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April 2019

[Solar-Powered LED Lights To Be Installed in Areas of Youngstown](#)

The Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation (YNDC) and volunteers including officers from the Youngstown Police Department and staff from Youngstown State University will be installing solar-powered LED lights east of Cottage Grove and west of South Avenue and from Florida Avenue south to Midlothian Boulevard on Wednesday, April 17.

[YNDC Installing Residential Lights in Youngstown South Side](#)

YNDC installing residential lights in Youngstown south side YNDC, area volunteers and Youngstown police will work to put up the LED lights. They're being donated by the Raymond John Wean Foundation to individuals who cannot afford outdoor lighting.

[YNDC Facing Challenges Despite Decade of Success](#)

Ten years ago, a partnership between the Raymond John Wean Foundation and the city of Youngstown gave birth to a nonprofit community organization dedicated to spreading the early successes in rejuvenating the downtown area of Youngstown to many...

[15 Women Nominated for 2019 Athena Award](#)

The Youngstown/Warren Regional Chamber has announced the 15 nominees for the 27th annual Athena Award dinner. The Athena Award honors women who "strive toward the highest levels of professional accomplishment," according to a chamber release. This includes those who have...

[Handels's Neighborhood Association Hosts Community Meeting](#)

Handel's Neighborhood Association will host its community meeting from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Newport Library, 3730 Market St. Participants can learn more about how to get involved with the association. The meeting will include...

March 2019

[Wean Foundation Announces \\$226K in Grants](#)

The Raymond John Wean Foundation approved community investment grants totaling \$226,383 at its quarterly meeting earlier this month, approving awards to seven organizations. [Trumbull County Historical Society](#) was...

[Wean Foundation Community Investment Grants totalled \\$226,383](#)

The Raymond John Wean Foundation board approved Community Investment Grants totaling \$226,383 to four organizations at its quarterly meeting this month. The grants are to be used for integrated, equitable solutions aligned with...

[Students Learn Healthy Living](#)

Each week, fifth- to eighth-grade students at McGuffey PK-8 School spend time after school learning ways to stay healthy through fitness and food choice. McGuffey School guidance counselor Jill Redmond said the McGuffey fitness and wellness program is held for 14 sessions, once per week from...

February 2019

[Grant enables Warren nonprofit to help homeowners with emergency home repairs](#)

Trumbull Neighborhood Partnership, an 8-year-old nonprofit best known for housing demolition, is expanding into emergency home repairs for low-income homeowners as it settles into its own new Mahoning Avenue facilities. TNP will begin accepting

[TNP Builds a Better Warren at its New Home](#)

Trumbull Neighborhood Partnership has arrived – literally. After spending eight years building a better Warren out of

several different offices, in 2018 we moved into our permanent home at 736 Mahoning Ave., just out of downtown and into Warren's residential central...

January 2019

[City Aims to Market Complex, Engage Citizens](#)

The city is looking to hire a community engagement and inclusion coordinator to give Youngstown residents more of a voice in the riverfront entertainment complex that's under construction as well as the Covelli Centre. The person hired will gather community...

[Project Lures Visitors to View Warren Through the Years](#)

The heading on an 1864 photo of West Market Street mounted on a metal stand on Courthouse Square says "Look Here." The photo shows a wide, dirt road extending much farther into the grassy area than what exists now on the square. "This was all like graze land," explained Melissa Karman, director of...

December 2018

[The Grants Total \\$79,838](#)

The Raymond John Wean Foundation Board of Directors awarded grants at its final quarterly meeting of the year totaling \$79,838 to two Mahoning Valley organizations that strengthen leadership development and increase civic engagement. The grant recipients are...

[Wean Foundation Makes Grants to City Club, Nonprofit Leadership Center](#)

The Raymond John Wean Foundation has awarded a combined \$79,838 to two organizations focused on leadership development and fostering civic engagement: the City Club of the Mahoning Valley and the Center for Nonprofit Leadership at Youngstown State University. The grant awards were made...

November 2018

[Their Mission: Healthy Communities](#)

Whether it's an after-school program for children, a blight-removal project in a distressed neighborhood or providing social services to the most vulnerable in the community, there's a good chance that one of the philanthropic foundations in the area or their...

October 2018

[Innovative Teacher grants awarded to area educators](#)

The Turning Foundation, in partnership with The Raymond John Wean Foundation, has awarded 15 Innovative Teacher Mini-Grants to instructors in Ashtabula, Columbiana, Trumbull and Mahoning counties. Recipients will receive cash awards up to \$5,000, with a grand total of...

[Turning and Wean Foundation announce grant winners](#)

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September 2018

[Land Bank, Neighborhood Groups Fight Blight](#)

They might be small steps, but collectively they lead to improved neighborhoods and serve to enhance the quality of life within the community, officials said Thursday morning as they witnessed the demolition of a vacant house at 1514 Mahoning Ave. The demolition was the 54th such project so far this month...

[Wean Foundation had a busy third quarter](#)

The Raymond John Wean Foundation during the year's third quarter made community investment awards, continued resident

engagement in the Mahoning Valley and expanded its staff. The Economic Action Group was awarded funding in support of...

[Wean Foundation Announces Updates on Community Engagement](#)

In a third quarter marked by a flurry of activity, The Raymond John Wean Foundation has several updates that include Community Investment awards, ongoing resident engagement in the Mahoning Valley and an expanded staff. At its September Board of...

[Foundation celebrates decade of SUCCESS](#)

The Raymond John Wean Foundation is celebrating 10 years of funding community projects in the Mahoning Valley. The foundation's Neighborhood SUCCESS Grants program, developed in 2008 as a way to realize community-led quality-of-life developments in...

August 2018

[Foundations offer grants to teachers](#)

The Turning Foundation, in collaboration with The Raymond John Wean Foundation, recently announced a new round of Innovative Teacher Mini-Grants for the 2018-19 school year. Up to \$50,000 in cash grant awards will be available to fund projects in a four-county area: Ashtabula, Columbiana, Trumbull and Mahoning counties, with a special focus...

[TCHS, museum seek photos for exhibit](#)

The Trumbull County Historical Society and the Sutliff Museum are seeking historic photographs of the city to include in "Warren: Then and Now," a joint exhibit that will open this fall during Warren Homecoming weekend. The exhibit is part of a larger grant that the two organizations received...

[The Main Street to Thumm's Project underway](#)

Both sessions, hosted by the Wean Foundation in partnership with the city of Warren, were facilitated by the Economic Action Group, a local economic development organization

managing the project. Warren stakeholders attended the...

[Two foundations to give mini-grants to innovative teachers in surrounding counties](#)

The Turning Foundation, in collaboration with The Raymond John Wean Foundation, is announcing a new round of Innovative Teacher 'Mini-Grants' for the upcoming school year. According to a press release, up to \$50,000 in cash grant awards will be available to fund projects in...

[\\$50,000 in grants available for local 'innovative' teachers](#)

The Turning Foundation, in collaboration with The Raymond John Wean Foundation, is announcing \$50,000 in grants that will be awarded to innovative teachers. The awards will be available to fund projects in Columbiana, Trumbull, Mahoning and Ashtabula counties with a special focus on...

[Public input sessions set at Wean facility](#)

Two Main Street to Thumm's public input sessions will be 5:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesday and 10 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday at the Raymond John Wean Foundation, 147 W. Market St...

[Local agencies collaborate to bring new food-service program to Mahoning County](#)

Numerous local agencies are coming together for an initiative that would provide fresh, nutritious food to people in the community who need it and create employment opportunities for adults with special needs. The Mahoning County commissioners heard at their meeting Thursday from Alta Care Group CEO Joe Shorokey about plans to start a food-service program at the former...

July 2018

[Judge Carla Baldwin: Thought Leaders](#)

In part 1 of our interview with the Honorable Judge Carla Baldwin we learn how her parents helped influence her career and what the most important thing is she teaches her students

at YSU.

[New Score Series Covers Local Entrepreneurs' Stories](#)

The Youngstown chapter of Score will launch a new series focusing on entrepreneurs with a discussion 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. July 26 at the Oak Hill Collaborative. Hosted by Rayshone Oliver, a graduate of Youngstown State University, entrepreneur and host of...

[Inspiring Minds celebrates student achievements](#)

Local students were able to refresh their academic skills while taking part in field trips to colleges and recreational activities as part of the annual Inspiring Minds summer program. A combined awards and talent...

[YSUscape holds design contest for downtown mural](#)

The YSUscape is accepting submissions of Youngstown-themed art for their Community Painting Day mural. Representatives say that the chosen design will be painted on a building in downtown Youngstown. According to a press release, all designs...

[MVCAP presents awards](#)

The Mahoning Valley College Access Program recently awarded \$1,000 scholarships to 22 graduating seniors at its scholarship breakfast. MVCAP, a nonprofit organization that started in 2001, provides...

[This week in history](#)

10 years ago in 2008: The Raymond John Wean Foundation, the largest in the Mahoning Valley, awarded \$107,000 in Neighborhood SUCCESS grants to...

June 2018

[Wean's Wilkoff Awarded Next Gen Fellowship](#)

Nan Wilkoff, program associate with the Raymond John Wean Foundation in Warren, has been selected by Exponent Philanthropy for its Next Gen Fellowship. Exponent

Philanthropy, based in Washington, D.C., says it provides resources and connections “to help funders make the most of...

[Pan-African sounds come to Warren](#)

An ensemble called one of the most exciting bands to come out of Africa in the 21st century will play a free concert on Friday in Warren. Mokoomba is a six-member group from northern Zimbabwe that has performed in more than 40 countries on five continents since winning the...

[First ‘State of the Valley’ Tackles Big Issues](#)

Preparing a workforce for the jobs of tomorrow, addressing the concerns of low-wage earners, continuing a cooperative regional approach to new development, and adapting local government to address the needs of young people. These were just some of the issues the mayors of Youngstown and Warren and...

[Wean Foundation Announces Quarter 2 Community Investment Grants](#)

The Raymond John Wean Foundation announced grants totaling \$643,500 to nine organizations. The foundation determined the Community Investment Grant awards at its June board of directors meeting. The grants were made to organizations whose work aligns with the...

[Wean Foundation distributes \\$643,500](#)

The Raymond John Wean Foundation has awarded community investment grants totaling \$643,500 to organizations whose work aligns with the foundation’s priorities, including integrated, equitable solutions that enhance the quality of life...

[First International Exposure Inspires Students](#)

Students from the Warren and Youngstown chapters of [Inspiring Minds](#) took an “exposure trip” to El Salvador from May 28 to June 2, the first group to take an international trip with the organization...

[Inspiring Minds students travel to EL Salvador for exposure trip](#)

Local Inspiring Minds students from Youngstown and Warren made history as the organization's first group to embark on an international trip. The group of 20 was able to travel to El Salvador on an exposure trip from May 28 – June 2. Students were able to explore...

[New system used to prevent flooding in Youngstown and Mill Creek](#)

Efforts have been underway to make sure Mill Creek MetroParks stays open and that there isn't sewage found in its waters. New "green" technology is now being used across the city to try and prevent the disaster that took place...

April 2018

[Inspiring Minds celebrates students achievements](#)

Warren G. Harding High School senior Danajah Coleman said her six years being with Inspiring Minds has helped change her life. "Inspiring Minds has really helped prepare me for my future. It has been an important part of my life..."

[Fresh Coast Seeks a Greener Youngstown](#)

Downtown Youngstown is covered with tons of concrete. With miles of sidewalks, vast slabs on Federal Plaza and well-traversed roads, it's a crucial element of the infrastructure. But when it rains, all that concrete surface...

[Warren teens creating center to help bored peers thrive](#)

Having a safe place for young people to study, play games and generally hang out seemed to be an obvious need to members of Trumbull Neighborhood Partnership's Junior Organizer program. Yet it was something that...

March 2018

Thrive Mahoning Valley Welcomes First Client From Puerto Rico

Thrive Mahoning Valley is an organization dedicated to helping people relocate to the Valley from Puerto Rico. Co-founder Justin Mondok thinks a welcoming hand should be something that comes naturally to a community. "It doesn't matter where you are coming from. If you are coming to the Mahoning Valley, you should be welcomed," he said. Mondok and co-founder Christopher Tennant...

Thrive Mahoning Valley Aids those Displaced by Hurricane

Following Hurricanes Irma and Maria last September, some 300 Puerto Ricans relocated to the Mahoning Valley and a new organization is helping to acclimate them to the area. Thrive Mahoning Valley, through support from The Raymond John Wean Foundation and...

[StreetScape Calls for Superheros Downtown](#)

Scott Schulick, one of the founders of the annual Streetscape effort downtown, called for community support "as we beautify Youngstown and, as in superhero talk, we bust grime." "I didn't write the script," Schulick, vice president of investments for Stifel, Nicolaus & Co. in Canfield, offered...

Dignan Urges Support for TJX as Chamber Marks 25 Years

The Spirit of the Valley Award was presented, for the first time, to two organizations doing similar work in Youngstown and Warren: Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corp. and Trumbull Neighborhood Partnership. Both organizations address...

[Share The Learning](#)

This annual Share the Learning event features multimedia presentations highlighting successes and key learning from resident-led projects awarded funds from...

[Wean Foundation grants go to five nonprofit programs in the Mahoning Valley](#)

The Raymond John Wean Foundation's board of directors awarded grants totaling \$178,000 to several grantees. Grant recipients are...

[Wean Foundation Announces \\$178K in Grants](#)

Following its quarterly board meeting, the Raymond John Wean Foundation has announced \$178,000 in grants to five organizations in the Mahoning Valley. Awards were made to Empowering and Strengthening Ohio's People, We Are Warren, International Partners in Mission, Invent Now and Youngstown CityScape. The individual grant totals were...

February 2018

[Dinner to welcome six into Hall](#)

The 33rd annual Trumbull County African American Achievers Association Hall of Fame Induction dinner on Saturday will welcome six inductees and honor two student...

Entrepreneur Mindset Begins with Kids

Youngstown State University is launching a program in local school districts that would teach students to think differently about business and be better prepared for the workforce upon graduation. "A number of studies show...

[Black history program to continue at 6 p.m. today](#)

Robert Saffold was the first black firefighter in Warren – a huge accomplishment, but there's another, darker part of the story. Saffold was forbidden from joining the firefighter's union and was met with racial intolerance when...

Teaching Future Entrepreneurs

At 'The New YSU!', a new program is teaching educators how to instill an entrepreneurial mindset.

Wean Foundation Awards Neighborhood Grants

The Raymond John Wean Foundation has announced the recipients of its 2018 Neighborhood Success Grants. In total, \$105,736 was awarded to 27 organizations in the Mahoning Valley. "The 2018 Neighborhood Success grantees are leveraging existing resources and...

TNP Succeeds in 'Building a Better Warren'

The Trumbull Neighborhood Partnership experienced nothing short of a transformational year in 2017. Our long-term vision of creating quality full-time jobs through neighborhood blight remediation finally came to fruition as our "Building a Better Warren" jobs program celebrated...

[Wean Foundation awards \\$105,736 to Warren, Youngstown groups](#)

The Raymond John Wean Foundation awarded \$105,736 to 27 resident-led Warren and Youngstown grass-roots organizations seeking to transform their neighborhoods and communities. Among the 2018 grantees are the Junior Organizers, a group of...

[Neighborhood grants to help 27 community organizations](#)

A community foundation centered in Warren is announcing grant awards to more than two dozen resident-led organizations. The Raymond John Wean Foundation announced on Thursday that it is awarding more than \$100,000 to 27 grassroots efforts to clean up and transform Valley neighborhoods...

January 2018

[Received year grant](#)

Help Network of Northeast Ohio has received a \$5,000 one-year grant funded by The Raymond John Wean Foundation. The grant will support Help Network's Trumbull County Special Navigator for Special Needs Families project. The free project provides a...

[When to take a stand](#)

As executive director of the Mahoning Valley Association of Churches, she was asked to participate in a panel discussion organized by the local Arab-American community after President Donald J. Trump's decision to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

[Nonprofits should use caution on social media](#)

Ian Beniston, executive director of the Youngstown

Neighborhood Development Corporation, avoids politics on Twitter, even on his personal account. “If you’re a leader of an organization, you’re a public figure and what you’re saying still is reflective of you as a professional...

[Youngstown officials lobby in Washington, D.C., for \\$10.3 million federal fund](#)

A delegation of city, Youngstown State University and Mercy Health Youngstown officials lobbied in Washington, D.C., in support of Youngstown’s application for a \$10.2 million federal grant. The project would connect strategic, medical, manufacturing, academic, residential, recreational, technology and employment...

[Delegation Lobbies D.C. to push for \\$10.3M Grant](#)

A delegation of local leaders visited the nation’s capital Wednesday to lobby on behalf of Youngstown’s application for a \$10.3 million federal grant. “The message we were trying to get across is we really think that our project is a perfect fit for the intent of the Tiger grant,” said YSU President Jim Tressel during a conference call...

[Local Investors Buy Warren’s Huntington Building for \\$550K](#)

The head of the real estate group that purchased the Huntington Bank building in downtown Warren says they want to see the positive momentum downtown continue. Midwest Ventures & Consulting, a local real estate investment and management group, closed on the building Friday for \$500,000, President Steve Lewis reported this morning. Lewis said his group was motivated to purchase the property in part because...

[Philanthropy Ohio’s “Conversations with Colleagues: Giving More Than Grants”](#)

This edition’s *Conversation* features two Philanthropy Ohio members serving on school district academic distress commissions in Lorain and Youngstown. State law requires the Ohio superintendent of Public Instruction to establish a commission for any school district declared in academic

emergency, failing to make adequate progress for four or more consecutive years. Jennifer Roller has served on the Youngstown Academic Distress Commission that was established in 2010...

[Wean Foundation Launches 'Speaking Out' Series](#)

The Raymond John Wean Foundation is launching a new series, Speaking Out: The Power of Finding and Exercising Your Public Voice, designed to help nonprofits play a role in public policy discussions. The two half-day workshops, Jan. 25 and Feb. 22, are designed with strategies for managing public relations challenges...

December 2017

[In Search of Director, City Club Advances Local Mission](#)

The City Club of the Mahoning Valley, with about a year and half under its belt, is moving into its next phase. Launched as a satellite of the City Club of Cleveland, the Mahoning Valley chapter is in the process of hiring a locally based program manager who would work with the Mahoning Valley chapter's volunteer advisory committee to develop programming. "Almost all of our programs have pretty much been at capacity," Tim Francisco, City Club of the Mahoning Valley co-founder and an advisory committee member said...

[Wean Foundation awards \\$2.1 million to four Valley organizations](#)

The Raymond John Wean Foundation has awarded grants totaling \$2.12 million to four organizations for ongoing work in Mahoning Valley neighborhoods, in line with the foundation's priorities of community revitalization, economic opportunity and educational opportunity. Two of the awards, to Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation and Trumbull Neighborhood Partnership, will...

Wean Foundation Announces \$2.12 Million in Grants

At its December board meeting, The Raymond John Wean

Foundation awarded four local organizations grants totaling \$2.12 million. Two of the grants were made to Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corp. and Trumbull Neighborhood Partnership to support the organizations' community revitalization efforts. "From partnering on issues important to residents to lifting the resident voice in...

November 2017

[New art on Youngstown utility boxes](#)

Colorful new vinyl stickers are being placed on utility boxes in Youngstown. YSUScape announced the first phase of their utility box vinyl artwork project has been completed thanks to funding from the Raymond John Wean Foundation's Neighborhood SUCCESS Grant. The public art project installed vinyl stickers...

[3 selected for Leadership Now Fellowship](#)

Three area social-change leaders, chosen through a statewide competitive application process and conducted by the Rockwood Leadership Institute and the Ohio Transformation Fund, are selected for the 2017 Leadership Now: Ohio Fellows cohort. They are Deaudra Edgerson, family advocate with...

[Three Local Leaders Chosen for Leadership Now](#)

Three local community leaders have been chosen to take part in the Leadership Now: Ohio Fellows program, an eight-month program aimed at helping build community networks. The three accepted through a statewide application process are Sarah Braun, network action team manager for the Eastern Ohio Education Partnership; Hannah Ferguson, vice president of Silence Prevents Education and Knowledge and co-founder of The Colony; and Deaudra Edgerson, an advocate with Headstart and vice president of the Emerging Leaders Alumni Association at the Raymond John Wean Foundation.

[Turning Foundation Awards Grants to 11 Area Teachers](#)

As a music teacher in the Campbell City Schools, Dan Welch has

a lot to do each day. There are paperwork deadlines, testing mandates and he, like all educators today, has to compete for the attention and motivation of his students against the powerful draw of social media and tiny screens. “But, in between the forms that are due, that testing window, and the moments our students are not thinking about their messages that await them on their favorite social media app, are windows...

[Foundations Do More Than Just Write Checks](#)

As the nonprofit sector evolves with new generations of philanthropists, new causes and interests and an ever-changing spectrum of need, foundations must find ways to adapt. Today, helping the Mahoning Valley’s 1,000-plus active nonprofit organizations maintain continuity of service goes beyond presenting a novelty-size check for a photo op. While it’s not a foundation’s role to tell a nonprofit...

[Foundation looking for grassroots projects to support](#)

The Raymond John Wean Foundation is now accepting applications for grants through its Neighborhood Success Grants program. Since 2008, the foundation has been supporting grassroots community projects, awarding a little more than \$1.5 million to more than 450 projects. The application period to apply for a grant is now open and the deadline to apply is Jan. 16. Requirements for the grant stipulate...

[City Club’s Mahoning Valley project builds momentum, seeks full-time director](#)

An effort to create a series of civic-minded public forums for citizens in the Mahoning Valley has found a growing audience and is poised to become more active in the coming year. The City Club of the Mahoning Valley (CCMV) is a project of The City Club of Cleveland that was born about a year-and-a-half ago. At that time, as Dan Moulthrop, CEO of [The City Club of Cleveland](#), put it, several stakeholders in the Youngstown-Warren area...

[Wean Foundation Now Accepting Applications for Grants](#)

The Raymond John Wean Foundation's Community Investment Grants Program is now accepting letters of inquiry for residents creating a healthy, vibrant, equitable and economically stable Mahoning Valley. The grants program's goal is to empower residents by focusing its support on community revitalization, economic opportunity, educational opportunity and public sector leadership...

October 2017

[Orientation sessions for Wean Foundation program begin Monday](#)

New and returning grant-seekers who want to participate in The Raymond John Wean Foundation's Neighborhood SUCCESS program must attend upcoming orientation sessions. To register for one of the orientation sessions...

Largest YNDC-revitalized home now on market in Youngstown

If you're in the market for a historic home in Youngstown, a newly-revitalized one on Glenwood Avenue may be for you. The Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation finished renovations on its Glenwood project. It is the largest single-family home the organization has ever tackled...

September 2017

[An \\$850,000 federal grant will implement crime-reduction strategies on Youngstown's South Side](#)

The Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corp. and its partners – the city of Youngstown, Youngstown Police Department, and Youngstown State University – were awarded an \$850,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to implement crime-reduction...

[Wean Foundation Distributes \\$345K in Grants](#)

The foundation, which has distributed more than \$100 million in grants to nonprofits, describes its priorities as community revitalization, economic opportunity, educational opportunity

and public sector leadership...

[Wean Foundation names emerging leaders for 2017](#)

It is a group of grassroots leaders who will take part in a nine-week series of comprehensive workshops designed to cultivate fundamental leadership skills, as well as connect individuals to key community peers and stakeholders. Participants will engage in immersion sessions and workshops facilitated by...

Wean Foundation Names Its 2017 Emerging Leaders

This group of grassroots leaders will take part in a nine-week series of comprehensive workshops designed to cultivate fundamental leadership skills, as well as connect individuals to key community peers and stakeholders. "The Emerging Leaders program exemplifies the foundation's belief that meaningful...

August 2017

[Happy Camper Daycare students become gardeners](#)

Happy Camper Daycare, 518 E. Indianola Ave., was awarded the Neighborhood Success Grant from the Raymond John Wean Foundation for 2017, in partnership with Metro Assembly, Heart Reach, Happy Campers and the Ohio State University Extension in Canfield...

[Children's Defense Fund ends year with program, celebration](#)

Tabernacle Baptist Church Children's Defense Fund Freedom School hosted its final celebration of the year July 20. Lois Thornton, project director, Dominique Graves Robinson, site coordinator and Vernard Richberg, executive director worked with six interns (college students) to provide a daily literacy curriculum filled with...

July 2017

[Annual Inspiring Minds finale event celebrates success](#)

More than 300 students and their families celebrated summer

accomplishments Thursday afternoon at the sixth annual Inspiring Minds summer finale event at Warren G. Harding High. Inspiring Minds is a free six-week program for students in...

June 2017

[Better Business Bureau gives business leaders awards](#)

A century-old grocery store, a metal-processing company, a specialized cleaning company, a heating and cooling provider, a revitalization organization and a community leader all have one thing in common: They were honored by...

[Wean Foundation OKs Nearly \\$200K in Grants](#)

The Raymond John Wean Foundation awarded nearly \$200,000 in grants for local organizations at its June board of directors meeting. The projects are awarded for demonstrating the foundation's mission of...

[Wean Foundation Awards \\$193k in Grants](#)

Grants from the Foundation's responsive portfolio include We Are Warren, an initiative that seeks to bolster existing programming and better utilize community resources to ensure that Warren's youth live safe, healthy and productive lives...

May 2017

[Warren students tour the town playing ukuleles](#)

A little island lute combined with a couple dozen students and one determined teacher has resulted in one of the Mahoning Valley's most unique youth music programs. The Jefferson Ukulele Orchestra – based out of Jefferson PK-8 in Warren – now in its second year, wrapped up a...

[Thought Leaders: Gordon Wean – Part IV](#)

Philanthropy must be augmented by other sources of funding for community needs, says the chairman of the Raymond John Wean Foundation.

[On Campus](#)

Local Youngstown State University students were awarded paid internships under the 2017 Nonprofit Leadership Summer Honors Internship Program, thanks to a \$65,000 grant...

[Williams take Job with Hartford Foundation](#)

Former Mayor Jay Williams has accepted a job as president of a philanthropic foundation in Hartford, Conn. Williams, who was considering a run for Ohio governor after leaving the U.S. Department of Commerce in January, will take over July 17 as president of the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, the foundation...

[Thought Leaders: Gordon Wean – Part III](#)

Tapping all of the Mahoning Valley's human capital. That's the mission of Gordon Wean's family foundation.

[Thought Leaders: Gordon Wean – Part II](#)

The Wean Foundation is a family foundation that operates like a community foundation. Gordon Wean is why...

[Warren's accomplishments touted by officials](#)

Highlighting the positives of the last decade, Warren Mayor Doug Franklin on Thursday painted the Trumbull County seat as a place that has been thriving and making positive changes and will continue on its upward trajectory. Franklin's remarks were supported during separate addresses given by Trumbull County Deputy Engineer Gary Shaffer of the...

[Thought Leaders: Gordon Wean – Part I](#)

The Wean Foundation has given away \$100 million since 1949. Meet Gordon Wean – the third generation to oversee the family foundation and transform it into a driving force for revitalization.

[Students work with 3-D printer at JAHS](#)

Students in one of Jefferson Area High School's newest classes, graphic communication, have been using advanced technology this year, as they work with...

[Orchids and Onions](#)

To local volunteers, including master gardeners, who this week built and prepared elevated planters giving disabled residents access to community gardens. The project was...

April 2017

Volunteers make gardens accessible

Gardeners with disabilities will be able to use the Garfield Community Garden this season, thanks to new elevated gardens and a brick path. At the corner of Woodland Avenue NE and Perkinswood Boulevard NE near the old Garfield school, a group of volunteers came out Thursday to build elevated gardens that...

Legal Creative Supports the Local Arts Community

Founding The Legal Creative, which provides free legal help to the local arts community, isn't the first time Denise Glinatsis Bayer found her twin interests in law and the arts intertwined. Bayer, a senior associate with...

[Free training offers at area tech centers](#)

The Greater Oh-Penn Manufacturing Apprenticeship Network is doing the work to get 300 apprentices in five years. To achieve that goal, Workforce Investment Areas of Mahoning and Trumbull...

[Grant Funds Engineer Intern – Wean Foundation Supplies \\$500](#)

Trumbull County commissioners on Wednesday signed off on a Youngstown State University internship program that will benefit the county engineer's office this summer. The non-profit leadership summer honors internship at YSU is being funded this year by the Raymond John Wean Foundation, which provided a \$5,000 grant to...

March 2017

[Youngstown CityScape Sees Streetscape Blossom](#)

For the 21st year, just after the Memorial Day weekend, volunteers and CityScape staff will spend a Saturday morning beautifying the downtown and arteries that lead to Central Square. They will plant flowers, weed flowerbeds, spread mulch and pick up litter. Last year, more than 650 participated in Streetscape, an effort that...

[Wean Foundation participates in leadership-development program](#)

The Raymond John Wean Foundation, one of 12 organizations selected from across the county, will participate in The Annie E. Casey Foundation's Investing for Results, a leadership-development program dedicated to closing racial disparities by giving funders the framework needed to guide their grantmaking, grantees and partners toward...

[Leadership Program](#)

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[Nonprofit Talent Interviews Jennifer Roller, The Raymond John Wean Foundation](#)

Jennifer Roller has been with the Wean Foundation since 2007 and served most recently as vice president and interim president. Roller has represented the Foundation's interests as a committed civic leader, staying abreast of current civic affairs and trends. Alongside the Foundation's past two presidents, she has worked closely with strategic partners to...

[Youngstown wayfinding program to be in place by year's end](#)

City officials expect to have its wayfinding system in place by the end of the year thanks to \$105,000 in grants it received.

And the program designed to help people better navigate downtown and the surrounding areas could grow if...

[Wean Foundation fund Mahoning Valley initiatives](#)

The Raymond John Wean Foundation awarded grants totaling \$103,000 at its board of directors' meeting earlier this month. In addition to aligning with the foundation's priorities of economic and educational opportunities, those funded demonstrated a keen ability to...

[Wean makes three awards](#)

The Raymond John Wean Foundation board on Friday awarded grants totaling \$103,000 including one for a women's entrepreneurship program at the Youngstown Business Incubator. Jennifer Roller, foundation president, said in a news release those funded this quarter demonstrated "a keen ability to leverage local, regional and state dollars." Roller said the grants will allow one of the most vulnerable in the area to...

[Wean Foundation Awards \\$103K in grants](#)

In addition to aligning with strategic priorities of economic opportunity and educational opportunity, the organizations demonstrated a keen ability to leverage local, regional and state dollars, the foundation said in announcing the grants. "The foundation's support of these organizations will equip...

[Wean Foundation awards local SUCCESS grants](#)

The Raymond John Wean Foundation announced Feb. 23 that it awarded \$98,988 to 30 local organizations that seek to improve neighborhoods and communities...

[2017 Education Series for Nonprofits](#)

We are Warren and Eastern Ohio Education Partnership (E0EP) launched February 21, 2017, a new four-part educational series for community and non-profit organization leaders to develop the necessary skills, process, and resources to adapt and thrive in a new global environment. The first session shared...

February 2017

[Wean Foundation awards \\$98K in Neighborhood SUCCESS grants](#)

The Raymond John Wean Foundation recently awarded \$98,988 in 2017 Neighborhood SUCCESS grants to 30 resident-led organizations seeking to transform their neighborhoods and communities. Neighborhood SUCCESS is a program that supports grass-roots organizations seeking to develop resident participation and leadership, promote communication and collaboration among residents and build on...

[Wean Announces \\$99,000 in Grants Awards](#)

The Raymond John Wean Foundation has awarded nearly \$99,000 to 30 resident-led organizations in Mahoning and Trumbull counties, the foundation announced Thursday. The awards were made as part of the foundation's Neighborhood Success program, which supports grassroots organizations looking to build community involvement. Annual grant awards range...

[Beatitude House Executive Director Elected to Council](#)

Sister Janet Gardner, executive director of Beatitude House, will soon serve the Sisters of St. Francis of the Providence of God as general councilor. Gardner will serve for a four-year term beginning March 12. Since 2013, Gardner has served at Beatitude House..

[Wean Foundation Distributes \\$2.4 Million in Grants](#)

2016 was a year of multi-faceted efforts at The Raymond John Wean Foundation that included grantmaking, convening, advocating and providing leadership. All were rooted in our commitment to empower residents to create a healthy, vibrant, equitable and economically stable Mahoning Valley. In 2016, with assets of nearly...

January 2017

[Nonprofit Summer Intern Program Accepting Applications](#)

The Raymond John Wean Foundation has awarded \$65,000 to the [Center for Nonprofit Leadership](#) at Youngstown State University to implement an internship program this summer. The 2017 Nonprofit Leadership Summer Honors Internship Program will

hire 10 YSU students to work with area nonprofits over the course of the 12-week internship. The students will be on...

December 2016

[Fund for Our Economic Future Awards \\$850,000](#)

Fund for Our Economic Future, a philanthropic collaborative of foundations, corporations, universities and local governments, has approved \$850,000 in grants to support job creation in northeastern Ohio. Team NEO was awarded a one-year operating grant for \$650,000 for its shared regional economic...

[Here's a thought](#)

It was among the poignant suggestions from one of the most memorable speeches of my time – Jim Valvano's 1993 ESPY's speech. "To me there are three things everyone should do every day," he said. "Number one is laugh. Number two is think – spend some time in thought. Number three, you should have...

[Lit Youngstown book focuses on 12 'Phenomenal' local women](#)

The lives of 12 local African-American women are profiled in "Phenomenal Women: Twelve Youngstown Stories." The book is the first to be published by Lit Youngstown, which will celebrate its release at a reception Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church, 201 Wick Ave. The event, free and open to the public, will include...

[Wean Foundation gives more than \\$900K](#)

The Raymond John Wean Foundation awarded grants totaling \$900,152 to local Mahoning Valley organizations, making it the foundation's largest grantmaking quarter of the year...

[Wean Foundation awards grants](#)

At its December board meeting, The Raymond John Wean Foundation awarded grants of \$900,152, making this the foundation's largest grant-making quarter of the year. The Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corp. and the Trumbull Neighborhood Partnership each...

[Wean Foundation Awards \\$900,152 in Grants](#)

The Raymond John Wean Foundation awarded grants totaling \$900,152 at its December board meeting, making this the foundation's largest grant-making quarter of the year. The work represented by the five grantees represents...

[Plan approved to turn abandoned trestle into Youngstown gateway](#)

Plans are in the works to turn a time worn part of Youngstown's landscape into a gateway, welcoming visitors to the downtown area. Transformation of the Mahoning Avenue Archway is one of five community projects selected for funding by the Innovative Plan for Leveraging Arts Through Community Engagement initiative...

[Christmas event in Square snowballs](#)

Christmas in the Square will offer a full slate of activities around Courthouse Square from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Friday, culminating with the lighting of the city's Christmas tree at 8 p.m. Celedonia said the event's expansion was made possible through generous...

November 2016

[Turning Foundation Awards \\$52k to Area Teachers](#)

The Turning Foundation, in conjunction with the Raymond John Wean Foundation and the Eastern Ohio Education Partnership, has announced 17 teachers as the recipients of its 2016 Innovative Mini Grant program. A total of \$52,096 was award to the teachers in northeastern Ohio for "sharing new and creative classroom practices supporting 21st century teaching and...

[CityScape Partners With Mahoning Commons Association For Youngstown's Largest Mural](#)

Over 60 individuals came together on a beautiful Saturday morning on November 5, 2016 to help install what is believed to be the largest mural in Youngstown's history. The mural,

titled 'Project Yo', was designed by [Random Acts Of Artists](#) and installed at the WRTA headquarters on Mahoning Ave. Its theme is the evolution of a city...

October 2016

[NOTEWORTHY: Neighborhood SUCCESS](#)

Neighborhood SUCCESS, a program of The Raymond John Wean Foundation, supports grassroots groups in the development of community projects that enhance the quality of life in Warren and Youngstown. Grants of \$500 to \$5,000 are awarded for resident-driven projects that align with the foundation's strategic priorities. A maximum of 30 projects will be funded each year. The goals of Neighborhood SUCCESS are...

[Picture Perfect Hair Day at Kirkmere](#)

A smile spread across Kaelyn Spell's face as she gazed into the mirror at her new hairstyle. "She got four cornrows going to the back," said stylist Tasha Hicks of All in One Beauty. Hicks is one of several stylists and barbers who...

[Ohio educators discuss poor grades on school report cards](#)

School report cards released by the Ohio Department of Education in September revealed poor grades for many schools in the area, leaving many districts and parents confused. On Thursday, the Eastern Ohio Education Partnership organized a luncheon at the Raymond John Wean building in Warren to address the report cards. There, a roomful of non-profit organizers, business leaders, politicians and..

[Wean grants fuel environmental, social and economic change in valley](#)

Foundation president, Jennifer Roller, said the Neighborhood Success Grant is not typical. It's a collaborative effort where an idea is taken at its infancy and given the resources to grow.

[Make A Difference Day: Indoor projects spread cheer](#)

It was less-than-ideal conditions for outside projects Saturday for the 14th annual Make A Difference Day, so many worthy projects took place indoors. The Guardian Angels of Trumbull County Probate Court hosted a party at the...

[Volunteers Sought to Install Mural at WRTA Garage](#)

The Mahoning Commons Association is seeking volunteers Nov. 5 to help install a mural that consists of 25,000 segments of chain-link fence at the headquarters of the Western Reserve Transit Authority, 604 Mahoning Ave.

September 2016

[6th Ward YouthFest is Saturday](#)

The 6th Ward Citizens Coalition is hosting a free YouthFest from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at Pleasant Grove Presbyterian Church, 3919 Southern Blvd. The goal is to provide family fun and educational opportunities for...

[City Club Comes to Youngstown](#)

The City Club of Cleveland is an institution that has hosted discussions intended to help democracy thrive for over 100 years. Using Cleveland's example as an inspiration, the City Club of the Mahoning Valley will hold its inaugural event on Wednesday.

[Youngstown City Schools Seeks Partners](#)

People are watching the Youngstown City School District and a lot is riding on whether the schools – after years of disinvestment and apathy – can deliver quality education. Out school improvement process is undertaken with an end in mind...

[Two organizations receive \\$60,000 and \\$50,000, respectively](#)

The Raymond John Wean Foundation approved grants totaling \$110,000 to Mahoning Valley organizations at its September meeting. The grants are awarded to agencies committed to Wean's strategic priorities of economic opportunity and educational opportunity, including for children from birth to

5 years old. The Turning Foundation was awarded \$60,000 over two years to...

[Wean Foundation Awards \\$110K in Grants](#)

The Raymond John Wean Foundation approved grants totaling \$110,000 at its September meeting to Mahoning Valley organizations committed to its strategic priorities of economic opportunity and educational opportunity.

August 2016

[Butterfly habitat on display Saturday on North Side](#)

Visitors are guaranteed to see one giant butterfly at the new butterfly habitat from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday on Ohio and West Dennick avenues on the North Side. Neighbors and students pulled together over the summer to transform...

[The new City Club of the Mahoning Valley has its first event on Sept. 21](#)

The new City Club of the Mahoning Valley, which its founders say will be a forum for open debate and the exchange of ideas, will have its first event Sept. 21. The club, a chapter of the City Club of Cleveland, will “feature a high level of discussion on various issues,” said Phil Kidd, its co-founder and the associate director of Youngstown CityScape. “We need something similar to...

July 2016

[Butterflies tantalize fest-goers](#)

“We come to this event every year. We haven’t missed yet,” the Youngstown man said, referring to Saturday’s fourth annual Butterfly Festival at Southside Community Garden near Williamson Avenue and Erie Street on the South Side...

[Teen girls create websites at entrepreneurship camp in Warren](#)

Young women from Trumbull County are learning how to use technology to better market themselves as entrepreneurs at the

Inspiring Minds Summer Camp. The Youngstown Business Incubator program teaches girls, ages 14-18, how to create websites over a two-day camp...

[YSU Gets \\$100K NEA Grant for Public Arts Project](#)

The National Endowment for the Arts has awarded Youngstown State University a \$100,000 grant to launch a public arts project in Youngstown. The award is among the largest of 64 NEA Our Town grants – out of nearly 250 applicants...

June 2016

[Chaney students participate in Invention Project](#)

Javon Kullum and Jose Santiago, both 12, and Antoine Sharpe and Kamron Jackson, both 11, huddled around a table in a Chaney Campus classroom, hard at work. They are among 40 middle-school students in the Invention Project, a program...

[Warren energy incubator seeks funding help from port authority](#)

The Western Reserve Port Authority's economic-development committee has recommended to the full board that it provide \$25,000 in support to the Tech Belt Energy Innovation Center. First the committee got an update from TBEIC's chief executive, Dave Nestic, and...

[Wean Foundation Awards \\$729,400 in Grants](#)

The Raymond John Wean Foundation approved grants totaling nearly \$729,400 at its June 2 meeting to organizations committed to its strategic priorities of community revitalization and educational opportunity. Funding includes \$115,000 for Western Reserve Land Conservancy, which...

[Wean Foundation awards \\$729,400 in community investment grants](#)

The Raymond John Wean Foundation approved grants totaling nearly \$729,400 at its June meeting to organizations committed to its strategic priorities of community revitalization and educational opportunity...

[3 Commit \\$100,000 to Fund for Our Economic Future](#)

The Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley, Trumbull 100 and the Youngstown Foundation have jointly committed \$100,000 over three years to the Fund for Our Economic Future, Jennifer Roller, president of the Raymond John Wean Foundation, announced Tuesday...

May 2016

[Kids show plucky talent](#)

Marian Mihas, music teacher at Jefferson PK-8 School, said that last November, she wrote a grant for the school and was awarded a Success Grant from the Raymond John Wean Foundation for \$1,828. Mihas said the grant was used to pilot a ukulele music project...[Jefferson 4th and 5th Graders showing off their Ukuleles](#)

[20 celebrated as Wean Foundation emerging leaders](#)

Graduates of the Raymond J. Wean Foundation's 2016 Emerging Leaders program celebrated participation in the nine-week experience with community stakeholders at a recent "Launch Party." The event took place last week at The Soap Gallery in downtown Youngstown. It provided a...

[Jennifer Roller of Wean Foundation is speaker at KSU Trumbull commencement](#)

Jennifer Roller, president of the Raymond John Wean Foundation, will be the speaker at the May 13 Kent State University at Trumbull spring commencement speaker. Close to 100 of the more than 225 students graduating this spring will participate in the ceremony, which...

April 2016

Family Gets Garden Award

The Jennifer and Neil Hockman family in Warren were presented the Serve Ohio Award from Trumbull Neighborhood Partnership for their volunteer work on the "Good Looking View Children's Garden," 1236 Buena Vista Ave. NE, Warren. The award was

presented during National Volunteer Week, and noted...

How Rust Belt city Youngstown plans to overcome decades of decline

Youngstown, Ohio is an upper-midwest city that has come to symbolize the nation's distress of deindustrialization with high unemployment and crime rates. But after decades of decline, the city has plans to...

2015 Emerging Leaders named

Twenty residents from Warren and Youngstown recently were selected for the 2016 Emerging Leaders program at The Raymond John Wean Foundation. This group of grass-roots leaders will take part in a nine-week series of comprehensive workshops designed to cultivate...

YSU Summer Bridge wins \$20,000 grant from Wean Foundation

The Center for Student Progress Summer Bridge program at Youngstown State University was recently awarded a \$20,000 grant from the Raymond John Wean Foundation. Summer Bridge is a free, one-week residential program for first-time traditional-aged multicultural freshmen entering YSU, said Michael Beverly, senior academic coach in the YSU CSP. He said the grant will be used for...

[TNP announces award recipients](#)

Trumbull Neighborhood Partnership is announcing the recipients of the ServeOhio 2016 Service Award for the Northeast Ohio region. They are Neil and Jennifer Hockman, who are mentors for TNP's Lots of Love Program through which they...

March 2016

Wean Foundation Awards Nearly \$140,000 in Grants

The Raymond John Wean Foundation has awarded nearly \$140,000 in grants. The grants were for programs seeking to promote financial stability, create better opportunities for academic success, and support the collaborative efforts of public and

private partnerships, according to the foundation. Nearly half of the grant funds...

Wean Foundation Awards \$140K in Community Investment Grants

The board of directors of The Raymond John Wean Foundation awarded grants totaling nearly \$140,000 for programs seeking to promote financial stability, create better opportunities for academic success and support the collaborative efforts of public and private partnerships. The East Side Organizing Project was granted...

[Wean Foundation Showcases Grant Recipients](#)

A foundation that helps local community projects celebrated its successes on Thursday night. The Raymond John Wean Foundation showcased the works of its 2015 grant recipients. A total of 28 projects were awarded funds. The funds were awarded as part of Neighborhood SUCCESS, an 8 year-old Wean Foundation program that supports a wide range of projects with...

January 2016

[Wean Foundation Awards \\$2.1 in Grants](#)

The Raymond John Wean Foundation awarded nearly \$2.1 million to organizations whose work aligns with the Foundation's strategic priorities of community revitalization, economic opportunity, educational opportunity, including early childhood (0-5) and public service leadership. Among those receiving funding from the Warren-based philanthropy were...

December 2015

Wean awards neighborhoods, women and families

The board of directors of The Raymond John Wean Foundation awarded grants totaling \$1.5 million at the December meeting. The grants awarded to create and enhance economic, educational and professional opportunities for residents in Trumbull and Mahoning counties, focuses attention on the needs

of...

[YBI to get \\$20,000 Wean grant for Women in Entrepreneurship](#)

The Raymond John Wean Foundation has announced nearly \$1.5 million in grant awards to organizations working in the Mahoning Valley, including a \$20,000 award to the Youngstown Business Incubator for development of its Women in Entrepreneurship Program. "Building on YBI's tradition of promoting and cultivating entrepreneurship in the [Mahoning] Valley, we believe...

October 2015

TNP fights city blight

As the first decade of the 21st century came to a close, Warren was bleeding. Matt Martin, who in 2010 was brought in to head Trumbull Neighborhood Partnership, said he recalls seeing a map of the city's vacant buildings that highlighted blight – it slashed through the city like an arrow, and it was TNP's job to...

[Ohio CDC Association Announces 2015 Member Awards](#)

The Ohio CDC Association today announced its 2015 Member Awards during the Association's 31st annual conference at the Kent State University Hotel and Conference Center. The two-day gathering, Oct. 1-2, convened 250 community development leaders from around Ohio under the theme, *Igniting Collaborative Innovation*. The 2015 winners and their awards are...

[Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corp. and The Raymond John Wean Foundation win awards](#)

The Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corp. and the Raymond John Wean Foundation won three of the seven statewide awards today given by the Ohio Community Development Corp. Association at its annual conference in Kent...

[YNDC will receive \\$420,000 in federal funding for neighborhood](#)

stabilization

The Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corp. will receive \$420,000 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Community Economic Development Opportunity for its neighborhood stabilization program, U.S. Rep. Tim Ryan of Howland, D-13th, announced. The program uses effective strategies developed by YNDC to stabilize neighborhoods...

September 2015

Area groups make a difference

Marking the 13th annual Make A Difference Day, area agencies and clubs are preparing for the national day of caring and volunteerism by donating goods, sewing blankets and simply helping others. Niles Community Services will participate...

Wean's impact to be felt for generations

When Shari Harrell read the three major nominating criteria for this year's Ohio Philanthropy Award, she knew immediately she was in the presence of one person who was a perfect fit for this high achievement. Gordon Wean, chairman of The Raymond John Wean Foundation based in downtown Warren...

Over 200 Mahoning Valley nonprofit leaders attended the Wean Summit

"Hello. My name is Maia Beatty. What do I need to know about you?" That is Beatty's greeting to everyone she doesn't know, and, she says, a sure way to set the tone for virtually all networking occasions. "Networking is not about you. It's about how you leave other people feeling. To like you..."

Wean takes philanthropy in the Valley to higher level

The best philanthropists know that there's more to philanthropy than writing checks. And among philanthropists, Gordon Wean is one of the best of the best. Last week he was in Columbus receiving the Ohio Philanthropy Award. In announcing Wean's selection, Suzanne T. Allen, president of Philanthropy Ohio, which gave the lifetime achievement award,

said it “recognizes his volunteer philanthropic...

[Wean Foundation President Channels Opportunity to Mahoning Valley Region](#)

Jennifer Roller can pinpoint moments that have served as guideposts in her professional life. And they all involve people. From a YSU professor who invited her to sit on a national conference panel to the former supervisor who encouraged her to reframe her work strengths, Roller remembers...

[Ohio fund awarded \\$1.5M for criminal justice reform](#)

A newly established Ohio collaborative fund received \$1.5 million for initiatives to reduce racial disparity and the number of people incarcerated in the state, according to a news release. The Ohio Transformation Fund, formed in 2015, is a group of local and national partners dedicated to criminal justice reform...

Wean to Receive Ohio Philanthropy Award

Gordon Wean, chairman of the Raymond John Wean Foundation and board member of the Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley, has been named this year’s recipient of the Ohio Philanthropy Award. He will receive the award at Philanthropy Ohio’s conference Sept. 18. The Ohio Philanthropy Award recognizes individuals...

Wean Foundation awards four grants

The Raymond John Wean Foundation approved four grants totaling \$187,861 at its September board meeting. The grants reflect commitments in the Foundation’s strategic priorities of community revitalization, economic opportunity, educational opportunity, including early childhood (0-5), and public service leadership. “These grants reflect our continued commitments to our strategic priorities,” Raymond John Wean Foundation President Jennifer Roller said in a news release. “From nurturing...

Wean Foundation Awards \$187,861 in Grants

Directors of The Raymond John Wean Foundation have approved grants totaling \$187,861 in its third grant-making cycle of the year. The grants reflect commitments in the foundation's strategic priorities: community revitalization, economic opportunity, educational opportunity, including early childhood and public service leadership. "From nurturing financial independence in youth to neighborhood beautification to code enforcement and blight remediation, we are...

August 2015

[YSUscape does work in Wick Park area](#)

YSUscape recently cleaned up 10 houses in the Wick Park neighborhood, but that's not enough for them. Saturday, Youngstown State University students came together once again to work on properties in that area. The group of about 70 worked on 19 homes.

July 2015

[Wick Park neighborhood properties get a facelift](#)

Vacant properties in the Wick Park Neighborhood on the North Side received a facelift. More than 40 volunteers, mostly Youngstown State University students, came together Saturday to clean up, and board up, about 10 homes. Many of the properties have been vacant and...

[Inspiring Minds concludes program with awards](#)

Inspiring Minds' Summer Enrichment program helped Danajah Coleman, 14, step out of her comfort zone. "We went out of state for five days without our parents," the Warren G. Harding High School sophomore said. The high-school group visited...

[Raymond John Wean Foundation builds nonprofit and foundation capacity](#)

The foundation in Warren, Ohio is hosting a day-long summit

featuring stimulating speakers, discussion and networking opportunities addressing a variety of critical nonprofit capacity-building topics. The event...

[MVHS announces winner of preservation awards](#)

The Historic Preservation Committee of the Mahoning Valley Historical Society Board of Directors is announcing the winners of the 2015 Historical Preservation Awards. The awards honor those in Mahoning and Trumbull counties who take an active role in...

June 2015

High school graduates get scholarships from MVCAP

Some local students on their way to college got some financial help on Thursday by earning \$1,000 scholarships. The students were honored Thursday at a luncheon at Youngstown State University. The Mahoning Valley College Access Program awarded scholarships to 33 recently graduated high school seniors. It is part of what MVCAP leaders call...

TNP Works to Eliminate Blight in Warren

As he stands across the street from a two-story gray house on Scott Street, Matt Martin turns to look at the patches of grass and dirt on both sides. "Thirty days ago, those were houses. Since there's no backyard, we knew we'd have to tear down one of them to make a side lot," says the executive director of Trumbull Neighborhood Partnership. "But they were in such bad shape..."

[Wean Foundation awards grants totaling \\$263,421](#)

The Raymond John Wean Foundation recently approved five grants totaling \$263,421 in its second grant making cycle of 2015, including \$100,000 over two years to the newly launched Ohio Transformation Fund. The Wean Foundation is the first Ohio-based funding organization to partner...

YSU Interns Gain Experience at Area Nonprofits

Ten Youngstown State University students are working internships across the region this summer as part of the 2015 Nonprofit Leadership Summer Honors Internship Program. The Center for Nonprofit Leadership at YSU, housed in the Williamson College of Business Administration, was awarded a \$50,020 grant from The Raymond John Wean Foundation to implement...

Foundation leaders share achievements

The 2015 Class of Emerging Leaders from the Raymond John Wean Foundation's Neighborhood SUCCESS 2.0: Emerging Leaders program celebrated their leadership accomplishments with community stakeholders at the recent Share the Learning event. The 10 civic leaders from Warren and Youngstown gathered...

Wean Foundation Announces \$263,421 in Grants

At its June board meeting, The Raymond John Wean Foundation approved five grants totaling \$263,421 in its second grant-making cycle of the year. The five grants reflect commitments in the Foundation's strategic priority areas of community revitalization and educational opportunity. "These grants strongly represent who we are as a strategically focused...

[Raymond John Wean Foundation approves \\$263,000 in grants for community revitalization, educational opportunity](#)

The Raymond John Wean Foundation of Warren announced it has approved five grants totaling more than \$263,000 for projects that reflect its strategic priority areas of community revitalization and educational opportunity. Of particular note, the foundation said in a news release, is a two-year, \$100,000 commitment...

[10 Emerging Leaders Finish Training](#)

Ten emerging Mahoning Valley leaders celebrated completion of a 12-week neighborhood leadership-development course Tuesday at the Raymond John Wean Foundation offices. They were the second group to complete the program, the first having completed it in 2013. The foundation-sponsored...

May 2015

Mahoning Valley Historical Society announces award winners

The Mahoning Valley Historical Society's Historic Preservation Committee has announced the winners of the 2015 Historic Preservation Awards. The awards honor those in Mahoning and Trumbull Counties who take an active role in preserving historic buildings, sites and districts. The winners will be honored at the Mahoning Valley Historical Society's 140th annual meeting...

MVHS to Present Awards at June 16 Annual Meeting

The Mahoning Valley Historical Society will recognize this year's winners of its annual Historic Preservation Awards at its 140th annual meeting. The annual meeting will take place from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. June 16 at the Tyler Mahoning Valley History Center downtown. The awards honor individuals and organizations in Mahoning and Trumbull counties for their role in preserving historic buildings, sites and districts...

[Historical society names Preservation Award winners](#)

2015 Historic Preservation Awards -The awards honor people and projects in Mahoning and Trumbull counties who take an active role in preserving historic buildings, sites, and districts. The Market Block Building on Courthouse Square in Warren also won a Commercial Revitalization Award. The building, built in 1868, evolved through a variety of uses and was sitting vacant in the late 2000s. In 2011, the Chesler Group of Cleveland purchased the building to renovate it for the Raymond John Wean Foundation. The designers...

Robins site gets cleanup

The front of Robins Theatre, 160 E. Market St., was the scene of busy workers Saturday morning working to clean up the street and facade of the Warren landmark. The people working outside were volunteers for a grassroots, non-profit group calling...

[Lake to River Science Day draws hundreds of students](#)

More than 300 students, parents and volunteers gathered at Stambaugh Stadium on the Youngstown State University campus last month for Lake to River District 15 Science Day. District Science Days are sanctioned by the Ohio Academy of Sciences. District 15 Science Day was jointly hosted by YSU...

April 2015

[Wean Foundation Essential in YBI Expansion](#)

A \$630,000 program arranged by the Raymond John Wean Foundation assisted the Youngstown Business Incubator's expansion. Foundation officials were on hand Thursday for the official announcement of YBI's acquisition of the former Vindicator building downtown. During the press event, Barb Ewing, YBI chief operating officer, said without Wean's participation..

YBI taking over Vindicator building

Business incubator officials bought the original home of the Youngstown Vindicator on Vindicator Square. The purchase and renovations to the building will cost \$6 million. A \$3 million grant from the federal government helped pay for the project, and an additional \$2 million in...

[YBI announces campus expansion, acquires Vindicator building](#)

The Youngstown Business Incubator today announced the acquisition of the fifth building of their Tech Block campus. Located immediately adjacent to the existing YBI campus, the new facility is the former publishing building for The Vindicator. The building is 57,000 square foot...

[YBI acquires Vindicator building; announcement Thursday](#)

The Vindicator's nearly 85-year-old downtown office building will experience a transition to the Tech Belt in the next year. The Youngstown Business Incubator, 241 W. Federal St., at 11 a.m. Thursday, will formally announce its \$5.5 million plan...

[11 Warren and Youngstown emerging leaders begin Wean Foundation leadership program](#)

Eleven Warren and Youngstown residents began a 12-week program in March designed to cultivate local leaders through the Raymond John Wean Foundation's second-year Neighborhood Success 2.0 program. "I wanted to gain confidence...

[Kitchen Incubator Assists Mahoning Valley Entrepreneurs](#)

Entrepreneurs who live in the Mahoning Valley area and want to start a business in the technology or additive manufacturing (3D printing) arenas might seek help from the Youngstown Business Incubator. But for people looking to jumpstart a restaurant...

March 2015

[Wean Foundation Awards \\$130,000 in Grants](#)

The Raymond John Wean Foundation, at its March board meeting, announced \$130,000 in grants to four local organizations: Empowering & Strengthening Ohio's People, Inspiring Minds, Tabernacle Baptist Church – CDF Freedom Schools and We Are Warren. The organizations and their programs are aligned with the foundation's strategic priorities of community revitalization, economic and educational opportunity and public service leadership, said Jennifer Roller, foundation president. "The foundation goes far beyond funding programs,...

[Four organizations in Youngstown and Warren benefited](#)

The Raymond John Wean Foundation has awarded \$130,000 in grants to local organizations Empowering & Strengthening Ohio's People, Inspiring Minds of Warren, Tabernacle Baptist Church-CDF Freedom Schools and We Are Warren. Aligned with the foundation's strategic priorities of community revitalization, economic opportunity, educational opportunity (including early childhood, 0-5) and public-service leadership, each organization provides solutions to challenges...

[Local groups awarded \\$130,000 from Wean](#)

Five local community-based organizations were awarded \$130,000 from the Raymond John Wean Foundation, the agency announced Friday. The groups are: Empowering and Strengthening Ohio's People – \$30,000 to support a program that provides financial education to people 55 and older who receive a low to moderate income; Inspiring Minds – \$25,000 for a program that engages students in academic enrichment programs that previously resulted in higher high school graduation rates,...

[Work aggressively to narrow the gender gap in STEM fields](#)

In recent years, the united states succeeded in narrowing the many dimensions of the gender gap. In health care, in wages and in political power, women have made some noteworthy shifts toward closing the once-wide gulf of inequality with men. In one large and critical discipline, however...

[U.S. Route 422 plan must move forward](#)

Last month's announcement that a collaborative effort to make improvements to the U.S. Route 422 Corridor in the area of Girard and Youngstown remains on track came as good news for the area. The 3,500-acre swath of land along the Mahoning River needs the planned improvement if it is to continue to be identified as the "Region's Gateway to Jobs. "The corridor redevelopment plan was...

[Association receives grant for garden](#)

The Historic Perkins Homestead Neighborhood Association received a \$5,000 Wean Foundation Success Grant for improvements to the rose garden near the entrance of Perkins Park. Lou Lepro said at the association's February meeting that work would be done in the spring and...

February 2015

[Wean Foundation announces 2015 Neighborhood SUCCESS grants](#)

The Raymond John Wean Foundation has awarded nearly \$100,000 in grants to 28 grass-roots organizations in Warren and

Youngstown through its Neighborhood SUCCESS and Leadership Program for 2015. Neighborhood SUCCESS 1.0: Engaging Residents awards grants of \$500 to \$5,000 to develop and implement resident-driven, grass-roots projects in the Foundation's strategic...

[Wean Foundation Awards 28 Grants to Urban Efforts](#)

The Raymond John Wean Foundation announced Tuesday it has awarded grants that range from \$1,040 to \$5,000 to 28 organizations in Youngstown and Warren, the total of the grants coming to just under \$100,000. Seven organizations received \$5,000 grants...

[Chaney girls set sights on science, technology, engineering, math](#)

They measure and build and create and sometimes indulge in girl talk. They're the Chaney STEM Girls, a group that meets after school twice monthly to learn about science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The group started last year when Pam Lubich, Chaney's STEM coordinator, received a FirstEnergy grant and bought supplies. This year, she earned a Wean Foundation grant to continue...

[Students Get Creative in Chaney Computer Club](#)

Apple, Microsoft and Dell are some well-known computer makers. Now add the Chaney Computer Club to the list. Students in Benjamin Dooley's Computer Club are designing, building and programming a fully functioning Raspberry Pi computer. A \$500 FirstEnergy grant bought the devices, and a \$2,000 grant from the Raymond John Wean Foundation paid for accessories. Students get to...

[Earth Angel Farm hosts fundraiser](#)

Wearing brightly colored costumes, sequins, hats and feathers, guests at the Peacock Ball showed their style and their support of Earth Angel Farm and other nonprofit organizations. "We asked people to show their colors like a peacock," said Holly Maggiano, a local neurologist and founder of Earth Angel

Farm...

[Bennett takes oath as new MetroParks board member](#)

The newest member of the Mill Creek MetroParks Board of Park Commissioners, Germaine Bennett, took the oath of office at a meeting Monday night. Judge Robert Rusu Jr. of Mahoning County Probate Court appointed Bennett, of Youngstown, to the position...

[Students urged to complete FAFSA by Feb. 15 deadline](#)

Youngstown State University and the Mahoning Valley College Access Program are joining forces to encourage students planning to enroll in college to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid by the Feb. 15 priority deadline. "We find many students waiting until school starts in the fall to apply for financial aid; unfortunately, for some types of aid, this is too late," said Lita Willis, executive director of MVCAP. "We are doing everything...

[25 Under 35 MVPs: Attorney, Architecht, Fundraiser](#)

As the 26 nominees for this year's 25 Under 35 awards sat in the front of a packed room filled family, friends and colleagues, videos started playing to announce the three winners of the MVP award. The videos featured words from co-workers and friends who talked about the nominees' personalities, what they've...

[TNP Spends \\$560K to Improve Quality of Life](#)

The Trumbull Neighborhood Partnership spent 2014 "returning derelict vacant properties to productive use," helping residents become homeowners, restoring houses, encouraging urban farms and more healthful diets, its executive director, Matt Martin says. In its 12-page annual report, released Friday, the partnership recapped its community outreach efforts...

[41 grass-roots groups seek Wean funds for neighborhood projects](#)

Joan Sullivan is looking forward to beautifying and improving a city park that features a large chess board with 30-inch pieces, so one of her opening moves was to try to secure funding for the ambitious project. "We're going to add a greenhouse with recycled composting..."

January 2015

[Wean Foundation looks to invest in community](#)

A local foundation is working to help make lives better in the Mahoning Valley, by providing grants to groups in the community. Eres McKee, is the program officer for the Neighborhood Success and Leadership program with the Wean Foundation. The program is providing 30 local groups from the Valley with grant money up to \$5,000 this year to better help the community. "This is what really makes me excited about the work that we do. They really look at the issues..."

[Germaine Bennett appointed new Mill Creek board commissioner](#)

Mahoning County Probate Judge Robert N. Rusu Jr. has chosen Germaine Bennett to be the newest commissioner on the Mill Creek MetroParks board, he announced Wednesday. Bennett, of Youngstown, will fill the unexpired term of Valencia Marrow, who resigned her position for personal reasons. Bennett is a longtime educator and...

[Programs earn state recognition](#)

The Ohio Local History Alliance has presented the Harriet Taylor Upton Association with the "History Outreach Award" for the many historical tours of Warren's historic district to children and adults. Elizabeth Cole Clark, who submitted the application for the award, said the association was in competition...

December 2014

[Wean Foundation announces grants for 4th quarter](#)

The Raymond John Wean Foundation awarded eight fourth-quarter

grants totaling \$1,239,920, making it the largest grant-making quarter of the year. “These grants support a strong group of organizations, the work of which is aligned with our core values and strategic priorities,” said Jennifer Roller, Foundation president. Of the eight grants awarded...

[Village Capital Corp. is enlarging its Northeast Ohio footprint](#)

The nonprofit, which has been vital to Cleveland since its 1992 launch, is aiming to help neighboring cities. Village Capital Corp. quietly has driven catalytic change in Greater Cleveland for more than 20 years. And while the nonprofit’s predominant focus always will be on the city of Cleveland, it’s increasingly looking to how it might spur revitalization in other neighboring communities in Northeast Ohio. With the housing market...

[Wean Foundation awards 8 grants](#)

At its December board meeting, The Raymond John Wean Foundation approved eight grants totaling \$1,239,920 – making this the foundation’s largest grant-making quarter of the year. Of the eight grants awarded, five were made from...

[Wean Foundation Celebrates Partners’ Accomplishments](#)

The Raymond John Wean Foundation last night convened its strategic partners in the Mahoning Valley – the Mahoning Valley Organizing Collaborative, Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corp. and Trumbull Neighborhood Partnership – to celebrate their collaborative work and share the vision of the partnership with board members, staff and employees. “Together with our strategic partners, we are working to catalyze...

November 2014

[Wean Foundation Hosts Strategic Planning Session](#)

The Raymond John Wean Foundation will present a strategic planning course, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Dec. 2, at its Western Reserve Room, 147 W. Market St., Warren. Janus Small,

president of Janus Small Associates, a Cleveland-based consulting firm, will discuss...

[Group commends schools' academic successes](#)

The Eastern Ohio P-16 Partnership for Education recognized 32 school districts from Mahoning, Trumbull, Columbiana and Ashtabula counties for earning an "A" in one of several categories on the most recent state report card. The fifth annual "Excellence in Education – Celebrating our Schools" took place...

October 2014

[Magnet has skilled approach to lead way with work-based learning program](#)

As manufacturers continue to look for ways to close the skills gap and attract new employees to the industry, Magnet's Work-Based Learning program could serve as a possible model. There's a lot of information available on work-based learning, but it's unique...

[Fleming appointed to YMHA board](#)

Mayor John A. McNally has appointed Suzanne Fleming of Youngstown to the Board of Commissioners of the Youngstown Metropolitan Housing Authority. Fleming is retired from Youngstown State University's Center for Human Services Development and now serves on the boards...

[2015 Nominees Announced for 25 Under 35 Awards](#)

The Mahoning Valley Young Professionals and the Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley today announced the nominees for the 25 Under 35 awards. A committee comprised of club members and foundation employees...

[People on the move](#)

Wean Foundation has new program officer: Eres McKee has joined The Raymond John Wean Foundation as the Program Officer for Resident Engagement. McKee is responsible for developing

productive relationships with partners aligned with the work of the Foundation. Previously, McKee was...

[Grants available from foundation](#)

Neighborhood SUCCESS and Leadership, a program of The Raymond John Wean Foundation, seeks to transform the Mahoning Valley's current leadership to include informed resident participation in decision-making that affects neighborhoods and communities. The program awards \$500 to \$5,000 grants...

September 2014

[Nonprofit officials share ideas at summit](#)

Life is always challenging for the Mahoning Valley's many nonprofit organizations, which explains why 75 of them sent 280 representatives to Youngstown State University for the Eighth Annual Nonprofit Summit. The day-long summit...

[Wean Foundation approves \\$135K in grants to nonprofits](#)

The Raymond John Wean Foundation approved \$135,000 in grants to three nonprofit organizations. They are Manufacturing Advocacy and Growth Network, Virginia Polytechnic and State University's Metropolitan Institute and The News Outlet...

[Wean Foundation Nonprofit Summit Set for Sept. 18](#)

Nonprofit professionals from across the region are invited to connect with peers while learning from nonprofit experts and from each other at The Eighth Annual Nonprofit Summit Sept. 18 at Kilcawley Center on the campus of Youngstown State University. The day-long event features 15 interactive workshops...

August 2014

[Warren group to host garden walk](#)

The Community Concerned Citizens II is sponsoring its sixth annual Victorious Garden Walk from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday at the gardens off York Avenue near Jackson Street S.W. Mary Ann

Franklin of CCC said the public is invited to browse through the urban community garden. "Everyone can see the new..."

July 2014

[Pocket of fun](#)

From the foundation of a former home rises a new place for families to make memories and share in the company of others. Among other things, the Washington Street Pocket Park in Warren offers a large chess board crafted with the labor and creativity of volunteers in the spirit of fellowship...

[Leadership gathering is successful](#)

Neighborhood SUCCESS and Leadership, a program of the Raymond John Wean Foundation, recently hosted Getting to Know You events in downtown Youngstown and Warren. More than 50 resident community leaders, partners and staff attended to encourage each other to make a difference in their neighborhoods and to explore opportunities available through...

[Wean Event Focuses on Leadership](#)

Over 50 resident community leaders, partners and staff gathered recently for "Getting to Know You" events held in Warren and Youngstown for the Raymond John Wean Foundation's Neighborhood SUCCESS and Leadership program. The events, designed to encourage those making a difference in their neighborhoods...

[Wean Foundation hosts session in Warren](#)

Neighborhood Success and Leadership, a program of The Raymond John Wean Foundation, has been holding "Getting to Know You" events this summer with the next to be held Tuesday in Warren. Jennifer Roller, president of Wean Foundation, said the...

[Success, Leadership open house Tuesday](#)

The Raymond J. Wean Foundation's Neighborhood SUCCESS and Leadership program will have an open house titled "Getting to Know You-Warren" from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at 147 W. Market St.

Call 330-394-5600 for information. The open house enables the Wean staff, 2014 Emerging Leaders and Resident Council members to meet with residents to share opportunities available through the program, said Jennifer...

[Wean Foundation to hold open house](#)

The Neighborhood SUCCESS and Leadership Program of The Raymond John Wean Foundation, will hold its second of two open houses from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Western Reserve Room at the foundation's headquarters, 147 W. Market St., in downtown Warren. Entitled, "Getting to Know You..."

[Scholarships Awarded through College Access Program](#)

Warren G. Harding graduate William Anastasiadis has a love for science. He talks about learning everything he can about the natural world in a way that will ultimately help others. Anastasiadis will get a chance to pursue his dreams and begin his education at Baldwin Wallace University with the help of a scholarship through the Mahoning Valley College Access Program (MVCAP). Thirty-one \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to Valley...

June 2014

[Education Group Earns Grants for Collaboration](#)

Eastern Ohio Education Partnership was recently awarded \$165,000 from The Raymond John Wean Foundation (\$125,000 over two years), The Youngstown Foundation (\$25,000), the Frank & Pearl Gelbman Foundation (\$10,000) and the Ward Beecher Foundation (\$5,000) to support its collective impact model. With the support of these foundations...

[Freedom School Focuses on Literacy, Civil Rights](#)

It wasn't a conversation normally heard on the first day of school, but Summer Freedom School doesn't aim to be a typical summer school. As Donielle Lisbon, an Youngstown State University education intern from Struthers, led a discussion about the impact of Negro leagues baseball on the

Civil Rights Movement, the hands...

[Education Partnership Gets Grants from 4 Foundations](#)

The Eastern Ohio Education Partnership has been awarded grants from four foundations to support its collective impact model. The model analyzes data to identify education programs doing "great work" and organizes the individuals doing such work to create and measure...

[Wean Foundation Awards \\$175K in grants](#)

The Raymond John Wean Foundation of Warren recently gave a combined \$175,000 in grants to three community groups. The organizations are: Eastern Ohio Education Partnership: \$125,000 over two years to support organizing activities...

[Wean Foundation awards \\$175,000 in grants](#)At its June board meeting, the Raymond John Wean Foundation announced \$175,000 in grants to Eastern Ohio Education Partnership, Power of the Arts, and Tabernacle Baptist Church, three groups operating within the community. According to a Wean Foundation release, Eastern Ohio Education Partnership was awarded a \$125,000 grant...

[3 Groups Share \\$175K Wean Foundation Grants](#)

The Raymond John Wean Foundation has given \$175,000 in grants to three community groups, Eastern Ohio Education Partnership, Power of the Arts and Tabernacle Baptist Church, the president of the foundation, Jennifer Roller, announced Thursday. Eastern Ohio Education Partnership was awarded \$125,000, disbursed over two years...

[A Work of Art](#)

Trumbull Art Gallery is nearing the finish line. Director Pat Galgozy still wasn't sure earlier this week whether TAG Summerfest classes, which start Monday, would be held at the gallery's new home at 156-160 N. Park Ave., Warren, on Courthouse Square or whether they will have to start next door...

[Bru built it, and they came](#)

Say to someone, "If you build it," and millions worldwide will answer, "They will come." It's from Kevin Costner's fictional "Field of Dreams" – a film testament to faith in tradition and value in relationships past and present. Bru (officially Brunilda) Turner has a sports passion also built around tradition and relationships, but it's golf. And she's building her field of dreams. And they have come...

[422 Corridor plan unveiled](#)

An ambitious development plan to spur industry and stabilize neighborhoods along the U.S. Route 422 corridor was unveiled Friday by the Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corp., in cooperation with the Youngstown Warren Regional Chamber and the Trumbull County commissioners. With Vallourec Star in Girard as a...

[Sad goodbye, helpful hello](#)

While we're sad to see one of the few remaining staples in downtown Warren – Mickey's Army-Navy Store – close, the opportunities created by the new occupant of the Main Avenue building is pretty exciting. Eastern Gateway Community College's partner...

May 2014

[Staff changes at Wean Foundation](#)

The Raymond John Wean Foundation has made changes in its staffing. Beverly-Ann Burks joins the foundation as program officer for resident engagement. She is responsible for developing productive, positive relationships with partners aligned with the foundation's work. New officer manager is Joette Orsini, responsible for organizing...

[Wean Foundation names new officers to lead organization](#)

With Jennifer Roller named the president of the Raymond John Wean Foundation last month, the nonprofit is making other staff additions and changes. The reorganization streamlines

operations and strengthens the Foundation's core commitment to its five issue priorities: early childhood (0-5), educational opportunity, economic opportunity, community

[Wean Foundation Announces Staff Changes](#)

The Raymond John Wean Foundation today announced several staff additions and changes. The reorganization streamlines operations and strengthens the foundation's core commitment to its five issue priorities: early childhood (0-5), educational opportunity, economic opportunity, community...

[Franklin touts city successes in speech](#)

Mayor Doug Franklin highlighted the \$10 million in capital improvements coming to city buildings and roads this year, the attraction of an employer and the increased vitality of Warren's downtown during his third State of the City address. The remarks, given Wednesday in city council chambers, mentioned the bond issue Franklin proposed...

[Pittsburgh nonprofit lures expert from Youngstown – Gillespie will lead Neighborhood Allies](#)

Youngstown's population will take another hit when Presley Gillespie and his family move to Pittsburgh this spring. The 47-year-old founding director of the Ohio city's Neighborhood Development Corp., which has been nationally cited for its revitalization work...

[Wean officer named president](#)

The word "interim" has been removed from the front of Mahoning Valley native Jennifer Roller's name. She is president of the Raymond John Wean Foundation. Roller has been with the Foundation since 2007, serving as program officer and most recently as vice president and acting president. She has worked...

April 2014

[Jennifer Roller Named President of Wean Foundation](#)

Directors of The Raymond John Wean Foundation have elected Jennifer Roller as the next president effective immediately, the foundation announced Tuesday. She has been with the Foundation since 2007, serving most recently as vice president and acting president. Since joining the Foundation, Roller...

[Jennifer Roller Named President of Wean Foundation](#)

Mahoning Valley resident Jennifer Roller is the new president of the Raymond John Wean Foundation. The Wean Foundation's board of directors named Roller, 46, of Youngstown to the top position effective at its meeting March 5. She previously was the Foundation's ...

[Record turnout for summit](#)

Current and prospective business owners from around the Mahoning Valley gathered in downtown Warren on Monday for the third annual Minority Business Summit. According to event organizer Kisha Jackson, the attendance for this year at the Raymond John Wean Foundation at least doubled...

[Project to use responses of Warren parents, students to create more programs](#)

A survey of Warren students and parents showed a great desire for swimming, greater use of school recreational facilities and the need for financial literacy education. The survey results, released to the public Thursday at Warren G. Harding High School, are part of a Wean Foundation-funded project called We Are Warren...

[Quilts From The Heart](#)

Quilts from the Heart received a \$5,000 grant from Neighborhood SUCCESS and Leadership, a Program of The Raymond John Wean Foundation, so that the club is able to continue the mission of making quilts for any traumatized child. The group also received...

[Oak Hill Collaborative Makes a Difference](#)

Corrine DeCesare spent a year working along with her father in

the oil fields throughout the Midwest. Then, just more than a year ago, she decided to trade that life for a business of her own, one inspired by her faith. Today, DeCesare runs a seamstress and clothing line...

March 2014

[Wean Foundation Announces 2014 Capacity Building Events](#)

The Raymond John Wean Foundation has announced its 2014 calendar of Capacity Building Events available to all nonprofit organizations in the Mahoning Valley. The events are designed to respond to community interests of the Mahoning Valley as well...

[Trumbull officials celebrate getting more than minimum of demo money](#)

Matt Martin, executive director of Trumbull Neighborhood Partnership, says the \$3.2 million the Ohio Housing Finance Agency awarded to the Trumbull County Land Bank last month will allow the county to knock down 250 more of its most-blighted homes. That's on top of the 500 demolitions...

[Recipients are Eastern Gateway Community College/Policy Matters Ohio](#)

At its March meeting, the Raymond John Wean Foundation approved funding for \$65,000 in grants to two community initiatives, Eastern Gateway Community College and Policy Matters Ohio, in support of educational and economic...

[Wean Foundation gives \\$65,000 in grants](#)

The Raymond John Wean Foundation will provide \$65,000 in grants to Eastern Gateway Community College and Policy Matters Ohio to support educational and economic opportunity in Trumbull and Mahoning counties. Eastern Gateway has been awarded \$50,000...

[Government use of vacated buildings good](#)

Usually I agree with the Tribune Chronicle's insights, but not with the editorial "Warren hurt by government property grab" published Feb. 21, 2014. The main reasons why government (county, city, schools) acquired these downtown properties...

February 2014

[Wean Foundation gives nearly \\$100K in grants](#)

The Raymond John Wean Foundation recently awarded nearly \$100,000 in grants to 27 grass-roots community organizations and student-led groups in Warren and Youngstown under its Neighborhood SUCCESS and Leadership Program. The program consists of two distinct...

[Wean Foundation Awards \\$100K to 27 Organizations](#)

The Raymond John Wean Foundation has awarded nearly \$100,000 in grants to 27 grassroots community organizations and student-led groups in Youngstown and Warren, Acting President Jennifer Roller announced Thursday. The grants range...

January 2014

[Most Building a better U.S. 422 – Residents, officials weigh in on ideas for improvement](#)

As possible plans and strategies for the state Route 422 corridor redevelopment plan began coming to light Tuesday night, residents and county officials displayed cautious optimism with the findings. Philadelphia-based Interface Studio held the public meeting...

[Intriguing: Big Jim London Has Big Impact](#)

James London stands six-foot-six and weighs 348 pounds, so his nickname, "Big Jim," is no misnomer. And to the residents of the South Side Youngstown neighborhood where he makes his home, what he's accomplished far exceeds his physical size. Nearly eight years after he moved to the Idora neighborhood...

[Join revitalization of Warren neighborhood](#)

I am so happy that the houses are finally coming down, with the Moving Ohio Forward Grant money from the state of Ohio. I want to personally thank the M&M demolition and landscaping company, special shout out to Flip and Dante, the excavating crane operators and the entire crew. I watched...

[Warren makes prudent move to improve delivery of services](#)

A popular drugstore chain in the Mahoning Valley, Ohio and 41 other states touts Convenience, Value and Service in the initials that form its name. Warren city leaders could very easily apply those same attributes to its recent \$2.5 million purchase of the Gibson Building in downtown Warren where several city departments...

December 2013

[We Are Warren hopes to build on small summer recreation program](#)

Paul Trina, Warren schools athletic director, is among a group of people who wanted to bring back something they remember from their childhoods in Warren: an organized recreation program for all children. In the 1970s, Warren had 12 elementary schools – and each one competed against the others in sports, and did arts and crafts. The program, at one time run by Warren schools...

[New program targets Warren youth](#)

A community-wide initiative was announced Thursday morning in Warren that will help make a difference in the lives of the city's youth. "We Are Warren" is a collaborative movement focused on planning a strategy for delivering recreation, education and leadership development services...

['We Are Warren' Wants to Hear Residents' Voices](#)

Mayor Doug Franklin, schools Superintendent Michael Notar, Jennifer Roller and Deryck Toles want residents of this city to speak up and tell them how to further improve the quality

of life in this city. The four formally kicked off the “We Are Warren” initiative...

[“We Are Warren” campaign calls for public input](#)

Planning is underway for a community-wide campaign called “We are Warren”. The city’s initiative would host programs for the city’s young men and women. The Raymond John Wean Foundation, Inspiring Minds, city hall and the school district are developing...

[‘We Are Warren’ to focus on future of youth](#)

Launching a campaign to get young people involved in creating a better community, Inspiring Minds and the Wean Foundation are putting together “We Are Warren,” what they call an effort to help area youths discover and achieve their hopes. The Wean Foundation is providing a \$30,000 grant...

[Wean Foundation extends its support of three strategic partners](#)

The Raymond John Wean Foundation will continue to support three “strategic partners” with \$950,000 in new grants for 2014. The money will go to the Mahoning Valley Organizing Collaborative, Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corp. and Trumbull Neighborhood Partnership. The groups will receive continued support...

[Wean Awards \\$950K to 3 Community Organizations](#)

The Raymond John Wean Foundation has awarded \$950,000 in new grants to three of their “strategic partners” in the Mahoning Valley. The organizations – the Mahoning Valley Organizing Collaborative, Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corp. and Trumbull Neighborhood Partnership...

[Wean awards nearly \\$1 million in grants](#)

The Wean Foundation on Thursday announced \$950,000 in grants that will be split among three organizations. The Mahoning Valley Organizing Collaborative will get \$400,000, which will help support their development of healthy

neighborhoods and sustainable change. The Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation will receive \$350,000, which will go to...

[Boulevard Park Block Watch will have a sign lighting ceremony at 6 p.m. Tuesday](#)

The Boulevard Park Block Watch will have a sign lighting ceremony at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the corner of Midlothian and Euclid boulevards. The block watch on the city's upper South Side received \$4,180...

October 2013

[Youngstown Native Named Acting President of Wean Foundation](#)

Jennifer Roller, a Youngstown native, is acting president of the Raymond John Wean Foundation. The Foundation is not engaged in an active search to fill the position of president on a permanent basis. Instead, it is "pausing to assess its options," officials said. Her appointment was effective Oct. 7...

September 2013

[Wean invested \\$1.25 million in YNDC efforts](#)

The Raymond John Wean Foundation is one of 10 recipients of the Secretary's Award for Public-Philanthropic Partnerships presented by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in partnership with the Council on Foundations. The award recognizes the foundation...

[Wean Foundation wins National Honor](#)

The Raymond John Wean Foundation has been recognized by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Secretary's Award for Public-Philanthropic Partnerships. The award, offered in partnership with...

[Wean Foundation Honored for Efforts in Youngstown](#)

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U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, in partnership with the Council on Foundations, as one of 10 recipients of the Secretary's Award for Public-Philanthropic Partnerships. The award honors philanthropic...

[Nonprofit Summit Told Sector's Influence Growing](#)

The nonprofit sector has the potential to supplant business and government as the dominant sector in society, predicts the editor of a magazine covering the sector. "We're in a very exciting time in the nonprofit sector. I fully expect...

[Speaker: Nonprofits can dominate future economy](#)

A national expert in the field said nonprofit organizations have a chance to dominate the local and national economy, over business and government, within two decades. The sector of the economy that engages...

[Philanthropy's Promise Marks 2nd Year](#)

Foundations representing nearly \$3.76 billion in annual giving are signed on to Philanthropy's Promise, a national effort to prioritize the needs of and empower low-income people, communities of color, the elderly and other underserved populations...

[Nonprofits attend Summit](#)

A Summit for nonprofit organizations was held on Thursday at Youngstown State University. The program was part of the annual Raymond John Wean Foundation Summit. More than 300...

[Over 325 nonprofit groups to meet at YSU](#)

Representatives from over 325 nonprofit organizations will gather at Youngstown State University on Thursday. The collaboration is a part of The Raymond John Wean Foundation's...

[Wean Foundation distributes \\$160,225 to 3 organizations](#)

The Raymond John Wean Foundation awarded grants totaling \$160,225 to three local organizations: JA Worldwide, Mahoning Valley College Access Program and Youngstown City Scape. The awards...

July 2013

[Butterfly Festival at Southside Community Garden](#)

The event is sponsored by the Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corp., the Wean Foundation and Grow Youngstown. Guests are invited to feed and watch for...

[Garden produce helps feed the Hungry](#)

DePiere Hlebovy wrote the grant that made the Dorothy Day House a recipient of a \$4600 Neighborhood Success Grant from the Raymond John Wean Foundation...

June 2013

[Youngstown spends \\$1M-plus on studies, largely unused](#)

The highly touted Youngstown 2010 Citywide ... Development and the Raymond John Wean Foundation each giving \$50000...

[Youngstown News, Raymond J. Wean Foundation awards \\$112K](#)

WARREN – The Raymond John Wean Foundation awarded \$112,500 in grants to three local organizations: Community Solutions Association, Power of The...

[50 Youngstown kids have chance for free Camp Experience](#)

The Summer Educational Enrichment Program was made possible by the Raymond John Wean Foundation, the Young Philanthropist Fund and the Youngstown Community...

[Youngstown Takes Pride](#)

Kim Akins, a board member of Pride Youngstown, said that they are a non-profit organization funded by the Raymond John Wean Foundation...

[CAYL Insitute – The CAYL Raymond John Wean Principals](#)

The CAYL Raymond John Wean Principals Scholars Project is a learning community for elementary school Principals in Mahoning and Trumbull...

[Youngstown News Wean Foundation to present Research Findings](#)

Youngstown local news, classifieds, jobs, homes, cars, discussions, contests Youngtown Warren Ohio...

[PALO Creative Adds Wean Foundation to Client List](#)

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio – The Raymond John Wean Foundation is among 11 new clients that PALO Creative reports it recently added to its roster. Palo will...

May 2013

[Wean Building Wins Award](#)

By WKBN Staff Published: Wednesday, May 29, 2013, 1:39 pm The Raymond Jean Wean Foundation building in Warren was awarded as the best commercial...

[Heritage Ohio Honors Wean Foundation Building](#)

WARREN, Ohio – The Market Block Building, 147 W. Market St., home of The Raymond John **Wean Foundation**, has been recognized with the Best Commercial...

April 2013

[Bridges expands their Support](#)

The Raymond John Wean Foundation awarded the student group \$3000 last year. Another \$500 is in the pipeline from the Community Foundation of Western PA and...

[New Perspectives offered at Warren Shale Forum](#)

The conference is taking place at **the Raymond John Wean Foundation** on West Market Street. The conference kicked off Friday and will continue today...

[Wean Foundation Earns Praise](#)

This is especially true by the continued generosity of the **Wean Foundation**. The foundation's continued focus in our area is noteworthy...

[Franklin gives State of City](#)

WARREN – Even in the face of a slow economy, Warren Mayor Doug Franklin expressed ... elsewhere,” Franklin said at the Raymond John Wean Foundation...

[Wean Foundation Releases Capacity-Building Schedule](#)

WARREN, Ohio – The Raymond John Wean Foundation Tuesday released its 2013 calendar of capacity-building events. It is available to all nonprofit...

[Program Assists Non-Profits](#)

The Wean Foundation hosted the Capacity Building Event Tuesday in Warren with 60 non-profit organizations from the area. The program is the second in a...

March 2013

[Wean Foundation Makes First Grants in New Program](#)

WARREN, Ohio -- The Raymond John **Wean Foundation** has awarded 30 grants that total almost \$110,000 under its Neighborhood Success and Leadership...

[Wean Foundation hands out grants](#)

WARREN – **The Raymond John Wean Foundation** presented nearly \$110000 in grants to nine Trumbull area and 21 Youngstown area charities under its Neighborhood...

[Grant to help the Disabled](#)

The grant is through a program of **the Raymond John Wean Foundation** and helps those under-served in the community through employment, education and...

[Wean Foundation awards over \\$100,000 in Neighborhood](#)

The Raymond John **Wean Foundation** has awarded 30 grants totaling almost \$110,000 under its Neighborhood SUCCESS and Leadership Program...

[Wean Foundation Awards More Than \\$100,000 in Grants](#)

The Raymond John **Wean Foundation** has restructured its community and neighborhood success grant programs to cultivate leaders and engage residents in...

[Wean Foundation hands out grants – Tribune Chronicle](#)

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[Varying amounts were distributed under its revamped Neighborhood](#)

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[Community organizations awarded by Wean Foundation](#)

The Raymond John Wean Foundation awarded more than \$712000 to the Mahoning Valley Organizing Collaborative, Youngstown Neighborhood Association and the...

[Wean Foundation awards \\$837,500 TribTodaycom News Sports Jobs](#)

WARREN Trumbull Neighborhood Partnership is one of eight organizations receiving money from **the Raymond John Wean Foundation** for its work improving...

[Youngstown News, Wean Foundation distributes \\$837,500](#)

The Raymond John **Wean Foundation** has awarded \$837,500 in grants to eight organizations in the Mahoning Valley, including \$712,500 to three groups under...

February 2013

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