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Daniel Klumpe	414-0830
Jackey Apache	491-4594
Doyle Allison	307-8505
Amy Brown	376-0366
Rick Hadley	418-5742

# Calendar AUGUST 2022

- 1<sup>st</sup> Limb Pickup Begins
- 18<sup>th</sup> Town Council Meeting 6:00 PM
- \*\*\*Trash Every Friday\*\*\*



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**The Carnival is coming to town!** Pre-sale Tickets are now available to purchase at the Town Hall for \$20 dollars until Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup> by noon. Take the ticket to the Carnival's ticket booth to claim a wristband and pick a session to attend. The Carnival Company will be here Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at the Otterbein Street Festival. It'll be four days of fun, and more! If questions, call Treeva at 765-583-4944.

### FESTIVAL STREET CLOSINGS

#### TUESDAY AUGUST 2 - TUESDAY AUGUST 9, 2022

It takes quite a bit of time for the Carnival Company to set up and tear down the Carnival; so, as the Street Festival setup begins, the following streets will be closed beginning the morning of Tuesday August 2, 2022, and may remain closed until evening of Tuesday August 9, 2022. Streets will close as needed to keep everyone safe, but the town will leave streets open as long as possible.

1. Main Street from Peterson Street to 3<sup>rd</sup> Street
2. Oxford Street from Church Street to Brown Street
3. First Street from the alley beside library to the alley behind Thompson Park
4. Second Street from Main Street to Brown Street
5. Columbia Street at Oxford Street
6. Johnson Street at Oxford Street

Streets will open back up starting Sunday as the festival is cleaned up with all roads opened by Tuesday night, August 9, 2022.

Thank you for your patience and understanding in this matter as we try to bring the carnival back to town for Otterbein's 150<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration.

**Parade Participants Needed...** Otterbein Street Festival is looking for people interested in participating in the Parade on Saturday August 6, 2022 at 5:00 pm. Do you have a golf cart? A club? Etc. If you want to participate or have questions please call Carolyn Watson at 765-491-1879.

### 2022 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

**Benton County Recycling**, 410 S Adeway Fowler Indiana on  
**Saturday August 6<sup>th</sup>** from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm local times.

**Note: NO TIRES at the event!**

**For more information visit: [nwiswd.org/collection-events](http://nwiswd.org/collection-events).**

**Schedule of Events for the Otterbein Street Festival is on page 2.**

# OTTERBEIN Street Festival

## AUGUST 4-7, 2022

For information call (765) 583-4944

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 4:

11:00a-7:00p Otterbein 150 Historical Exhibit located in the Library  
 4:00p-7:00pm CJ's Nite Owl Americana Cookout  
 5:00p-11:00p Amusement Rides by The Carnival Company  
 5:00p Opening Ceremonies  
 5:00p-11:00p Beer Garden  
 6:30p-8:30p Bingo

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 5:

8:00a-5:00p Town-wide yard sales  
 9:00a-close Vendors  
 10:30a Cake Walk  
 11:00a-6:00p Otterbein 150 Historical Exhibit located in the Library  
 Noon Cake Walk  
 2:00pm Cake Walk  
 4:00pm Cake Walk  
 4:00p-7:00p CJ's Nite Owl Americana Cookout  
 5:00p-7:30p Masonic Lodge Fish Fry  
 5:00p-11:00p Amusement Rides by The Carnival Company  
 5:00p-11:00p Beer Garden  
 5:30p Cake Walk  
 6:00p Queen Contests  
 7:00p Cake Walk  
 8:00p-11:00p The Flying Toasters

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 6:

7:30-9:30a Otterbein Rotary Pancake & Sausage Breakfast  
 8:00a-Noon Town-wide yard sales & Scavenger Hunt  
 8:00a-3:00p Otterbein 150 Historical Exhibit located in the Library  
 9:00a-close Vendors

10:30a Cake Walk  
 11:00a Tractor Pull  
 10:00a-Noon Car Show Registration  
 11:30a Cake Walk  
 Noon Hula Hoop  
 1:00pm Amy Oehlman's Hula Hoop Performance  
 1:00p-11:00p Amusement Rides by The Carnival Company  
 2:00p Cake Walk  
 2:00p-11:00p Beer Garden  
 2:00p-5:00p Trey Hughes  
 2:00p-3:30pm Participant Judging Car Show  
 3:00p Library Summer Program Awards  
 3:00p-4:30p "IBM Ring 219" Magician & Balloonist  
 4:00p Car Show Awards  
 4:00p-7:00pm CJ's Nite Owl American Cookout  
 4:00p Cornhole Registraton  
 4:30p Cake Walk  
 5:00p Parade  
 5:00p Cornhole Tournament  
 5:00p Amy Oehlman's Fire Hoop & Eating Performance  
 6:30p Street Dance-Group Therapy Band  
 8:00p-11:00p Raffle Drawing  
 9:30p Fireworks Display by Ramsey Pyrotechnics  
 10:00p-10:15p

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 7:

10:00am Community Church Service  
 Rotary Club Free- Will Breakfast served prior to service  
 11:00am Cake Walk  
 11:00a-Noon Golf Cart Poker Run Registration  
 Noon-2:00p Golf Cart Poker Run  
 1:00p-5:00p Amusement Rides by The Carnival Company  
 3:00pm Sheltered Reality

\*Otterbein 150 Historical Exhibit by appointment only upon request.

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THE OTTERBEIN 150 PROJECT

## CELEBRATE OTTERBEIN'S HISTORY.

Preserving the history of Otterbein, IN and its people for the next 150 years.



**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2022 AT 6:00 PM**

Council President Amy Brown called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with members Daniel Klumpe and Jackey Apache present. Members Richard Hadley and Doyle Allison were absent.

The Council heard the hearing for Utility Disconnects for non-payment. No one was present to discuss their situation. Jackey Apache made the motion to approve those listed to be disconnected. Daniel Klumpe seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Jackey Apache made the motion to approve the June 2022 Minutes as written. Amy Brown seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Amy Brown read the summary of claims presented for a total of \$267,257.08. Jackey Apache made the motion to approve the claims for payment. Daniel Klumpe seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Clerk-Treasurer Treeva Sarles presented a contract with OW Krohn for Financial Advisor services to prepare the documents required for the bond for the water project. Amy Brown made the motion to enter into the contract with OW Krohn. Daniel Klumpe seconded the motion, and all were in favor. She presented a contract with Barrett McNagny Law Firm for legal services regarding the bond for the water project. Amy Brown made the motion to enter into the contract with Barrett McNagny. Jackey Apache seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Deputy Town Administrator Lukas Darling presented Resolution 2022-0712A A Resolution Adopting the 2022 Tippecanoe County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Amy Brown made the motion to adopt Resolution 2022-0712A. Daniel Klumpe seconded the motion, and all were in favor. He presented quotes from Merrill Bros and Wealing Bros to remove sludge from the wastewater plant. Wealing Bros did not have a fee to show up, Merrill Bros did. There per gallon rate was also cheaper. Daniel Klumpe made the motion to approve Wealing Bros to remove sludge up to the budgeted amount for this of \$6,000. Amy Brown seconded the motion, and all were in favor. He presented quotes for Tree Removal from the Town Park. Arbor Care was \$1,595 and will remove the stump and brush. The others were either higher or didn't include the stump removal. Daniel Klumpe made the motion to approve Arbor Care to remove the trees at the park. Jackey Apache seconded the motion, and all were in favor. He presented a Task Order from BF&S Engineering to do the final plan review for the Otterbein Public Library. This is for \$3,000 the amount we charge for final review and the funds have already been received. Amy Brown made the motion to approve the task order. Daniel Klumpe seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Lastly, the Council discussed with department heads their needs and wants for the remainder of 2022 and the 2023 budget year. Main items discussed was fuel and electricity costs have increased as everyone knows. The budgets need to be increased to meet the rising costs. Each department head discussed items and Treeva will see how those items can fit into the 2023 budget. The main larger items being discussed is restroom facility at the park, nice gateway signage, and the 2010 pickup truck is the next vehicle in the rotation. They also discussed salaries and benefits. Treeva explained with the increases in fuel, electricity, and supplies in general to operate, she is not sure there will be any extra money for all the requests and raises. Treeva is to prepare the budget based on this input and then bring a proposed budget back to the Council with what money is available for the requests; the council will then decide what can or cannot be funded.

Council asked how Kenny King and Mike Brody were doing on obtaining their required licenses. Kenny King has passed and is fully licensed as a Class II Wastewater Operator. Mike Brody has passed one test and needs to take the second test before he is fully licensed for the Water Plant and distribution system. He obtained his provisional last fall. The Council would like him to take the test by August 31, 2022.

With nothing else to come before the Council, Jackey Apache made the motion to adjourn at 9:17 PM. Daniel Klumpe seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

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**"Leading into Otterbein's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: What has the Past 50 Years Brought?", by John Edgerly**

More changes were destined to come to Otterbein in the half-century between the community's 100<sup>th</sup> celebration, and Otterbein's 2022, "Otterbein 150" sesquicentennial.

From the July 6-8, 1972, Otterbein Centennial, let's look at what still existed and thrived in the town of Otterbein at this precise, chronological juncture of 1972:

For gas stations, the (Pete) DeBruicker Standard Service remained at its old location of South Main Street and West Oxford Street, across from the old, 1900s-vintage barber shop building (in '72, owned by Robert Snoddy since 1958, and still a barber shop; he was assisted by Robert Eller) and the former Burns Drugs/soon, Kerkhoff Associates (later KA Components) site, and just north of the funeral home (Vogel's, and Johnston's in the 1903 Smith Block; later Steely's, now Mark Shoemaker's Funeral Home) and the Wallace and Grace Davis ran Town Cafe (formerly, owned by Vida Shoup).

Ken Schilling's Shell Service had become one of the first enterprises-along with the former Korner Inn Cafe /Mud Hole, originally started by Wally and Grace Davis (presently, the Dugout Drive-In) --to locate onto the new, late-1940s, early-to-mid 1950s U.S. 52 bypass around Otterbein. (Schillings was clearly operating by 1957, as a robbery report at this place attested in the *Benton Review*). The Schilling site would give way to the first Kyburz Auto repair shop. (Lori at Coogles Tire remembers when the Coogles venture began in 1967, and that Lafayette Auto Parts briefly (in the early 2000s) was at the original Kyburz location, after the auto-repair business moved).

Mark Briar's pioneering (from 1927) gas stop, with the enduring Briar's Grille and a tourist-cabin camp (at least one, restored example stands) at East Oxford Street and North Meadow Street, seems to have faded with the new 52 bypass' diverting influence.

Nick's (Milton Nichols) Standard Service station/Body Shop at the junction of the U.S. 52 bypass and the North Main Street "T", across from the Mud Hole, was later a Marathon gas stop and Good Earth Market mini grocery operated by the Payne's until 2007; Payne also had a similar market and video outlet in the 1990s downtown at 2nd Street and South Main Street. (The former Cecil Johnson grocery site).

Another barber shop had existed in the South Main Street location-adjacent to the new, 2020- constructed Otterbein Town Hall/Community Center. Later a laundromat, it was converted by Gary Davis the mid-1970s to the Otterbein Pizza King. Mr. Hands (who also sold autos) also owned the property before the Satchell's-who have worked here since 1981- took over this pizza- oriented business in 2005; they marked their 40th anniversary here just last year of 2021.

When Mr. Beutler purchased the IGA location (formerly, Oscar Mann-owned Mann's Home Foods) by 1953, this would be later taken over by Ms. Shoup (at least, by 1979-according to Otterbein Town Administrator Ron Shoup, who estimates his mother had this business site for 8-10 years). Mrs. Shoup, in

tum, sold this grocery location to Ken Fellure in 1984, and Drew and Pauline Fellure (who's family first started the Oxford Fellure's IGA in 1954) by 1991 assumed operations of this downtown Otterbein enterprise. Their local grocery in Otterbein flourished, but they decided even more would be served by a combined food and gas stop-gradually shifting operations (2003) with a new, expanded structure out on the eastern stretch of the U.S. 52 bypass and East Oxford Street.; a water-retention pond came years afterwards.

The March 20, 1975, fire at the Otterbein School saw fire units from Otterbein, West Lafayette, Oxford, and Fowler combine their efforts to save most of the new, 1968-built structure; the primary casualty was the adjoined, K-12, 1912-brick-constructed, K-12 building. The portion which was either smoke or water-damaged would be rebuilt with a new gym for the elementary school. Venerated and long-time resident Mr. Moore recalls when he was on the school board and getting "Are we still having school?" post-bonfire, phone calls. Yes, the classes still met around town-from businesses to even the churches. A new and reconstructed Otterbein Elementary School arose by the late 1970s.

What had been a succession of downtown hardware stores: from Mark Westfall's (in 1894), to John Opps, later Ralph and Helen Hudson's in 1953, then Johan Doeden's by the '72 centennial-was now Robert and Barbara ("Bobbi") Metzinger's congenial and welcoming "Bolivar Hardware," next to the Oxford State Bank branch (before the bank's 2003 move out to the 52 bypass and later being absorbed by Francesville-centered Alliance Bank); the Metzingers proudly posted a sign that stated: "If you want to complain about the cost of living out here in Otterbein, move back to Lafayette and put up with that!" December of 2005 was when Robert and Bobbi decided to retire, years before Karen Seymour's one-year (2011-2012) experiment with her "Lucky Five-Dollar General Store."

The Hadley's (local residents, who previously performed bronze-casting works, while living out in Ruidoso, New Mexico) purchased the 108 South Main Street, American Legion building by 2006, then later converted the 1894-built, thoroughly reworked "hardware store" corner (by the 2010s) into their "Moments in Bronze" bronze-casting workshop/upper residence; the Hadley's have created specialized works: Nobel Prize winners' busts for Purdue University to racehorse models for the King of Morocco.

When the United Brethren and the Methodist Protestant sects merged in 1967, the old site for the U.B.: at West Oxford Street and South Church Street., would be later used as a Lutheran church (until it closed by 2010, and was later disposed of by the town); Rowe Trucking Equipment (RTE) would take over this property-with a new, cornered sign and RTE's originating founders (Claude and Lucille Rowe) embossed upon the marker, across from Otterbein's Elementary School.

The pre-United Brethren unification, Otterbein Methodist Church (originally Beeker Chapel, before moving into town by 1886) had by 1900 built a minister-residing "parsonage" at the corner of 1<sup>st</sup> and North Brown Street, the same site as for the original Otterbein school. This former-parsonage structure was reconstructed in 1951-and, in this sesquicentennial year of 2022, this home has been vividly repainted a brilliant red and contrasting white (in Otterbein school hues) by its new owners.

Drugstore shifting happened more than once here in downtown Otterbein. Consider how longtime town pharmacist Ron Thompson started (by 1949) his original pharmacy-which he brought off Clyde Davis in 1947--at the WestOxford-North Main Street corner (now occupied by KA Components; the Ward Brothers drugstore had earlier operated at this location). Mr. Thompson moved to the old Burns' 1895 building (at 1<sup>st</sup> and South Main Street) in 1959 and remained there until 1987, before he semi-retired and partnered up through 1995 with Denny McClean and Kent Stembel. The drugstore operation now renamed Denny's Pharmacy (with another branch in Fowler) for Otterbein would now be operated by Stembel-until its destruction in the 2007 post-Super Bowl (where the Indianapolis Colts won their first NFL bowl title: 29-17, over Chicago's Bears) pre-St. Valentine's Day, February 5, 2007, inferno.

Rowe Trucking Equipment (RTE) was still growing and expanding at its West 1st Street and Johnson Street. site, as Claude and Lucille Rowe's sons: David and John, had joined this thriving venture in the 1960s. The Quonset-hut" machine-shop structure, near where the Otterbein town council-of which Claude Rowe was a long-time member used to convene, would be taken over for RTE's offices; a blue- doored office to the east had served the clerk-treasurer and town marshal, while the vehicle-garage had held the fire trucks (prior to--when ?--the Otterbein Area Fire and Rescue moved above U.S. 52 onto County Road 1150 East). As for the original jail site south of the first Rowe building, this came down by the 1960s and a parts-assembly warehouse for RTE went up. The old, 1906 brick water tower (long outdated) for Otterbein didn't come down until after the grain-elevator-destroying, July 7, 1972 fire (a new, steel water tower-tank had been erected by the late 1960s at the already-set up South Meadow and East 5<sup>th</sup> Street Town Park-which had been suggested by Claude Rowe and Frank Kerkhoff (two of the community's "Georges," who went and got things done, in the manner of earlier Otterbein citizens like William Otterbein Brown and Henry Bolt) as an ideal place for a town park, and this came into being over time). Haan Crafts manufactured sewing kits at its East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street location, before going out of business (around 2015) and the site being taken over by RTE, as RTE also purchased Frontier Machines' location on East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

Doyle and Ruth Allison purchased the old 112 S. Main Street, Ralph's Nite Owl Tavern location in 1985 renaming it the "D&R Nite Owl," which they owned, ran, and operated for 33 years together, making this warm and colorful nightspot a primary feature of "Otterbein after dark." Cindy Wiggs and Jason Arnold took over the popular restaurant/tavern site in 2019, renaming it "CJ's Nite Owl."

The Day N Nite Restaurant was at West Oxford Street and U.S. 52 West later the Grand Prairie, until it shut down for good in early 1999. Byrd's Insurance Agency took office space in downtown Otterbein (where Klemme's is now-formerly, Al's Cigar Store and Pool Room).

The West End Cafe was closed by 1970-which now became the Otterbein Baptist Church (in 1972), old 52 at the West end of town; eventually, the Baptist Church moved out East to the junction of East Oxford Street and 52 bypass (taken over by Kyburz Auto Repair around 2014).

Otterbein's population in 1980 stood at 1,112; for all of Bolivar Township at this juncture, it was tallied to 1,234.

The other major business here in Otterbein-aside from obviously RTE-- is KA Components, originally launched by Frank Kerkhoff as Kerkhoff and Associates in 1956. From Frank's son Tim, their business started in the former post office building (later the Martin Kennedy Post #125 American Legion), then by 1958, its offices shifted to the old Thompson Drugs structure at the Northwest corner of West Oxford Street and North Main Street. Building homes, KA also did projects like moving cabins from the Oaks Smorgasbord location (U.S 52, East of Montmorenci-the Oaks closed in December of 1992). Over time, KA specialized and streamlined their operations (by the early 1980s) in building components: - precisely, wooden trusses for lumber companies (like Henry Poor); at one time, KA (now KA Components, sold in 2015 to a Cleveland-based "Canterbury" firm, but Brian Kerkhoff remains as the CEO/chief executive officer) had also retailed appliances, from television sets to refrigerators.

The town's population jumped over 1,600 (precisely, 1,619) by 2010 and has continued to grow and expand. Consider the new Otterbein Public Library--constructed in 2004, in the wake of Fellures' movement to the east, and just after the Oxford State Bank proceeded north--in the "big moving year" of 2003 to the U.S. 52 bypass (and soon was part of the Alliance Bank financial system). Think of the new Otterbein Baseball and Softball Complex on South Church Street, which was started in the early 2000s by many local persons and businesses' private donations and/or contributed labor; this sporting configuration first opened at least part of its four-diamond arrangement for first-time action in the summer of 2008 (with the former ball diamond at Otterbein's elementary school left behind (the concession stand and backstopping announcement booth were torn down just this year of 2022). And don't forget, during the "Covid-19" crisis high-water mark of mid-2020, the Otterbein Town Hall/Community Center was started at 111 South Main Street and dedicated by October of 2020. What else for the town of Otterbein is to come over the next half-century? To quote the Romans, in their Latin tongue: "Quo Vadis"--'what follows'?