

GLR CONNECT

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Hello there,

GLR remains committed to delivering timely strategic project updates, spotlighting key upcoming events, and sharing notable developments shaping the Greater Lima region. Explore this issue to stay informed on the latest activity and opportunities across our community.

WHAT'S NEW



Building for the Future: Port Authority Leads Infrastructure Improvements on N. Cole St.

The Allen County Port Authority held an informational meeting on the N. Cole Street Improvement Project. These improvements—planned at State Route 115, Beery Road, and Bluelick Road—are designed to ease congestion and prepare the corridor for the significant growth expected as Google develops its new data center in the area.

GLR applauds the Port Authority's proactive approach to ensuring traffic moves efficiently and safely, especially as construction activity increases. With work on the first roundabout set to begin in June, this project represents a meaningful investment in the region's long-term mobility and economic vitality.



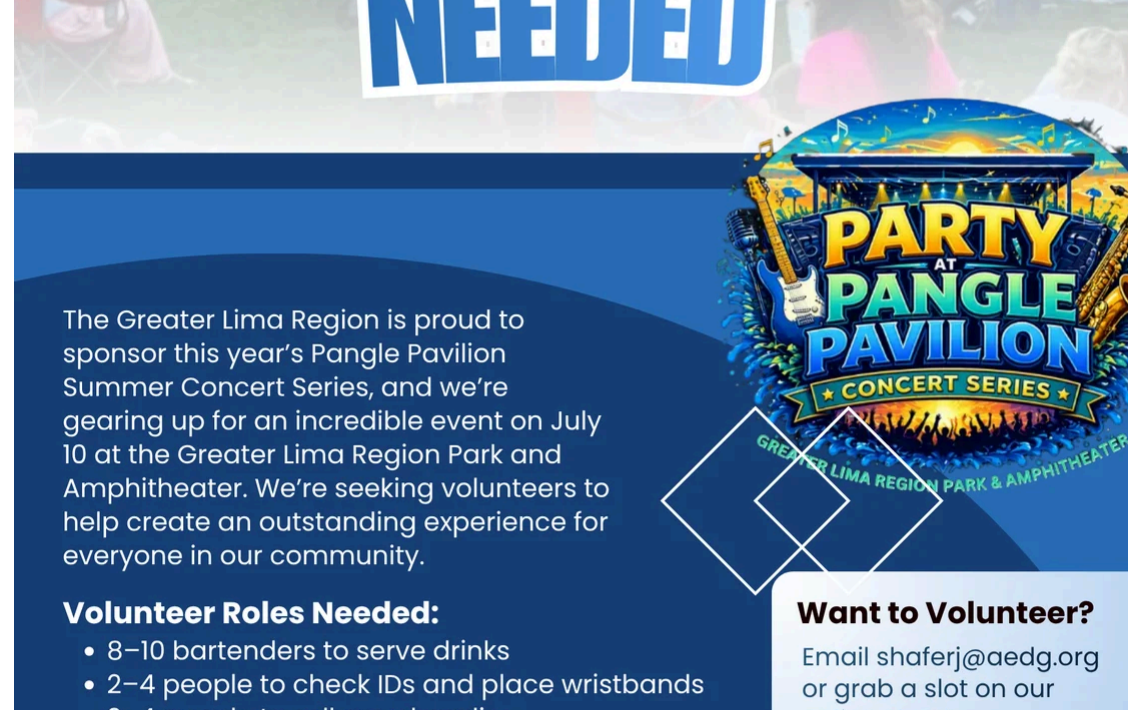
Preserving the Past, Transforming the Future: Museum Celebrates Local Leaders and Major Campaign

The Allen County Museum hosted a luncheon on May 14 to honor local preservation leaders and share plans for a major transformation campaign. Executive Director Christine Fowler Shearer announced a \$7.1 million effort to upgrade HVAC systems and redesign galleries with immersive, modern storytelling to keep the museum relevant for future generations. The event also recognized Tracie Sanchez for the Humanitarian Impact Award, John Heaphy for the Visionary Leadership Award, and the late Bill Timmermeister for their contributions to preserving Lima's historic character. GLR was proud to attend and appreciated seeing such strong community support for the museum's mission.



Party at Pangle Pavilion Launches Summer of Community Fun

Downtown Lima kicked off its first-ever Party at Pangle Pavilion concert series with a lively performance by Shucking Bubba Deluxe, drawing a strong crowd for music, dancing, and local food and drinks. Organized by the Lima Festivals and Amphitheater Alliance, the series is part of a broader effort to bring year-round, family-friendly entertainment to the city's downtown. GLR is proud to support this initiative, recognizing the positive impact these events have on community engagement and local business vitality. Alliance members say strong community and sponsorship backing have positioned the series for a successful summer. The next concert, featuring "Whoa, Man," a tribute to Women in Rock, is set for Friday, May 29, with the full schedule available on the Alliance's website.



A New Flavor of Progress: Q BBQ & Fixin's Joins the Heart of Downtown Lima

Downtown Lima's revitalization continues to accelerate, marked by the grand opening of Q BBQ & Fixin's at Spring & Main on Tuesday, May 19. The new restaurant introduced its lineup of slow-smoked brisket, ribs, wings, pulled pork, classic sides, and rooftop dining, adding fresh energy to the city's core.

This momentum is driven in large part by John Heaphy, whose leadership and dedication have been essential to bringing transformative projects like Spring & Main to life. GLR is honored to support Heaphy's ongoing work and the positive impact he continues to make on Lima's growth and renewal.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Greater Lima Region is proud to sponsor this year's Pangle Pavilion Summer Concert Series, and we're gearing up for an incredible event on July 10 at the Greater Lima Region Park and Amphitheater. We're seeking volunteers to help create an outstanding experience for everyone in our community.

Volunteer Roles Needed:

- 8-10 bartenders to serve drinks
- 2-4 people to check IDs and place wristbands
- 2-4 people to sell merchandise
- 2-4 people to scan tickets and/or sell tickets at the door
- 2 people for trash and cleanup

All volunteers will receive FREE entry into the event.

Want to Volunteer?
Email shoferj@aedg.org or grab a slot on our [online sheet](#).

PARTY AT PANGLE PAVILION CONCERT SERIES
ON JULY 10 AT GREATER LIMA REGION PARK & AMPHITHEATER

Volunteers Needed for the July 10 Summer Concert at Pangle Pavilion

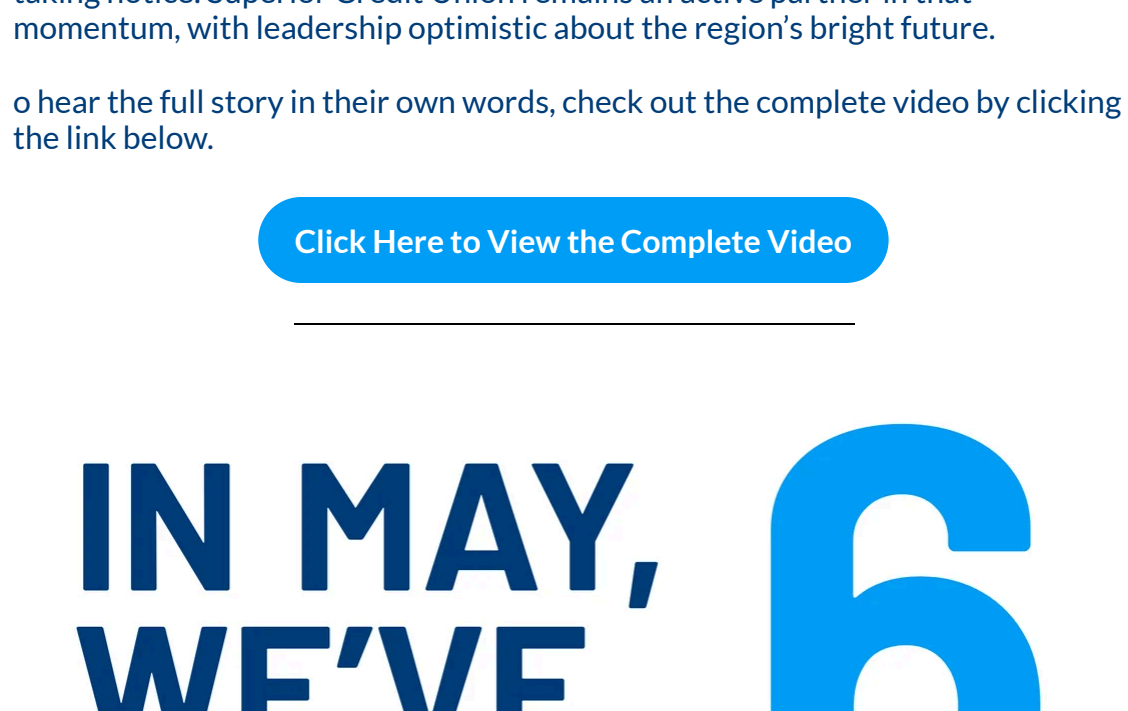
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If you're available and want to be part of a fun, high-energy event, we'd love to have you join us. Volunteers play a huge role in making these concerts possible.

[Click Here to View Volunteer Spreadsheet](#)



Ambrose Drive Project Moves Forward in Delphos

Ambrose Drive continues as Vanamatic Company expands its industrial operations along the corridor. A key improvement—the connection of Ambrose Drive to the newly relocated Gressel Drive—is also advancing, strengthening access and supporting future growth.

AEDG is assisting with the project and is delighted to see momentum building as the area develops into a stronger industrial hub.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Honoring Heritage and Growth: GLR Launches America 250 with Superior Credit Union

Greater Lima Region is proud to launch its America 250 series, highlighting local organizations that embody the region's spirit of innovation, resilience and community impact. The first feature in this series spotlights GLR member Superior Credit Union, a homegrown institution whose story reflects Lima's enduring strength.

Superior Credit Union's journey began in 1954, when 15 employees of the former Superior Coach Company each placed \$15 into a hat to support one another. Today, that small act of cooperation has grown into a nearly \$2 billion financial institution that continues to reinvest its earnings directly into the Lima community. Local leaders note that Lima is experiencing a "generational" period of growth, with more than \$70 million invested downtown and major companies taking notice. Superior Credit Union remains an active partner in that momentum, with leadership optimistic about the region's bright future.

To hear the full story in their own words, check out the complete video by clicking the link below.

[Click Here to View the Complete Video](#)

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MEMBERS

New GLR Membership

Please join us in welcoming Alexander & Bebout Inc., Ohio Logistics, Clouse Construction Corp., Vernon Nagel Inc., Benjamin Steel Co., and All Temp Refrigeration as the newest members of the Greater Lima Region. We're excited to support their continued growth and celebrate the success they bring to our community.

If you know of businesses interested in becoming a GLR Member, feel free to connect them with Dave Stratton at strattond@greaterlimaregion.com.

EVENTS

Please Join Us

Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co. Groundbreaking Ceremony

Wednesday, June 10, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
233 Commerce Pkwy
Lima, OH 45804

Breaking New Ground with Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co.

We would like to invite you to join us for the Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co. Groundbreaking Ceremony. Details of the event are as follows:

Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2026
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: 233 Commerce Parkway, Lima, Ohio 45804

This special event will mark the beginning of an exciting new chapter, and we would be honored to have you there to celebrate with us.

Member Connect Sessions

If you're interested in setting up a time to meet and talk through your membership commitment and any other ideas or visions, feel free to reach out to me directly. I'm happy to coordinate a time that works well for you and make sure we get everything in place.

Thank you for reading this month's edition of GLR CONNECT. We're excited about the growth and progress within our community, and we look forward to keeping you updated on future developments. Stay tuned for more exciting news, events, and opportunities to get involved.

If you have any feedback or want to contribute, don't hesitate to reach out to us.

We value your input!

Until next time,

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