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Square dance club celebrates 50 years

The North Manchester Belles and Beaus Square Dance Club are celebrating 50 years of existence this year with dances from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on the third Sunday of the month through December, and from February through June – at Scout Hall, 108 W. 7th St., North Manchester.

Stillwater Hospice needs volunteers to sit with the dying

Stillwater Hospice is seeking volunteers to fill many roles in Wabash County, including companionship, respite care and administrative tasks. They currently have over 115 volunteers but would like to expand the number of individuals who would like to spend time with patients to help support the caregivers of patients.

For more information, visit www.stillwater-hospice.org or call 260-435-3222.

Alzheimer's and Dementia Caregiver Support Group available at YMCA

The Wabash County YMCA has announced the new Alzheimer's and Dementia Caregiver Support Group in conjunction with Bickford Senior Living held at the YMCA. Alzheimer's and Dementia Caregiver Support Group is free to the public and will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month at the Wabash County YMCA, 500 S. Cass St. Caregivers and family members will share, support, and learn together as they care for a loved one with memory loss. For more information, email brohinson@wabashcountnymca.org, pgodfoy@wabashcountnymca.org, or wabashlec@bickfordseniorliving.com or visit www.wabashcountnymca.org.

Wabash County Animal Shelter

Wabash welcomes Ukrainian community as sister city



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Wabash Mayor Scott Long participates in press conference with Ukrainian officials.

By DAVID FRIESE NELSON
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The City of Wabash has entered into an agreement with officials from Korosten, Ukraine to become a sister city. The signing took place on Tuesday in front of a standing-room only crowd in Wabash City Hall.

The announcement came during a world-wide press conference involving Wabash Mayor Scott Long and Korosten Mayor Volodymyr Moskalenko. The two shared electronic signatures that cemented a partnership for numerous economic, cultural, and educational opportunities.

The signing is part of a larger effort to explore fostering sister-city relationships with multiple countries. The City of Wabash has been working with consultants to research and build relationships in Germany, Japan, and others,

respectfully. "As Mayor of Wabash, one of my goals is to better prepare our students and community to compete globally," said Long. "The relationships that I began building in Asia, beginning in 2018, have made tremendous strides towards that goal. A community of our size can compete with larger communities when we work with our local partners, such as Wabash City Schools, to foster student exchange opportunities, foreign language studies, and working with local foreign owned companies, strengthens these ties. Attracting foreign direct investment into Wabash and Wabash County is the best way to position ourselves for success well into the future."

The opportunity for the agreement presented itself during an international conference of community leaders held in Indianapolis, according to Sarah Delgado, foreign relations specialist for the Mayor's Office. "As Wabash's first sister city, this partnership displays Wabash's deep roots as a forward-thinking and innovative city," she said. "Wabash will work closely with leaders of Korosten, Ukraine to support and mentor its local government. We're thankful to the staff of The International Center in Indianapolis and the USAID HOVERLA Ukraine Sister Cities program for helping to bring this partnership to fruition."

Keith Gillenwater, president/CEO of Grow Wabash County was encouraged by the announcement. "Building stronger relationships abroad brings about greater opportunities for success and prosperity for both communities involved," said Gillenwater. "As we continue to show the world all the great things Wabash City has to offer, sister city relationships, like the one we are entering into with Korosten, will help Wabash County grow in its abilities to compete in the global economy and establish itself as a destination for business and cultural growth."

Long added: "I expect that new friendships will be established with Mayor Moskalenko and his team, as well as the citizens of Korosten, now and well into the future. This is an exciting time for both cities."

Roann seeks improvements to continue

By DAVID FRIESE NELSON
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ROANN — There is a gleam in Bob Ferguson's eyes when he discusses the quaint hamlet of Roann tucked away in North Central Wabash County. In the heart of Paw Paw Township, it's a piece of Americana that is alive and well. And a community, according to Ferguson, that continues to move forward.

With an engaging personality and warm smile, Roann's clerk and treasurer for a dozen years, is happy to share what's on the horizon for his community. A community with a rich history and Thomas J. Lewis House, Roann Covered Bridge, Roann Historic District, and Roann-Paw Paw Township Public Library all listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The center of town, which runs along Chippewa Street, is getting a bit of cosmetic work done to enhance its look and welcome patrons. The sidewalks are being repaved and new lamp posts will eventually adorn both sides of the streets. Chippewa Street boasts no empty storefronts. A testament to the 478 citizens who make up the population and support their community. Adding to the mix, is a brand new business In-Laws Catering & Creamery, 115 S. Chippewa St. June Haecker and her son-in-law Larry McClelland have extensive backgrounds in cooking. McClelland said he was more than willing to help his mother-in-law with getting the business started. Haecker had been wanting a storefront to compliment the catering. "It was my husband, Bob, who had an eye for this building," she added.

Adding to the optimism for the community, whose average age is only 36, is the prospect of building a new park near the existing baseball

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Hoosiers aren't making enough to pay rent,