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HOMETOWN HERO WILLIAM H. PITSENBARGER HONORED

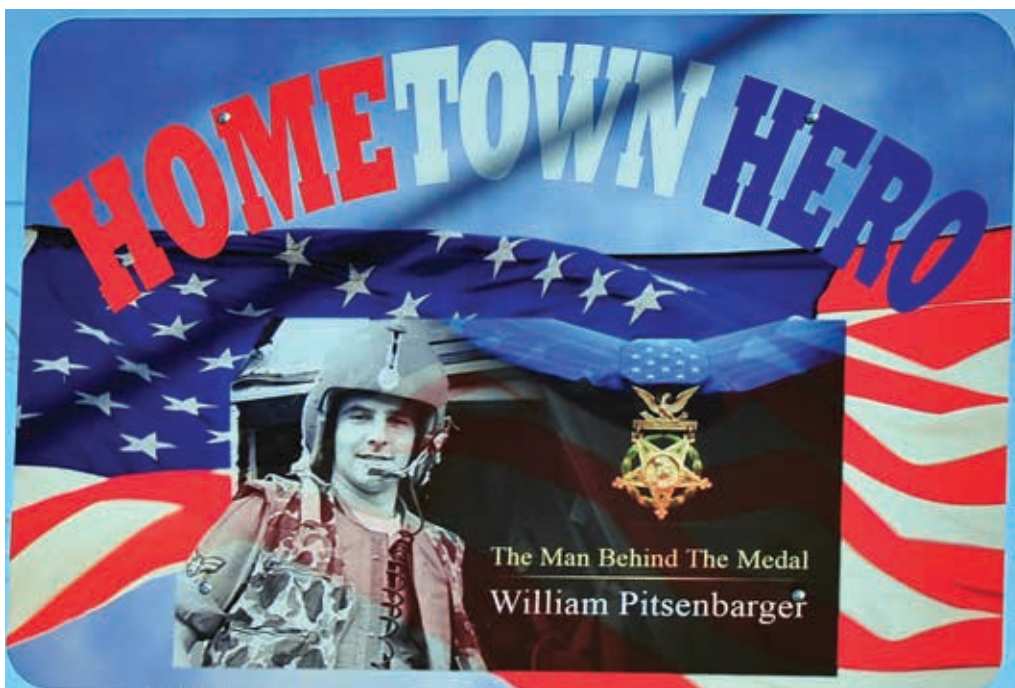
William H. Pitsenbarger was born in 1944 and grew up in the City of Piqua. William had a dream of joining a branch of the Armed Forces for the United States. Following High School, William Hart Pitsenbarger decided to join the Air Force. On New Year's Eve 1962, William boarded a train bound for basic training in San Antonio, Texas.

After completion of pararescue training, Airman Pitsenbarger received orders in 1965 to report to Detachment 6, 38th Air Rescue and Recovery Squadron at Bien Hoa Air Base near Saigon. It was there that Airman First Class William H. Pitsenbarger distinguished himself by extreme valor on April 11, 1966 near Cam My, Republic of Vietnam, while assigned as a Pararescue Crew Member.

Airman Pitsenbarger was aboard a rescue helicopter responding to a call for evacuation of casualties incurred in an on-going firefight between elements of the United States Army's 1st Infantry Division and a sizeable enemy force approximately 35 miles east of Saigon. With complete disregard for personal safety, Airman Pitsenbarger volunteered to ride a hoist more than one hundred feet through the jungle to the ground. Once on the ground, Airman Pitsenbarger organized and coordinated rescue efforts, cared for the wounded, prepared casualties for evacuation, and insured that the recovery operation continued in a smooth and orderly fashion.

As American Forces came under heavy assault, the evacuation was called off and Airman Pitsenbarger took up arms with the besieged infantrymen. As the battle wore on, Airman Pitsenbarger repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire to care for the wounded in which he pulled them out of the line of fire, and returned fire whenever he could, at which time he was wounded three times.

In the vicious fighting that followed, American Forces suffered 80 percent casualties as their perimeter was breached and Airman



Pitsenbarger was fatally wounded.

Airman First Class William Hart Pitsenbarger was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor on December 8, 2000.

On Thursday, January 23, 2020, William H. Pitsenbarger was honored with a homecoming celebration; one in which he never received for his sacrifices for his Country during the Vietnam War.

Our Piqua Community, City Officials, Military Officials, retired U.S. Soldiers, Movie Producers and Screen Writers came together to honor the life of our local hero William H. Pitsenbarger.

The premier of the movie honoring William H. Pitsenbarger titled "Last Full Measure" was showcased following the official ceremony honoring Airman Pitsenbarger.

The City of Piqua and its citizens are forever thankful for William H. Pitsenbarger's courage and his love of our Country. The story of his life and his love for our country are both heroic and remarkable.

2019-2020 WINTER AWARDS RESIDENCE PRIDE RECIPIENTS

On Tuesday, January 7, 2020 Piqua City Commission recognized the 2019 - 2020 Winter recipients of the Residence Pride Awards-Holiday Light Displays.

This was the first year for the Holiday Light Display Awards and the Residence Pride Committee received quite a few nominations. The Committee wishes to thank everyone who nominated the homes and businesses and we thank all of our citizens for the beautiful light displays this year.



William & Joetta Didier
208 Ford Drive



Daniel & Vickie Pierre
2104 Fawn Court



Hartzell Propeller Inc.
1 Propeller Way



The Smith Family
1244 Broadway Street



Randall & Jennifer Breden
620 Caldwell Street

The Residence Pride Committee met and reviewed nominations and selected the following for awards:

<i>Hartzell Propeller Inc.</i>	<i>1 Propeller Way</i>
<i>William & Joetta Didier</i>	<i>208 Ford Drive</i>
<i>Daniel & Vickie Pierre</i>	<i>2104 Fawn Court</i>
<i>The Smith Family</i>	<i>1244 Broadway Street</i>
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The Residence Pride Award is based on the following criteria:

- ★ Property appearance
- ★ Landscape appearance
- ★ Helpful neighbor in regards to landscape or home improvement project
- ★ Home improvements-general clean-up of a property
- ★ Business owner/landlord property
- ★ Beautiful Holiday Light Displays

The Committee would like to congratulate and thank the Winter recipients of the Holiday Light Display and we thank you for sharing in the Holiday spirit within our community.

The Spring Residence Pride awards are just around the corner so please send us nominations at that time for the next round of awards!

The Residence Pride Committee meets on a regular basis to select the winners and the Committee encourages Piqua Citizens to submit nominations. Nomination forms are available on the City's website at www.piquaoh.org or the Municipal Government Complex in the City Managers office or in the Utilities Department. Nominations or questions may also be emailed to: residencepride@piquaoh.org.

WITH GRATITUDE

The City of Piqua would like to thank William (Bill) J. Harding and Frederick (Fred) W. Langston for their dedication and years of service to the City of Piqua.

Bill retired with over 45 years of service as the City's Engineering Technician III with the Engineering Department and Fred retired with over 33 years of service as the City's Sanitation Working Supervisor in the Health and Sanitation Department.

We wish Bill (left) and Fred (right) many years of enjoyment during their retirement and best wishes always!



WELCOME!

The City of Piqua would like to welcome and congratulate Thomas Fogt (Ward 1 Commissioner) and Cindy Pearson (Ward 2 Commissioner) as Piqua City Commissioners. We would also like to congratulate both Commissioner Kazy Hinds (Ward 5 Commissioner) for her reappointment and Kris Lee (Ward 4 Commissioner) for his appointment as our Mayor for the City of Piqua.

All four Commissioners/Mayor took their Oath of Office on Tuesday, January 7, 2020. Commissioners Fogt, Pearson and Hinds will serve until December 31, 2023 and Mayor Kris Lee will serve as our Mayor until December 21, 2021.

NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY OF PIQUA WOOD STREET LOFTS

The Wood Street Lofts development is located at the edge of downtown in the City of Piqua. The location provides quality community amenities/services that are walkable and ideal for workforce living.

The development is located in the heart of the City and has direct access to the City's public trail system running throughout the community. Adopted local zoning and land use plans are consistent with the proposed development.

The proposals include 52 workforce units targeting families. The development will include a mix of 1, 2 and 3 bed units that include the full spectrum of modern amenities. Additional community amenities will include on-site management, a fitness center, a community room with a kitchenette and computer area as well as an outdoor playground for the children.

Rental rates will be offered at a variety of levels based on a range of 30% to 70% of the adjusted median income for the local area.



This new development will also have access to other unique amenities including specialized infant mortality services and access to health care through CareSource. Supportive services coordination will be provided by St. Mary Development's Resident Services Department. St. Mary has significant experience in this area and will work to connect residents to the services available to assist with their quality of life needs.

For more information please visit www.stmarydevelopment.org.

A TRIBUTE TO: WILLIAM VOGT & JOHN MARTIN

William Vogt
2nd Ward City Commissioner
January 2004 – December 2019

John Martin
1st Ward City Commissioner
January 2008 – December 2019

William Vogt served four terms as City Commissioner including two terms as Vice Mayor and John Martin served three terms as City Commissioner. During their tenure, Piqua advanced many new facilities and programs. Most notable was the \$22 million renovation of the Fort Piqua Plaza which resulted in a national award from National Trust for Historic Preservation. Other significant city facilities include the Power Service Center, Water Treatment Plant, Wastewater Treatment Plant, Power Plant River Restoration Project, Staunton and Manier Solar Fields, Kettering Health Network Medical Center, East Ash Street Reconstruction, and North County



Road 25A Reconstruction, along with the development of Piqua's first Roundabout.

The city achieved great strides in planning with the adoption of the Plan It Piqua Comprehensive Plan in 2007 which would guide city development into the future. From this important planning process, the Riverfront Redevelopment Project and Historic East Piqua Community Campus visions were formulated.

Continued emphasis was placed on the Downtown and beautification projects were completed. The City of Piqua received important recognition awards for the Piqua Placemaking Initiative, Bike Friendly Community, Tree City USA, Playful City USA, RP3 Diamond Level Certification, State Auditor Award of Distinction for Financial Reporting, and GFOA Excellence in Financial Reporting.

Commissioner Vogt also served on the Piqua Energy Board and represented the

City of Piqua on the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission. Commissioner Martin also served on the Piqua Energy Board and represented the City of Piqua on the Miami County Council. Because of the leadership provided to the City of Piqua and its citizens, you made our community stronger and a better place for all!

THANK YOU NICK REDINBO

The City would like to recognize the extreme generosity of Nick Redinbo who donated a kidney to a friend in need in October 2019. Nick is a refuse driver in the Sanitation Department and thanks to his selfless act, he saved a life. Both Nick and the recipient are doing well and Nick is back to work for the City.



Calendar of Events

St. Patrick's Day 3.1 Run

Saturday, March 17
6:30 – 8:00 pm
Contact Can't Stop Running (Piqua)

Sam Pearson 5K Race

Monday, May 25
7:00 – 10:00 am
Contact Can't Stop Running (Piqua)

Taste of the Arts

Friday, May 8
5:00 – 9:00 pm
Contact Mainstreet Piqua
937-773-9355

Piqua Community Farmers Market

Thursday's
May 28 thru September 10
3:00 – 6:00 pm
Contact Mainstreet Piqua
937-773-9355

Rock Piqua!

Riverfront Concert Series & Food Truck Rally

June 20, July 18, & August 15
E. High Street
Rally at 4:00 pm and
Concert at 7:00 pm
Contact Mainstreet Piqua
937-773-9355



2020 STREET INCOME TAX RENEWAL

- City income tax is only paid by those individuals that work in Piqua. More than 70% of those individuals that work in Piqua do not live in Piqua and would pay most of the city street income tax levy.
- City income tax is only paid on earned income and no city income tax is paid if you receive social security benefits, pensions, poor relief, military pay, unemployment compensation, alimony, capital gains, intangible income, dividends, interest, or anyone 17 years of age and younger.
- The 0.25% street tax levy produces between \$1.3 – \$1.4 million annually.
- The city has leveraged more than \$14 million in federal and state grants from the street tax levy.
- The city has paved over 117 miles of streets and 13 street reconstruction projects since 2011.
- Without the street tax levy renewal, street paving will be tremendously reduced throughout the city.
- One quarter of one percent (0.25%) results in a person earning \$30,000 annually paying \$75.

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