### HAINES MARINE SERVICE

6431 State Route 85  
Andover 440-293-5156  
Founded 1977 Employs 12  
Boat dealers/repair services

### RUDOLF SCHUSTER

60 N. Maple St.  
Orwell 440-437-8551  
Founded 1977 Employs 4  
Dentist office

### TJ WHITING SALES

1921 Beaver Dam Road  
Rock Creek 440-563-3604  
Founded 1977 Employs 1  
Wholesale motor vehicle  
supplies and parts

### KETOLA'S GARAGE AND AUTO SALES

2377 State Route 7,  
Andover 440-293-5088  
Founded 1977 Employs 1  
Used car dealer, auto repair

### ASHLEY MOORES STABLES

1269 Doyle Road  
Jefferson 440-813-7709  
Founded 1977 Employs 1  
Riding stable

## 30 years

### ASHTABULA VINYL CO.

1478 State Route 46 N.  
Jefferson 440-576-8944  
Founded 1987 Employs 7  
Roofing, siding and  
sheetmetal contractor

### PRICE REAL ESTATE

320 S. Main St.  
Andover 440-293-7799  
Founded 1987 Employs 3  
Real estate agents

### TROPHY CHARTERS

7041 Lake Road

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Founded 1987 Employs 1  
Fishing charter

### NOEMA ROCK AND GEM SHOP

1788 Mill St.  
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Founded 1987 Employs 2  
Gem and rock shop

### DICKS AUTO SALES

1320 State Route 46 N.  
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Automotive dealers

### HAYFORD CHIMNEY SERVICES AND SWEEPS

1101 Garrett Road  
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Founded 1987 Employs 1  
Chimney cleaning

### ORWELL DRY CLEANERS

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Founded 1987 Employs 3  
Drycleaning services

### ASBURY PARK

61 Higley Ave.  
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Founded 1987 Employs 3  
Mobile home dealer

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Septic products

### T & J SEPTIC

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Rock Creek 440-563-3631  
Founded 1987 Employs 6  
Septic tank cleaning service

### MEAD PRODUCTIONS

2635 Footville Richmond  
Rock Creek 440-563-5909

Founded 1987 Employs 1  
Commercial photography

### MSC INDUSTRIES

5131 Ireland Road  
Rome 440-474-8788  
Founded 1987 Employs 6  
Machine tools, accessories

## 20 years

### ANDOVER

### COUNTRY MEADOWS

6498 State Route 85  
Andover 440-293-8633  
Founded 1997 Employs 3  
Mobile home dealer

### CAPPS PIZZA

1736 State Route 45  
Austinburg 440-275-7711  
Founded 1997 Employs 16  
Restaurant

### STYLES BY DIANE

2026 State Route 45  
Austinburg 440-275-1929  
Founded 1997  
Employs 1 Beauty shop

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## AUGUST

### 5-6 — Pymatuning Lake Festival

10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
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Visit [www.pymatuningareachamber.org](http://www.pymatuningareachamber.org).  
Call 440-645-4657.

### 8-13 — Ashtabula County Fair

Ashtabula County Fairgrounds  
127 N. Elm St., Jefferson  
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Call 440-576-7626.

### 18-19 — 28th annual Bluegrass Festival

6 p.m. to midnight Friday, noon to midnight Saturday, 4026 State Route 322, Wayne.  
Continuous Bluegrass music featuring several bands.  
Visit <http://www.ashtabulaantiqueengineclub.com>.  
Call 330-442-3377.

### 18-19 — Annual Historic Depot Yard Sale

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Historic 19th Century Jefferson Depot Village  
147 E. Jefferson St., Jefferson  
Call 440-576-0496.

## SEPTEMBER

### 2 — Mock Wedding

10 a.m.

At the Historic 19th Century Jefferson Depot Village  
147 E. Jefferson St., Jefferson  
Fundraiser celebrates the marital vows of the first couple known to marry in the village in 1807.

**16-17 — The 21st annual Fall Show**  
Ashtabula County Antique Engine Club at 4026 State Route 322, Wayne  
One-day show featuring displays and food; two-day flea market.  
Visit <http://www.ashtabulaantiqueengineclub.com>.  
Call 440-576-9588.

## OCTOBER

**7 — 19th Century Harvest Ball**  
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### 14-15 — Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Festival

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## DECEMBER

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# Young leader in south county: Mike Hamper III

## NAME

Mike Hamper III

## AGE

27

## IMMEDIATE FAMILY

Wife Carmen

parents Michael Hamper Jr. and Cheri Hamper, both of Lenox Township; sister Nicole Hamper, of Orrville

## HOMETOWN

Lenox Township; is a former

Jefferson Area student

## CURRENTLY LIVING IN

Jefferson Village, for close to two years; also lived in Ashtabula for six months

## JOB

Associate attorney at Jerome A. Lemire, Attorney at Law along East Beech Street; Jefferson Village solicitor since August 2016



Mike Hamper III

Council within the Ohio State Bar Association and represent the needs and desires of young lawyers in that capacity. I also try to reach out and volunteer for local organizations that make immediate impacts such as One Step Center in Conneaut.”

## Why are you invested in the community?

“This is where I grew up and where much of my family still lives. I care about what happens here because it impacts my family directly. I also see a great deal of potential for growth in Ashtabula County for many industries, but especially for young attorneys.”

## Why did you choose this area?

“Jefferson is home for me, it’s familiar, and it’s where my family lives, so it simply made sense to locate here. As the solicitor for the village of Jefferson, it makes sense to also live here to know what is going on. Of course, the short commute is nice too (haha).”

## As a young leader, what do you bring to the table that can make a lasting difference?

“I think good leaders who make lasting impacts are compassionate, determined, active listeners who focus on community. I lead by actively seeking to develop and encourage others when I recognize their good ideas. I try to connect people who share similar passions or projects so that they can share knowledge and experience and achieve their purpose through collaboration. I am also willing to ask for help from those who know more than me about a particular issue because I strongly believe in following evidence-based,

best practices when solving problems.”

## What direction do you see for the future of the community?

“I see a bright future ahead for Jefferson. The village is attracting new businesses and there are some great entrepreneurs here who are ushering the village into the future. Just as an example: Bissell Maple Farm in Jefferson is being recognized regionally and beyond as one of the finest maple syrup producers. On top of that, they are finding unique ways to utilize their maple syrup and byproducts through partnerships with other companies and industries. That sort of ingenuity is welcome here in Jefferson.”

## Tell us something fun or unexpected about yourself

“I traveled to Iceland in 2014 and visited Thingvellir (National Park), which is the site of the world’s oldest parliament, established in 930 A.D.”

# PARKS AND RECREATION

## TRAILS

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## PARKS

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## RECREATION

### Jefferson Community Recreation Center

The recreation center, 11 E. Jefferson St., offers youth and adult programs throughout the year including soccer, T-ball, music, karate, arts and crafts, dance and fitness classes.

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# Glass works, hobby knowledge for sale in Jefferson

BY JUSTIN DENNIS  
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JEFFERSON — Kat Kerr calls it her glass art gallery — which she runs with her husband Dave — nestled behind the village hall her “happy place.”

The Kerrs opened The Glass Kat — the village’s newest business — in September at 29 Wall St., selling custom, handcrafted glass creations and teaching others how to make their own.

Kat, 49, said she and Dave, 54 — both Progressive Insurance employees living in Sheffield Township — started working with glass as a hobby about 10 years ago, and ran craft shows out of their basement for several years. Their work appeared at many festivals, fairs and community sales.

When the Wall Street location came on the market, they took a chance on turning their creative outlet into a

moneymaking outlet.

The bulk of their business is in stained glass fusing and casting, Dave said — using a kiln at the rear of the Wall Street location that can reach up to 2,000 degrees and buying materials at various wholesalers. They also use design software to make custom pieces on request.

“A lot of times, people have an idea and we’re able to draw it for them and make it come to life,” Kat said.

Dave said he’s currently working for a retired Navy veteran on a three-by-two-foot glass panel featuring an anchor and the veteran’s years of service.

He said he plans for a wooden frame, with backlights.

The shop is slow in the summer months but kicks into high gear in winter, when Christmas ornament orders pile up — “we couldn’t keep up,” Dave said. “We’re in the process



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**Dave and Kat Kerr pose in their glass art gallery, The Glass Kat, which opened in September along Wall Street in Jefferson.**

now of trying to get ahead of it.”

The couple advertises mostly through Facebook, and ends up with

new glass working class students that way.

Kat said their wares fit nicely among the other hip or vintage

“upcycling” shops in the area like Farmhouse Vintage behind Aunt Neen’s Deli or Classy Consignments along North Chestnut Street — “a little loop of places” that tend to complement one another and pass along customers.

“People go in (Farmhouse Vintage) to repurpose things, to find things to do crafty things with — ‘upcycle’ them,” she said. “I think stained glass fits into that a little bit.”

Aside from hung designs, The Glass Kat also sells flame-worked beads and various types of jewelry, melted beverage bottles — onto which Dave can etch — and decorative trays.

Kat said there’s no blown glass pieces “yet.”

They also host beginner and advanced glass work classes inside the Wall Street shop’s backroom — often on Saturdays, as Kat and Dave still work full-time, but the couple is

open to accommodating groups.

“The goal of this class is to teach you how to cut, foil and solder,” said Dave, whose degree is in adult education.

“Our classes are very casual.”

Beginner classes cost \$45 each and can last up to four hours. Advanced classes start at \$45.

The shop also carries a small stock of materials for their hobbyist students.

Kat said a shipment of ceramics just arrived early this month, and she hopes to start teaching ceramic painting as well.

Kat and Dave said they hope to continue making glass art and running The Glass Kat after they’ve retired from their full-time gigs.

“You get satisfaction creating something beautiful that people want to put in their house,” Dave said. “It’s just a lot of fun.”



  
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# Grants key to Jefferson's efforts

BY JUSTIN DENNIS

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JEFFERSON — The village chamber head said she hopes to showcase the “uniqueness” of Jefferson, in an effort to give standing businesses more exposure and attract new ones.

Meanwhile, a slew of municipal and quality-of-life upgrades in the village will keep utilities up to spec and clean up aging infrastructure.

At meeting earlier this month, chamber officials brainstormed an educational outing on maple syrup harvesting in the parking lot of Bissell Maple Farm along West Ashtabula Street — a hands-on event for the whole family.

“It would be really good for the village,” said Patty Fisher, village treasurer and chamber of commerce president.

“It seems like we went to a stalemate with business ... a couple new businesses that (just) started are already gone. We’re trying to get business to stay in the town,” she

said. “(We’re) trying to promote uniqueness we have here in town. We have the Perambulator (Museum), we have the Depot (village), we have Bissell’s farm.”

Some longstanding businesses have left too.

Fisher said officials have heard from interested buyers for the now-vacant Jefferson BiLo Thorne’s Market along South Chestnut Street, which closed in January when its owners filed for bankruptcy.

Those with their eye on the building would re-open it as a grocery store, she said — one party suggested including a food court and other businesses.

The property, valued last year by the county auditor’s office at about \$1.7 million, is now in bankruptcy, which could delay any purchases for another six months to a year, she said. Meanwhile, the village looks to lose close to \$30,000 in property taxes and another \$15,000 to \$20,000 in income taxes from the lost jobs, Fisher said.

Officials are still seek-

ing \$50,000 in grant funding to realize a new pavilion for the Covered Bridge Festival, which would provide a permanent stage for live music and a “symbol” of the event.

Ohio included \$100,000 in last year’s capital improvement budget for the structure, but officials are on the clock to fund the remaining \$50,000.

**‘We’ve done extremely well in the village of Jefferson with grants and funding. We’re really active in seeking funding’**

**Terry Finger**  
Village administrator

“If we don’t have it by next June, we’ll lose that (grant),” Fisher said.

Those walking along the village’s main drag have fresh new stone underfoot, as sidewalk renovations wrapped in this month — and more street paving work is still to come. Workers revamped about one-fifth of a mile of sidewalks on the eastern side of North Chestnut Street, from Auto Zone to Circle K — a \$74,000

project.

“The sidewalks were really falling apart. A lot of them had big humps in them,” Fisher said. “We would have had this (done) two years ago — we had some conflicts from business owners on pricing and size.”

She said the village used the last of the income tax revenue it received after several

residents won a Powerball jackpot in 2011 to front the cost, and worked a deal with area businesses to repay the village in full over the next five years, at no interest.

“It’s wonderful. Everybody loves (the sidewalks),” she said. “(Business owners) were a little hesitant at first because of the cost, but when we gave them the option to pay it off over a certain amount of time, they loved it.”

A wastewater line along East Ashtabula Street is also due for repairs, expected to cost about \$363,000. The project was bid out last month, and the opening is set for July 18. The village has obtained a 50/50 Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) grant, with an about \$181,000 local match.

Several streets are scheduled for paving work through the rest of the summer, including Center and West Cedar streets, South Franley and Hillyer drives, Maple Road and Woodside Avenue. Bids recently came in, with the lowest at about \$162,000 — “well under” the village’s estimate, said Terry Finger, village administrator.

The village’s wastewater treatment plant has also received new replacement parts — sludge pumps and valves to get the plant back to full operating capacity, totaling close to \$100,000, half from another OPWC grant — but installation has yet to begin.

Officials have also slated two improvements for next year, in order to apply for the upcoming phase of OPWC funding, Finger said: shoring up twin drainage pipes along Poplar Street and more street paving in the village’s industrial zone, where daily heavy truck traffic rolls over chip and seal patchwork.

Finger said both projects “rated high” with OPWC, so funding appears to be a lock. But officials won’t know for sure until likely later this month.

“You have to spread (work) out. You never have enough money to do it all at one time,” he said. Jefferson’s size and relatively lower per capita income means it doesn’t often see the big state bucks.

“We’ve done extremely well in the village of Jefferson with grants and funding,” Finger said, adding the village has been regularly awarded two or three grants each year since he came on in 2001. “We’re really active in seeking funding.”

## PARKS AND RECREATION

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# County focuses on safety forces

BY JUSTIN DENNIS

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JEFFERSON — Public safety continues to be a central focus for the county board of commissioners in 2017 and beyond, as officials look at the county's jail, 911 response and drug treatment networks.

## JAIL TALKS ONGOING

Members of the judicial, law enforcement and recovery communities are continuing regular meetings with a Youngstown contractor to revise the county's community corrections plan — written in 1996 and last revised in 2001 — and conduct a jail needs assessment; a \$120,000 undertaking.

Talks about the necessity of a new county jail began in mid-2016, after reports showed the close to 40-year-old facility was in need of sweeping repairs and perpetually operating at or over capacity. But the ongoing justice system revisions are aren't "what kind of building should you build," said first-term commissioner J.P. Ducro IV.

Contractors are compiling data on the jail's history, operations and inmate demographics, and are also seeking info from all those entities that supervise, treat or add to the jail population.

"It's more of a comprehensive review of

how all those components fit together and how they can be more efficient and more productive," he said — and, if the countywide panel decides a new jail is ultimately necessary, the hope is it would be "state of the art" and affordable.

Officials hope the work will wrap by year's end.

Board of Commissioners President Casey Kozlowski said the ongoing jail study — which may also consider expanding county-level addiction treatment options in response to surging opioid abuse — should be considered an economic development issue, as it has a direct effect on the county's available workforce.

Ducro agreed.

"If you can get people into treatment sooner, make it less likely that they're going to relapse ... those are all things that impact people's abilities to be employable," he said.

"We know in the county there continues to be a concern from employers that they cannot find qualified employees that are reliable, show up to work on time, can pass a drug test ... and don't have felony records."

## CONSOLIDATING 911

The state is currently "rewriting the rules" for emergency response,



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**Discussions about replacing or repairing the Ashtabula County Jail are underway between area government officials.**

and looking to cities and counties to reduce their number of public safety answering points by the start of next year, to retain state funding.

By January, Ashtabula County will break six locations down to two: a main one in Jefferson — operated by the county Sheriff's Department — and a secondary location in Ashtabula, should the first one become disabled, commissioners said.

Those six answering points fielded just under 54,000 emergency calls in 2016, and almost 20,000 from January to early June, said Mike Fitchet, county Emergency Management Agency director. The majority of those calls were made from cell phones.

Over the years, the county's 911 system — installed in 1990

— grew and became tangled, leading to duplicate calls among incompatible answering point systems and map addresses that didn't align. A consolidated and identical system should mean fewer erroneous calls and quicker response, Fitchet said.

"We're trying to get caught up with technology and match up the system so they can use each other," he said. "They should be able to communicate with each other and deliver a better product."

Commissioners added 911 dispatchers in the state will also need new training, in order to teach callers how to respond in an emergency — for instance performing CPR.

County 911 response networks are funded by a special \$4.50 assessment on tax bills, as

well as a 911 fee on cell phone bills — together, they generate about \$430,000 annually for the county's system, Kozlowski said.

## VIDEO ACCOUNTABILITY

The county Sheriff's Department is also testing out body cameras less than a month after a jury convicted a former county sheriff's sergeant of assaulting a handcuffed suspect — in large part thanks to video evidence taken from a Jefferson village patrolman's body camera, prosecutors said.

County Sheriff William Johnson said deputies are now demonstrating cameras and accessories from several different vendors in the field.

Commissioners said they expect to pay at least "six figures" — using public safety funds, said first-term Commissioner Kathryn Whittington — and that could include ongoing costs for file storage and software support. But they said the cameras should be a "valuable tool."

"A camera just makes it so much easier to get to the truth of what happened and we want people to be accountable, whether it's law enforcement or a person who's been put under arrest," Ducro said.

## EXECUTIVE TRANSPARENCY

Commissioners also touted several transparency initiatives rolled out this year, including a monthly evening board meeting taking place around the county, rather than in the middle of the workday at the old county courthouse in Jefferson.

"People have been truly appreciative of the fact that we host a meeting in the evening," Kozlowski said. "They have an opportunity to see the many things the board is working on at the county level."

The county's financial ledgers will soon appear online.

The board is working to join the state treasurer's free and growing OhioCheckbook.com initiative, which tracks municipal spending habits with search functions, charts, year-to-year comparisons and more.

The board's monthly e-newsletter, Ashtabula County Insights, was also launched in March, which Kozlowski called "a great forum to for us to update members of the public on many initiatives."

To view the newsletter, visit AshtabulaCounty.us or AshtabulaWave.org. To receive a PDF version by email, contact CEFeather@AshtabulaCounty.us.





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From left to right: Gazette Newspapers employees Michael Lemponen, production coordinator, Terri Hurst, production manager, and Rachel Watson, mailroom manager, pose for a photo in front of the printing company's close to 50-year-old Goss web press.

## Keeping the presses rolling

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JEFFERSON — After more than 140 years in business and five generations of family ownership, Jefferson's local newspaper continues to scribe the community's history — one page at a time.

For William Creed, president and publisher

of Gazette Newspapers and Great Lakes Printing Company, the village's oldest locally owned business, the job starts with one blank page — becoming several dozen, tightly packed with community journalism that wins awards from year to year.

"We're very fortunate ... our circulation is

growing," said Creed, who joined the company's advertising department in 1984, working his way up to the top spot in 2012.

"I think that has to do with the type of news that we publish — it's local community news. ... We find that that's what people want to read."

The Jefferson Gazette

first rolled off the press in 1876. It was later joined by The News in 1970, The Courier and The Shores News in 1992 and the Tribune in 1993 — each serving their own corners of Ashtabula County.

Since E.L. Lampson, a Jefferson lawyer, purchased the paper in 1883, the company's been handed on to four

generations of sons — down to current CEO, Jeffrey Lampson.

The company began as a second floor printing operation along North Chestnut Street, but was razed in the "Big Fire" of 1906. In 1965, Gazette Newspapers moved to its current 46 W. Jefferson St. location, where its Goss Community web

offset press — the first of its kind in Ashtabula County — still runs.

"It's a workhorse. They run and run and run," Creed said. "There are more modern presses, but this one certainly gets the job done."

Creed estimated the company's newspaper division makes up 65

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percent of its total revenue. The rest of the revenue comes from its commercial printing side, Great Lakes Printing Company, which runs all manner of jobs big and small — from books and magazines to banners.

Great Lakes Printing Company also runs school and college publications — sometimes even competing newspapers.

“There’s very few things we cannot print,” he said — and the company partners for specialty items that must be outsourced. The press can often run jobs together based on need and scheduling, keeping it “full-time and running like crazy.”

The Gazette employs about 60 people, five working the press room.

Though the paper business remains much

the same as it did 50 years ago, the company recently gave its digital format a face-lift — GazetteNews.com was recently rebuilt “from scratch,” Creed said.

“We’re very happy with the website and the way it performs. It provides a lot of information to our visitors,” he said. “We post all of our own articles, all of our own content but then we have world and national news — it’s a unique blend of everything.”

Gazette Newspapers’ role within the community as an objective observer and recorder, however, is a near-timeless tradition — one in which Creed said he takes great pride.

For Creed, the business is also about exercising the right to free speech, the right to know what’s happening in the community — “it’s very important we



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The Gazette is one of the oldest businesses in Ashtabula County.

protect that,” he said.

But just as in the longevity of the Gazette’s name, community journalism offers some-

thing just as precious — a sliver of immortality, a single line-long; a chance to be part of something greater, he

said.

“We get to leave something behind after we’re gone. Someone’s going to remember who

(we) were — and if they don’t remember us, they’re certainly going to see our name,” Creed said.

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### ‘BUSINESS-FRIENDLY’

Kozlowski said officials have made “great strides” in quickening building permit processing through the county Building Department, and they are looking to replace snail mail

procedures with an electronic plan submission and payment process.

Just more than two years ago, the former board fired the then-department head, citing performance issues.

Ducro, who characterized the department’s inefficiencies during

his run for the county seat as a barrier to new development, said he would like to hear feedback from area contractors and business developers and host community meetings.

“We are committed to trying to come up with as many options as possible to continue

to improve the (plan) turnaround time to be more business-friendly,” he said.

### EXPANDING TREATMENT

Though state legislators recently ruled Ashtabula County won’t be required to incarcerate fifth-degree felony offenders

in-county, rather than in state prisons — as was previously mandated in the state budget proposal — Whittington said the county’s drug abuse treatment options are underserved. The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections is “looking more at

diversion programs and housing (F-5 offenders) here. With that, we have a lot of treatment dollars — but we can never have enough,” she said.

“We need infrastructure dollars now to come down, for a place to deliver the treatment.”

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