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VILLAGE Spotlight

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NATIONAL BEST FRIENDS DAY

Is June 18.

Celebrated each year, this day is dedicated to honoring the special bonds of companionship and support. Grab your best friend and make a special memory!



If you've shopped at Stoodt's Fresh Market on a weekday, you've probably met cashier, Deb Agin. This quiet, unassuming lady was born in Bucyrus, but her family moved to Butler when she was only six months old, making her a true "valley girl".

An animal lover, Deb has one cat of her own, but feeds (and names) the strays in her neighborhood. In the past she has had dogs, rabbits, and even a chipmunk she called "Chippers" that kept her company when she would hang laundry out to dry.

Deb worked at Hitchman's Market in Butler for 28 years, until the store closed in 2012. She then came to Stoodt's, where she has worked ever since. She loves meeting and

helping customers, and when she isn't busy with that, she likes to keep the front area of the store looking neat. She will cheerfully help stock shelves or do anything else that needs to be done.

Deb likes to work in her flower gardens. She especially loves roses, lilacs, and lilies, but only in the garden. She doesn't want to cut flowers to bring indoors because then other people wouldn't be able to enjoy their beauty. She also likes to keep in touch with family and check on several elderly acquaintances, making sure they have everything they need. She loves people and wants everyone to be happy.

Deb enjoys cooking, and notes that her favorites include meat loaf and "good potato salad".



Photography is a hobby she thinks she would enjoy and she talks of investing in a camera one of these days so that she can take pictures of animals, flowers, and nature scenes.

Quiet but very friendly, Deb is one sweet lady, who truly cares about others and is a delightful asset to the Stoodt's Fresh Market team and to our valley community. Thank you, Deb!



Join American Legion Irvin Hiskey Post 535 on June 14 at Legion Park for a **Flag Retiring Ceremony** and **COMMUNITY DINNER.**

Ceremony 1 pm - Dinner 2 pm - DJ Music
PUBLIC WELCOME

Hamburgers and Hot dogs provided. Please bring a covered dish.

Special Feature

Building an Age-Friendly Bellville Together

On October 1, 2025, the Village of Bellville officially joined the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities, becoming the 37th community in Ohio to receive this designation. Simply put, being an Age-Friendly Community means making Bellville a place where people of all ages can live, grow, and age with independence, dignity, and a strong sense of belonging.

The Age-Friendly initiative looks at how a community supports residents across all stages of life. This can include safe, walkable spaces, access to services, opportunities for social connection, and ways to continue learning and staying engaged. While these priorities may look different from person to person, the goal remains the same: creating a community where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

Leading this effort locally is the Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. (AAA5), working closely with Bellville’s Mayor and Village Council. Supporting this work is the Age-Friendly Bellville Advisory Group, assembled by Trae Turner, Chief of Planning & Development at AAA5 and a lifelong resident. Dedicated advisory group members—and familiar faces in the valley—Karen Smith, Terri Hamilton, Judy Coppersmith, and Norris



ADVISORY GROUP
Front Row L to R:
Karen Smith, Judy
Coppersmith
Back Row L to R:
Norris Tangeman,
Trae Turner, Terri
Hamilton

Tangeman are helping guide the project while staying closely connected to community input. Norris Tangeman added, “I’m proud to be part of the Advisory Group and its mission. It’s a pleasure working with people who share common goals—especially when they benefit Bellville.”

Through community listening sessions Advisory members gather feedback, identify needs, and develop ideas—but ultimately make recommendations to the Mayor and Council, who review and decide on next steps.

One of the most important upcoming opportunities for input is the Community Needs Assessment Survey launching in June. Terri Hamilton shared, “This survey will give residents a chance to share their thoughts, experiences, and ideas about how Bellville can continue to grow as an age-friendly community.”

The survey will be available online through the village website and social media with additional information shared through local businesses, churches, and other community outlets. Judy Coppersmith emphasized that

residents are strongly encouraged to participate, as the results will help shape the Community Action Plan and guide priorities in the years ahead. To access the survey, visit villageofbellville.com/age-friendly-bellville/.

Looking ahead, plans are already in place for future programming. Beginning in Fall 2026, Bellville will introduce a technology series designed to support older adults. The program will focus on building confidence in areas such as using smartphones, navigating social media, accessing online services like banking and utility payments, and staying safe while using technology. This program, along with the new Age-Friendly page on the village website, is funded through AARP Ohio grant dollars at no cost to the village.

As this work continues, one thing remains clear: community involvement will be essential. Karen Smith shared, “By providing feedback, participating in the survey, and staying engaged, residents have an opportunity to truly help shape what comes next.”



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VILLAGE PEOPLE



DEB CARVER, Bellville Village Council



For nearly five years, Deb Carver has served on the Bellville Village Council, as chair of the Utilities Committee, and serving on Street, Safety, and Cemetery Committees. What she values most is listening to residents and learning what matters to them.

A sixth-generation Bellville resident, Deb was raised on her grandparents' farm after losing her parents at age five. Carver has worked for Neuman Technology for 38 years and was the fifth employee hired when the business began.

A graduate of Clear Fork High School, she enjoyed color guard and softball, where she played outfield and pitched.

She raised two daughters and a son on a small farm on Honey Creek Road with three horses, and multiple chickens. Her love of birds started there with returning hawks and mockingbirds. That passion carries into today with her five grandchildren, as "Nana Deb" hides bird figures around the house for them to find and learn about together.

Deb helps decorate Wishmaker House during the holidays and was one of the first to decorate their igloos in winter with themes. She loves crafting. Her kids say she has the "Bellville Hobby Lobby" in her basement. Her daughter has the notorious "Whoville House" that's part of Christmas lights celebration each year.

This busy lady is a member of the Pythian Sisters, and a huge Buckeye fan.

Of Bellville Deb claims,

"It's one thing to bleed green and black, but to be truly involved in the community is the best way to keep it a great town."

ATTENTION PLEASE!

Clear Fork High School
CLASS of 1967
 59th Class Reunion
 June 27, 2026 | 5-7 pm
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It's hard for us to believe that this issue kicks off the **FIFTH YEAR** of the Bellville Bulletin. We'd like to say **THANK YOU** to everyone who continues to support our efforts. Your comments or suggestions are always welcome at bellvillebulletininfo@gmail.com. If you have something you would like us to add to the monthly calendar, use bellvillebulletinevent@gmail.com.



A heartfelt Thank You from the BB workgroup,

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June 27, 2026
8:30 am

This professionally managed race follows a scenic route starting and finishing on Hines Avenue. It takes participants through downtown on Main Street before turning onto the bike trail toward Gorman Rupp.

All proceeds benefit the Sunshine Girls Running Club for 3rd through 6th grade girls in Bellville.

For more details & Registration Link, use this QR Code or visit <https://1styear.com/Bellville5K>



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4:30 - 7:00pm

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 June 25 - Semer & Kastran Band
 July 9 - Barefoot McCoy
 July 23 - Tom's Kitchen Table
 August 6 - EKG
 August 20 - The Odyssey Band
 September 3 - Oolong Gurus

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HELPFUL HINTS FOR June

HOSTING A PARTY? Don't know how much food to prepare? Here are some basic guidelines for making your party a success.

If hosting a cocktail party, plan on **8-12 appetizers per person**. Guests will generally eat five appetizers each in the first hour and three appetizers each for each subsequent hour. If your guest list is fewer than 45 people, plan on serving six different appetizers. For more than 45 guests, approximately eight different appetizers. Plan on **three drinks per person during a two hour cocktail party**. The amount of mixers you will need depends on the type of cocktail you plan to serve. Look at your cocktail recipes and multiply the volume of mixer ingredients needed per cocktail by three, per person, for a two hour party.

If hosting a dinner party, serve only two-three appetizers, enough to whet their appetite. For the meal, calculate about **one pound of food per adult and a half pound per child**. Allocate eight ounces of sides per person. For drinks, anticipate two drinks in the first hour and one drink per hour following that.

When hosting any kind of party, timing is everything. Keep this in mind when you plan your menu. Whether you choose to go fancy or keep it casual, consider including some dishes which can be prepared in advance so your "last minute" isn't too stressful. Remember, it's a party, and you should enjoy it along with your guests.

The best conversations happen over dinner!

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Unit #535



National Eat Your Vegetables Day on June 17th falls in the middle of National Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Month. This celebration is one more opportunity to remind everyone to continue with this part of a healthy diet. Vegetables are an essential part of a healthy lifestyle, so eat up! YUM!



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OGS Saturday Showcase:

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Classroom A+B



Memories of a conductor with the Cleveland-SW & Columbus Railway, aka the "Green Line," and lots of pictures from the Ohio Photograph Collection!

June

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Butler Library Broomfield Book Club 6 pm	2 Bellville Library Book Club 10 am BLOOD DRIVE St. Paul Lutheran Church	3 Bellville Agricultural Society Meeting Main St. 7 pm	4 Free Community Meal @ St. Paul Lutheran Church 5-6:30 pm MRCPL Trivia Night 6-7:30 pm @ Der Dutchman Family Friendly!	5 Butler Library "Finish it Friday" 1 pm  Chapel Hill UMC 3716 Bellville N. Rd 4:30-7 pm 419-886-3444 Public Welcome	6  Farmer's Market In the Park 9-noon
7 	8 Bellville Library "Titanic Murder Mystery Dinner" 5:30 pm Adults	9	10	11 Music in the Park "Trea & Whitney" 7 PM Bring your lawn chair and join us at the bandstand! Or if weather is rainy-- at the old firehouse! 	12 	13 Farmer's Market In the Park 9-noon  "Spanky Memorial Golf Outing" sponsored by the Sons of the American Legion
14 FLAG DAY Flag Retiring and Community Dinner @ Legion Park: Flag Retiring Ceremony 1 pm Dinner 2 pm DJ Music PUBLIC WELCOME!	15 Village of Bellville BRUSH PICK UP Yard waste to the curb by 6 am Bellville Library "Yarn Creations" 3-4 pm Adults	16	17	18 Bellville Lions Club Meeting @ St. Paul Lutheran Church 6:30 pm Butler Library Euchre Night 5:30 pm Adults	19 Butler Library "Finish it Friday" 1 pm	20 Farmer's Market In the Park 9-noon Ohio Genealogical Society Program "Streetcars and Interurban Railways in N. E. Ohio" @ OGS 1-2 pm Free
				BELLVILLE VILLAGE WIDE GARAGE SALES 		
21  	22 BNOG Produce Pick Up @ CF Alliance Church St. Rt.97 9-11 am Photo ID req. Bellville Library Euchre Night 5:30 pm Adults Butler Library "Americana Cutting Board" Adults 6 pm	23 Bellville Library "Americana Cutting Board" Adults 6 pm	24	25 Music in the Park! Semer & Kastran Band 7 pm At the bandstand! 	26 	27 Farmer's Market In the Park 9-noon "CHARLES SWANK MEMORIAL RIDE" Contact Legion Riders Club for info
28 	29 St. Paul Lutheran Church VBS "UNDER CONSTRUCTION" 5:30-7 pm Bellville Library "1776 Patriotic Décor" Adults 6 pm	30	JULY 1	2	If you have an event you would like published free of charge in the July edition of the Bellville Bulletin, please submit information to: bellvillebulletinevent@gmail.com by JUNE 15.	