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LAKE COUNTY

Vrooman Road project on hold

Leroy, Perry Townships' work stalled as county awaits permits

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The Vrooman Road bridge project remains in troubled waters. The high-level bridge replacement and roadway improvement project in Leroy and Perry townships began just about one year

ago. But work has been on hold since June and will remain that way in the foreseeable future as the county awaits needed environmental permits and heads to court against contractor The Ruhlin Co. in October.

Ruhlin is suing Lake County for breach of contract, negligence, breach of implied warranty, declaratory judgement and rescission.

In early 2015, Lake County commissioners approved a contract with Sharon Center-based The Ruhlin Co. for the project. Tree clearing and early-phase construction work began in March, but was put on hold in June when a federal permit was not awarded as early as first expected.

Because the project is in an area involving wetlands and a scenic

river, two environmental permits were required. One of the permits is issued by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and is a component necessary for the second required permit from the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

In a lawsuit filed by The Ruhlin Co., the company alleges that ODOT advised the Lake County Engineer's

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CELEBRATING HERITAGE

Maple tree sculpture holds significant community value

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A large crowd of spectators gathered on the Chardon square on March 6 for the dedication ceremony of the sculpture designed by Chardon native Matthew Allen Albright.

The elaborate sculpture highlights the city's rich maple heritage and is located near the newly constructed Heritage House.

It encompasses several core characteristics of the Chardon community and is entitled "Community".

"The great thing about it is that it represents the community from the ground up," Albright said. "It's dedicated during the tapping, something that the community resonates with. It was funded by the community and will be here for decades.

I just want the donors that remain nameless to know if it wasn't for those who stepped up to say we can see this being a good addition to the city, we wouldn't be here today and I am grateful for their investment."

The 8-foot sculpture is carved in the shape of a maple tree and has three imperative parts.

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A crowd surrounds Matthew Albright's sculpture on the Chardon Square after the dedication ceremony on March 6.

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WILLOUGHBY

Lake Humane Society fundraiser a success

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The Lake Humane Society held its 6th Annual Rescue Rock Off fundraiser on March 6 at the Willoughby Brewing Company.

It featured live music from five local bands; an all-you-can-eat buffet; an auction with an assortment of prizes; a 50/50 raffle with two chances to win hundreds of dollars and a variety of door prizes.

Pre-sale tickets were \$20 and \$25 at the door.

Lake Humane Society Director of Community Outreach and Development Mandy Osborne says their goal was to raise \$15,000.

"All of the money raised today will benefit the animals whether it's in food, water, supplies, shelter or our humane investigations department where we fight animal cruelty and neglect, all of the proceeds will benefit the resources and services we provide," Osborne said. "Of course raising money is the biggest piece, but also what's important is raising awareness and getting in touch with our community showing them what we're doing and getting them even more involved than they already are."

Although, there were many of the same supporters present,

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Online: Learn more about the history of Maple in Chardon.
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