

News from Mayor Ken Harsanje Sr.

Fellow Residents and Business Owners: Spring is in the air is seems...

We would like to congratulate the Genoa High School wrestling team Coach Bob Bergman and his coaching staff, on winning the Schools First Team State Championship. They won the Division III State Team Dual Championship on February 11, 2018. On March 10, 2018 the team won the Schools 2nd Team Championship, by winning the OHSSA Division III Individual Wrestling State Tournament. Seven team members qualified for the tournament.

State Qualifier – 182# Xavier Beach

State Qualifier – 138# Dustin Morgillo 3rd Place

State Qualifier – 160# James Limongi 3rd Place

State Qualifier – 285# Noah Koch 3rd Place

State Qualifier – Oscar Sanchez State Runner-up

State Qualifier – Julian Sanchez State Runner-up

State Qualifier – Dylan D’Emilo State Champion

(This was Dylan’s 3rd State Championship)

Congratulations to these three winners!!!

This year’s 2018 Genoa Homecoming dates are Friday, June 1st & Saturday, June 2nd this year is also Genoa’s SESQUICENTENNIAL or as we are calling it our 150th Birthday! (1868-2018) The Homecoming will have its annual Parade on Friday starting at 6:30 p.m. During the parade there will be seven floats depicting how Genoa looked from 1868 through the present 2018. The Town Hall will be open to the public Friday and Saturday from 2 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. for viewing of pictures and memorabilia through the early years to the present days of Genoa. On Saturday at 3:00 p.m. at the Town Hall lawn there will be a proclamation read to honor 150 years of the Village and a photo taken by an ov4rhead drone of the folks in attendance. So please come to the Town Hall by 3:00 p.m. to help celebrate this historic event. Then continue on to enjoy the festivities at the Homecoming and ending Saturday night with a Spectacular Fireworks show. All the Homecoming events will be posted on fliers and Suburban Press for your review.

The weather held off long enough for the Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt that was held at the park for the enjoyment of the children. A big “Thank YOU!!” to the men and women of the Kiwanis that hosts this joyous annual event.

The Allen-Clay Fire District Genoa station held the annual Reverse Raffle and once again it was a great success. Thanks to all who help support our Fire Department.

A big shout out to Rayz Café for hosting a benefit for the Genoa Area Community Food Pantry. It was well attended and supported, helping raise the much needed money for the pantry.

(In 2017, 938 people were served by the pantry.) Thanks to all who donated and to the hard working Volunteers who run the Pantry.

I want to “WELCOME” the two new businesses that moved into downtown on Main Street. The Grain House Co. / Handcrafted design shop and Dan Skees Financial. We are glad to have you in Genoa!!

A new group of volunteers (Genoa Historical Society) are renovating The Old School House / First Town Hall and Grand Army of Republic (GAR) building, through grants and donations. This group is doing an excellent job and the project is progressing well. (This project is at NO cost to the Village or its citizens.)

The North Coast Inland Trail (for walking, jogging and bicycling) is progressing, it will link the existing Trail from Elmore to Genoa. The projection of completion date is in the fall of 2020. I will continue to give you updates as I receive them.

The Village will be receiving grant money from the state for renovations to the Genoa Town Hall. New carpet, painting, repair of the Bell Tower, and Elevator repair/updates are on the list to accomplish.

When mowing lawns, please DO NOT blow your grass clippings into the streets as the clippings could plug up our storm sewers.

School will soon be out for summer recess, please drive through town with caution as adults and children will be walking and cycling. Let's ALL stay safe.

Unfortunately the Village has experienced vandalism in some areas, we will be elevating our Police surveillance with the use of security cameras, if you, the citizens, see something that does not look right contact the Genoa Police Dept. We do not take this vandalism lightly and will prosecute anyone caught to the fullest extent of the law.

After many years of organizing the Genoa Homecoming, Dave Grosjean & Neil Ammons will be making this year's event their last. We “Thank” both of them for their hard work and dedication to Genoa. All of our community organizations are in dire need for the next couple of generations to step up to continue to make all our local events successful.

These different organizations will have displays showing what they do, how they do it, and how you can join during Homecoming at the Genoa Town Hall. Also you can call me (Mayor, Ken Harsanje @ (419-410-0868) anytime.