

## Community Issues/ Forum

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, 2016

Station: WYFM

Issue: Animal Welfare

Air date: 3-20-16

Time: 8am

Duration: 30 minutes

### Description:

West Side Cats is a no kill cat shelter on Youngstown's west side. Pat McCamey is their volunteer for marketing and photography. Pat discussed the general condition of the shelter, the need for volunteers and capital and a number of upcoming fundraising events. Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, West Side Cats will host a fundraiser at Davidson's restaurant in Austintown. Those who attend from 11a-3p can bid on a variety of gift baskets in the Chinese Auction and are also encouraged to visit the website: [www.westsidocats.org](http://www.westsidocats.org), to enter their pet pictures for the photo contest.

## **West Side Cats - pet photography contest!**

For each \$1.00 you pay, you can submit one photo of your favorite pet!

You may enter how ever many times you would like for \$1.00 per submission.

Then for each time you vote that will be another \$1.00 fee which can be paid through PayPal at: [Westsidecats@yahoo.com](mailto:Westsidecats@yahoo.com) or drop it off at the shelter at 2217 Mahoning Avenue, Youngstown, OH 44509.

The top 12 winners will have their pets photo on one month on the calendars that will be created!

There will also be a grand prize for the person with the most votes

We will also be selling the calendars after the contest ends!

The photography contest will end on May 30th (Memorial Day).

So get your photos up on the page and vote - vote - vote! Click on the link below to visit the entry page!

PAT McCAMY, photography  
social media

**Saturday, April 2, 2016**

**West Side Cats Fundraiser**

**Davidson's Restaurant** located at 3636 Canfield Road in **Austintown** Township, OH 44515.

**11 to 3.**

West Side Cats will be having a **50/50 Raffle, Chinese Auction with about 15 baskets** of wonderful items and they will be selling cat and dog toys.

Feel free to have some lunch at Davidson's Restaurant while you are stopping in! The food is really good!

**Tickets may be purchased at the West Side Cats Shelter** located at 2217 Mahoning Avenue in Youngstown, OH 44509 Tuesday through Saturday from 2 P.M. until 6 P.M.

or please call Marie at 330-519-5002.

We will have photos of all the baskets with a listing of all the items in them to look over before you drop your tickets in the containers. Come to WSC to purchase your tickets and feel free to visit with the cats! Thanks and Good Luck!

Radio Station: WYFM

Quarter: 1<sup>st</sup>

Year: 2016

Issue: Hunger

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Cumulus Broadcasting is partnering with Second Harvest Food Bank of the Mahoning Valley for the annual spring Harvest for Hunger Campaign. Becky Miller handles the marketing for the campaign and discussed the increased need, the various ways food is collected and distributed and tells listeners how to make monetary and non-perishable food donations throughout the valley. Second Harvest is filling 15,000 requests for food assistance each week in the tri county area ( Mahoning, Trumbull & Columbiana counties).

**Harvest for Hunger- Kickoff Feb. 18th-10:30 a.m. at the Food Bank.**

**Harvest for Hunger is a food and funds drive that takes place in March and April to help stock the Food Bank shelves for the spring and summer months when donations taper off.** Harvest for Hunger takes place in 21 counties of northeast Ohio and benefits three additional Feeding America food banks – Greater Cleveland Food Bank, Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank and Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio. All food collected and funds raised in Columbiana, Mahoning and Trumbull counties remain in our community to feed our friends and neighbors.

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We are looking for companies, schools and organizations to get involved by conducting a food drive or fundraiser during March or April to help stock the shelves as we move into the summer months when children are home from school.

If you can't conduct your own food or funds drive, there are other ways you can participate in the campaign:

Check Out Hunger – tear-off a \$1, \$5 or \$10 donation coupon at:

- **Supermarket Sponsor** Giant Eagle (February 28-April 16)
- Sparkle Markets (February 28-April 9)

Drop-off non-perishable food items at Giant Eagle and Sparkle Markets.

**Last year, the Mahoning Valley community over \$194,000 and collected more than 35,000 pounds of food**

### **The Need / Statistics**

- In 2015, the Food Bank distributed 10.4 million pounds of food, including 3 million pound of fresh fruits and vegetables. (In 2005, the Food Bank was distribute 4.4 million pounds of food and filling 7,000 requests for food assistance each week).
- The Food Bank is filling nearly 15,000 requests for food assistance each week in the tri-county area.
- For every \$1 received, the Food Bank can distribute \$11 worth of food.
- 19% of people being served by our food pantries are senior citizens.
- 32% of people being served are children

- Every month, 40% of the households receiving food assistance must choose between paying for food and paying for utilities.
- Every month, 35% of the households receiving food assistance must choose between paying for food and paying for medicine and medical care.
- Every month, 37% of the households receiving food assistance must choose between paying for food and paying for transportation or gas for the car.

**Harvest for Hunger Food Drive and Events – nearly 100 companies, schools and organizations are hosting food drives and fundraisers.**

**There is still time to get involved! Anyone that would like to conduct a food drive or fundraiser during March or April to help feed our friends and neighbors, please call Becky or Paige at the Food Bank 330.792.5522.**

**Huntington**-Now through March 31 you can donate at all 39 branches \$1, \$5, \$10.

**Trailside Bicycle Company** (Canfield) Can donate \$1,\$5 or \$10 at the register. Also, with 5 cans of food, you can receive half price bicycle rental or 10% off your purchase up to \$100.

**The CarpetSmith LLC**-Now through April 30. Schedule a 2 room cleaning & receive one free room with nonperishable food donation.

**Armstrong** is accepting food donations from the public at their North Lima headquarters and are having an internal food competition, collecting peanut butter & jelly.

**City of Columbiana**-During month of March residents can drop off nonperishable food items at City Hall-28 West Friend Street

**Farmers National Bank** will be collecting non-perishable food items at 25 branch locations.

**Dunkin Donuts**- Month of April Icon Sale.

**Llucky Llamas 4-H Club**-April 16<sup>th</sup>, Saturday at Family Farm & Home in Austintown. Collecting food and funds. Come pet the llamas. 10AM-2PM.

**Clemens Garden Gifts**-May 7<sup>th</sup> Open House-10 a.m.-6 p.m. Salineville, OH -\$5 off all hanging baskets with \$1 donation going to Second Harvest Food Bank. Also collecting nonperishables (heard about HFH on Y103).

Radio Station: WYFM

## Community Issues

Quarter: First Quarter – 2016

Issue: Housing for Veterans

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### Description:

The Iron Soup Historical Preservation Company is a nonprofit established to restore the one bedroom two story unit building in Campbell, Ohio that was once home to employees of Youngstown Sheet & Tube. The structure dates back to 1918. Tim Sokoloff is President and Chairman of Iron Soup and he discussed the structural soundness of the building and the plans to turn it into affordable housing units for Veterans. There are currently 2 units being rented to Veterans and more are under construction. One unit will be preserved for historical purposes and open for visitors.

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# Campbell nonprofit readies 4th historical Sheet & Tube unit for tenancy

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## CAMPBELL

In just a few days, the Iron Soup Historical Preservation Co. will open its fourth fully restored unit to its new tenants.

Located at 56 Chambers St., the one-bedroom, two-story unit built by the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. isn't much more than 600 square feet. It's also nearing the one-century mark.

But as Tim Sokoloff, the preservation company's president and chairman, explained, the 179 remaining concrete units in the six-acre complex of row houses are still as sturdy today as they were back in 1918 — despite years of damage caused by vagrants and vandals.

"This was the first modern apartment complex ever built on the planet," Sokoloff said. "We want to make it more like it was when the mill workers were here. There used to be a waiting list to live here."

"It used to be a beautiful place to live," added Linda Gens, the preservation company's executive director.

The units were built after a Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. strike, during which workers protested poor living conditions and wages.

In an effort to appease those workers, the company ensured that each unit came equipped with practically every modern convenience of the era: hot and cold running water, gas and electric.

At the time, most of these amenities were available only to the wealthy and elite — but were provided to the average Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. employee who lived

in the complex.

The complex was also innovative in its construction. Pre-fabricated concrete slabs were assembled with cranes, marking one of the earliest uses of concrete for domestic architecture.

It's simply a monumental site, Sokoloff said, which is why Iron Soup has made it its mission to preserve and revitalize the units and, to a greater extent, the neighborhood.

About 50 units are presently occupied, but demand is high. The preservation company hasn't had any problem finding interested tenants since it began restoring and renting the Chambers Street units it owns a little more than a year ago.

Most one-bedroom units can be rented for about \$300 per month.

"We are reinvesting every single penny that comes in, and throwing in a few dimes of our own," Sokoloff said. "We want to put the units into the hands of those who want to do something."

The units don't require a great deal of labor or money to renovate — but it's tough when "you're a no-budget operation," relying primarily on donated time and supplies, Sokoloff said.

Most can be fixed up in a little more than a month, and for less than \$5,000.

But thanks to donations from area individuals and businesses, particularly Home Depot, the cost doesn't often exceed \$1,500.

At 56 Chambers St., for example, the unit still retained its electric and plumbing, along with fixtures including its bathtub and kitchen cabinets. Of Iron Soup's units, it was the "closest one to get up and running," Sokoloff said, and has taken about three weeks to restore.

As the number of rental units increases, so does revenue — along with Iron Soup's ability to cover its expenses. And as Gens noted, the preservation company's goal for 2013 was to become self-sustaining, which it now is.

Sokoloff and Gens, along with other board members, are hopeful that the preservation company will continue in that direction.

"It's a big deal for us," Gens said. "We are bringing the units out of blight and into tenancy."

For more information about the Iron Soup Historical Preservation Co., which is headquartered at 40 Chambers St., and its mission, visit [www.ironsoup.com](http://www.ironsoup.com).

Radio Station: WYFM

Quarter: 1st

Year: 2016

Issue: Animal abuse

Program: Forum

Air Date: 02/21/16

Time: 8 am

Duration: 30 minutes

**Description:** Annette Bragg is the executive director of Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary -- an organization that rescues abused and neglected farm animals and finds homes for them. Annette talks about the most recent rescue in Youngstown -- in two different cockfighting raids in the city. The first raid resulted in 18 chickens and the second raid resulted in 29 chickens, for a current total of 47 roosters (and some hens). Annette says in most all cases like this abuse and drugs come into play. And is an advocate for tougher laws in the state of Ohio.

Radio Station: WYFM

## Community Issues

Quarter: First Quarter – 2016

Issue: Historical Preservation

Program: Forum

Air Date: 2-14-16 / 8am

Duration: 30 min

### Description:

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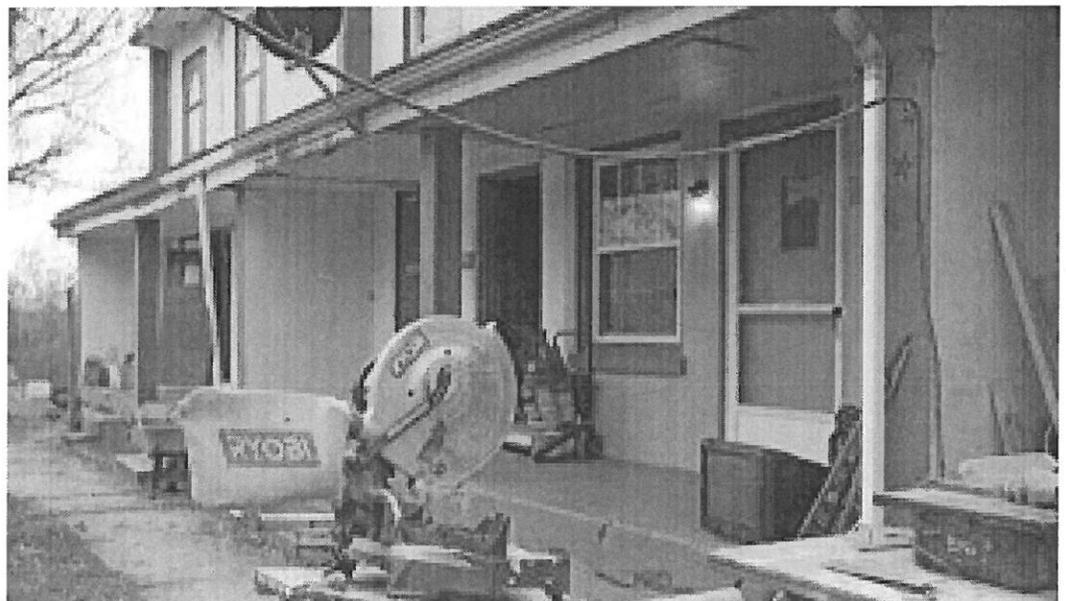
Home Depot workers lend helping hands to New Middletown man

CAMPBELL, Ohio (WKBN) – Volunteers in Campbell began remodeling two apartments on Delmar Avenue on Saturday for veterans that don't have a home. Four veterans will be moving into them, rent free, once they're done. The goal of the project is to help the veterans get on their feet. After that, the next step is moving them into permanent housing once they are more stable.

Iron Soup Historical Preservation is an organization that works to remodel abandoned homes in Campbell. They have invested thousands of dollars on these two apartments to not only help veterans, but to make historical neighborhoods more attractive.

The neighborhood was full of modern apartments almost 100 years ago. Now the plan is to turn the nearly 160 apartments around, and build a

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veteran community.

“There are all kinds of units around here,” said Executive Director Linda

Gens. "They can all be rehabbed and it doesn't take much money."

Iron Soup Historical Preservation is taking the lead on the project, but is getting lots of help. Volunteers cut tiles, raked leaves and painted walls, preparing the run-down apartments for the veterans. American Food Forest and Youngstown Inner City Garden are also helping with the project.

"Our veterans are fighting, dying, getting maimed and everything for us, and they're homeless?" Gens said. "They should be in a home. They should not be on the street somewhere."

All the cabinets, tiles and furniture were donated.

"Pay it forward, paying it forward. You get a lot more in return," Brian Reed said. "We've all been down and out. It's time to help out other people."

Reed remodeled the bathroom, putting down tile and moving dry wall. He owns a construction business and didn't charge a penny for any of the work he did.

"Preserve what we've got. That's what all these organizations are trying to do is preserve this back," he said.

Once all the veterans go through the screening process, they'll have a place to call home.

"They're excited about it, they can't wait," Gens said.

The volunteers will be working on the apartments again Sunday morning. For more information on how you can help, call 330-531-2883 or visit Iron Soup Historical Preservation's Facebook page.

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Issue:	Recycling
Program:	Forum
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Program Description:

Mary Gresch is involved with Marketing and Public Relations for the Green Team, Solid Waste Management District for Mahoning County. Mary reviews the basics of container/curbside recycling and composting. Information about recycling and where to take specific items is posted at the Green Team website.

[www.mahoningcountyoh.gov/greenteam](http://www.mahoningcountyoh.gov/greenteam)

Radio Station: WYFM

## Community Issues

Quarter: 1<sup>st</sup>  
Year: 2016  
Issue: Animal Protection Laws  
Program: Forum  
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Time: 8am  
Duration: 30min

Mary Louk is the Board President for Animal Charity of Ohio ([animalcharityofohio.org](http://animalcharityofohio.org)). Paula Cipriano represents Legacy Dog Rescue. The ladies discussed HB90, also known as Nitro's Law, which was signed into law in 2013 by Ohio Gov. John Kasich. The law creates a fifth degree felony charge for any kennel owner, operator or employee who abuses an animal. The law is named after Nitro, a Rottweiler, who died after being starved to death in a Youngstown Kennel. Friday, 1/22/16, a movie, "A Dog Named Gucci", will debut in Youngstown. It features Nitro and 3 other dogs that suffered human abuse. The movie urges tougher sanctions on those convicted of animal cruelty in Ohio and across the United States and advises viewers on how they can get involved in animal protection efforts.