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MADISON TOWNSHIP

Trustees ban data centers

Permits will not be granted for a 12-month period, while township leaders conduct more research and discussion about these facilities

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Madison Township Board of Trustees has taken a stance on the controversial subject of data center development.

Trustees, during their May 28 meeting, unanimously imposed

a moratorium of 12 months on the granting of permits for data centers in the township.

A resolution authorizing that decision states that trustees "seek time to study whether to limit or entirely prohibit the establishing, permitting, consid-

eration, approval, location, construction and/or installation of any data centers within Madison Township."

The board ratified that legislation at a time when a proposal to build a data center in Perry Village has triggered strong public opposition. Similar protests against data center devel-

opment have been taking place throughout the United States.

At this time, Madison Township trustees "feel that the cons far outweigh the pros and far as AI data centers or data centers in general," Trustee Thomas Sill said.

"We just think it's a good time to pause before any of those things become an issue, and at a later date, be able to talk more about that," he said.

Data centers are facilities designed to house high-density server equipment, storage device and networking infrastructure, primarily used for processing, managing and storing digital information.

Province Group, a California-based company, has stated that the data center it wants to build in Perry Village would

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SHARP SENIORS



GLORIA MAJESKI

The 2026 Mind Challenge trivia tournament was recently won by a Willoughby Hills team.

Willoughby Hills team wins 2026 Mind Challenge trivia tournament

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Willoughby Hills recently won the 2026 Mind Challenge, defeating Broadview Heights in a close match and winning \$2,500 for the city's Senior Center.

Founded by Philip Levine and Art Greenberg, Mind Challenge is a team trivia tournament for active seniors that is now in its eighth year. The tournament's semifinals and finals took place at The Independence Senior Center.

The mission of Mind Challenge — to expand seniors' minds and enhance their socialization — was once again fulfilled as in excess of 800 players took part in four rounds of competition. According to Levine, this was a record number of teams and participants.

"I can honestly say our eighth year was our best year," he said.



GLORIA MAJESKI

Willoughby Hills started competing in the Mind Challenge trivia tournament in 2021 and have since started a city trivia program inspired by the tournament.

"A lot of the matches went right down to the wire. Even in the finals, Willoughby Hills' margin of victory as only six points. We're

thrilled the Mind Challenge mission of seniors using their minds and enhancing their socialization was once again accomplished."

Greenberg said the 2026 Mind Challenge was a strong year with great competition coming from all parts of Northeast Ohio.

"Willoughby Hills and Broadview Heights are two previous winners, so this final match was a barn burner as they say in sports jargon," he said. "(Levine) and I are delighted by the response from many of our 800-plus players. They enjoy the competition and the questions make them think."

The socialization is fabulous for the seniors to connect with others, Greenberg added.

"That is our mission, and the mission was accomplished," he said.

This year's winning team for Willoughby Hills was composed of Mary Melvin, Sandy Falck, Ira

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BROWNS

Myles Garrett traded to Rams

By Joe Reedy and Greg Beacham

AP Sports Writers

Myles Garrett finally got his wish — to be a part of a consistent winning team instead of one in perpetual rebuilding.

More coverage: Browns should have traded Garrett a year ago, says Jeff Schudel PAGE B1.

The Cleveland Browns traded the two-time AP NFL Defensive Player of the Year to the Los Angeles Rams for pass rusher Jared Verse and three draft picks in a blockbuster deal on Monday.

Garrett was the unanimous choice for Defensive Player of the

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FAIRPORT HARBOR

Village adopts cybersecurity program

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Fairport Harbor Village government now has an authorized cybersecurity program to prevent and respond to online attacks of its computer system.

Village Council recently approved the policy, which was required to comply with a new statewide mandate.

Ohio House Bill 96 was signed by Gov. Mike DeWine on June 30 and took effect three months later. The law makes it compulsory for all political subdivisions in the state to "adopt a cybersecurity program consistent with best practices to protect data, information technology and information technology resources," according to a resolution ratified by council.

The state declared that local government entities such

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Steaming with history

Train spotters will turn out along the Norfolk Southern railroad tracks on June 8 to see Union Pacific's Big Boy 4014. PAGE A3



WHITE HOUSE

Tensions linger between Republicans, White House

A standoff over the "anti-weaponization" fund remains unresolved after Republican senators left town. PAGE A2

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Oil prices rise, but not by enough to stop records

Oil prices rose Monday following the latest fighting to threaten the U.S.-Iran cease-fire. PAGE B5

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High GDP fallacy exposed

The Economist observed that average wages in America's poorest state are higher than those in Britain, Canada and Germany. PAGE A6

EDUCATION

Schools, college form new partnership

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Auburn Career Center, Perry School District and Lake Erie College recently announced a new partnership to expand welding and Career Technical Education opportunities for students at Perry High School and across Lake County.

Through the collaboration, the institutions are working together to strengthen workforce development, expand access to hands-on career training, and create additional pathways for students to earn industry credentials and college credit while preparing for high-demand careers in the skilled trades, according to a news release.

This collaboration marks a milestone for Auburn Career Center as the district prepares to open its first satellite Career Technical Education program within one

of its member school districts. Through the partnership, Auburn will add a full-time welding instructor who will be based at Perry High School.

Students enrolled in the program will also have the opportunity to earn college credit through Lake Erie College, further strengthening the pathway from high school to postsecondary education and workforce readiness.

"This partnership represents exactly where Career Technical Education needs to go," Auburn Superintendent Joe Glavan stated in the release. "Our goal is to expand career exploration and hands-on learning opportunities to as many students as possible. By partnering together, we are able to maximize opportunities for students while minimizing costs through alignment, shared resources, and collab-

oration between educational institutions."

The partnership also builds upon the career center's growing collaboration with Lake Erie College. Beginning this fall, Lake Erie College will open a satellite campus at Auburn Career Center, with more than 18 college credits available to students through expanded dual-credit opportunities.

"This partnership demonstrates what can happen when educational institutions work together with a shared vision," Perry Superintendent Todd Porcello stated in the release. "Our welding partnership with Lake Erie College has already created valuable opportunities for students, and adding Auburn Career Center allows us to broaden that impact across Lake County."

"This collaboration between Perry Local Schools, Auburn Career Center, and



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Lake Erie College demonstrates how institutions can work together to provide students with valuable technical skills, college credit opportunities, and direct connections to the workforce," Lake Erie President Jennifer Schuller added in the release.

The expanded welding program will utilize Perry Schools' newly renovated 2,400-square-foot welding lab, which opened in the fall

of 2024. The upgraded facility includes modern welding equipment, advanced ventilation systems, 10 new welding machines, a plasma cutter, and additional metalworking tools that allow students to pursue valuable industry credentials in materials manufacturing.

As demand for skilled trades and Career Technical Education programs continues to grow across Ohio, the

partnership aims to provide students with access to modern training facilities, industry-aligned instruction, college credit opportunities, and direct connections to high-demand careers in manufacturing and the skilled trades, the release stated.

The career center serves students from 11 member school districts and draws enrollment from 32 districts across Northeast Ohio.

Trade

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Year last season after he had 23 sacks and broke the NFL single-season record. He is expected to report to the Rams' facility on Tuesday and have a news conference to discuss the trade.

Garrett's addition marks the first time the reigning AP NFL MVP and Defensive Player of the Year will be teammates. Rams quarterback Matthew Stafford won his first MVP award last season.

General manager Andrew Berry was able to make a deal after the Browns and Garrett agreed to modify the contract and defer option payments over the 2026-28 seasons in March. The first payment of around \$10 million was due on March 28, but was moved to near the start of the regu-

lar season.

Garrett demanded a trade at the end of the 2024 season, but signed a four-year contract extension last March with a total value of \$204.8 million that made him the highest-paid non-quarterback in NFL history. The contract also included a no-trade clause.

Berry had long said that Garrett would play his entire career in Cleveland, but Garrett's lingering frustrations over the franchise's direction and the chance to start anew meant it was time to move on.

Cleveland is 8-26 the past two years after making the playoffs in 2023.

"As discussions intensified we were stuck at a legitimate crossroads: do we hold on to a truly generational player who has become the identity of our team, or do we make the difficult decision that we think is best for the organi-

zation over the long run?" Berry said after the trade was announced.

The Browns get Verse — the 2024 AP NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year — a 2027 first-round selection, a second-round pick in 2028 and a 2029 third-round selection.

Owners Dee and Jimmy Haslam said in a statement that they met with Garrett on Saturday to discuss the trade.

"Trading Myles was never our intent, but we also recognize that certain opportunities demand serious consideration, and we believe this is the right move for our team. Adding a young defensive star like Jared Verse, along with valuable draft assets, are necessary to strengthen a talented young core and align with the youth of our team," the Haslams said.

Garrett was not seen at the Browns' facility during off-season workouts even though he made a couple of visits to

Cleveland during the Cavaliers' NBA playoff run. Garrett has a minority stake in the Cavaliers.

Coach Todd Monken said two weeks ago he had not had a face-to-face meeting with Garrett since being hired in late January. Defensive coordinator Mike Rutenberg said last week he had some conversations over the phone with Garrett about the direction of the defense.

Garrett supported defensive coordinator Jim Schwartz being promoted to head coach before ownership opted for Monken.

The 30-year-old Garrett is the first player in NFL history with at least 12 sacks in six consecutive seasons (2020-25) and the only player with double-digit sacks each of the past eight years. His 125½ career sacks are tied for 20th on the league list.

Garrett, who was part of five double-digit losing seasons during his nine years in Cleveland, finally gets a chance to contend for a Super Bowl title.

The Browns have the sixth-lowest win percentage since 2017 and are 58-90-1. By comparison, the Rams have the fifth-best record over that span at 92-57, including seven playoff appearances and a Super Bowl title in 2021.

Another huge trade by Rams

The trade is yet another blockbuster deal swung by Rams general manager Les Snead, whose eagerness to use his draft picks in trades for star veterans has kept the Rams among the NFL's top teams during coach Sean McVay's decade on the sideline. Snead notably acquired

star cornerback Jalen Ramsey from Jacksonville in 2019 in a deal that included two first-round picks, securing the cornerstone of the secondary for a team that won a Super Bowl. But the Rams only won it all after they acquired Matthew Stafford in early 2021 in an even bigger trade for Jared Goff and two first-round picks.

Just a couple of months ago, Snead acquired cornerback Trent McDuffie from Kansas City in a deal for four draft picks, including a first-rounder, to rebuild the secondary that was the weak link of last season's team.

Before Snead shocked the NFL by picking quarterback Ty Simpson this spring, the Rams had made only one first-round selection over the previous nine years. That pick was Verse, who quickly became a star during his two seasons as the anchor of the Rams' rebuilt pass rush in the wake of Aaron Donald's retirement.

Verse had 4½ sacks while being selected as the NFL's top defensive rookie in 2024, and he had 7½ sacks along with three forced fumbles.

Byron Young led the Rams with 12 sacks and interior lineman Kobie Turner had seven sacks, and both are heading into the final year of their rookie contracts.

With his Rams in title contention in November 2021, Snead acquired vaunted pass rusher Von Miller from Denver in a trade for LA's second- and third-round picks.

Miller contributed nine sacks in 12 games, providing exactly what they needed alongside Donald to win it all.

The current Rams are among the preseason Super Bowl favorites after winning

12 games and reaching the NFC championship game last season. Stafford, the reigning league MVP, is returning at the head of the NFL's most potent offense last season along with a retooled defense featuring McDuffie and fellow ex-Kansas City star Jaylen Watson as its new cornerbacks — and now they've added the most feared pass rusher in the league.

The Rams' roster in 2026 now includes last season's NFL leads in yards passing, TD passes, total receptions (Puka Nacua), receiving touchdowns (Davante Adams) and sacks (Garrett).

After the Rams won the Super Bowl in February 2022 and then crashed out of the playoff picture in an injury-filled 2022-23 season, Snead briefly discarded his usual draft philosophy. He rebuilt his roster through a series of key selections in 2023 and 2024, drafting an entirely new defensive line with Verse, Young, Turner and Braden Fiske — along with All-Pro receiver Nacua.

With his rebuilt roster looming as a Super Bowl favorite again, Snead used his depth on the defensive line to make it even better.

Verse's acquisition gives the Browns the past two AP Defensive Rookies of the Year.

Carson Schwegler won last season after leading NFL rookies with 156 tackles and 11 tackles for loss.

"We receive a young, elite player at a premium position who will only continue to improve in his third NFL season. Jared's passion and relentless style of play will be embraced by our fans. He will fit right in with the established identity of our defense," Berry said.

Trivia

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Lorber, Harlan Abramson, Gloria Majeski and former Willoughby Hills Mayor Andy Gardner.

According to Gardner, the city started competing in Mind Challenge in 2021, finishing in second place its first year. Additionally, the city took second in 2023.

"After competing with only one team since 2021, this year, Willoughby Hills was able to field two Mind Challenge teams," Gardner said.

The other Willoughby Hills team was comprised of City Council President Michael Kline, Nelson and Lynda Newman, Mike Nagy, Marvin Bohm and Stewart and Carol Weiskind.

"(Kline) has been part of the team since the start and was willing to take on the role of being captain of the other team," Gardner said.

All of the Willoughby Hills team members regularly attend the city's monthly Trivia Night. Inspired by Mind Challenge, this program started in 2022.

"Most play, I coordinate the monthly competition with help when I am out of town," Gardner said. "It is open to anyone at least 50 years old who is interested in playing team trivia. It is the first Tuesday of every month

at 7 p.m. in the Willoughby Hills Community Center."

Currently, the program sees anywhere from six to nine teams that participate regularly, including Mind Challenge teams from not only Willoughby Hills, but Kirtland and Willoughby, Gardner said.

Gardner said Levine and Greenberg deserve much credit for creating the Mind Challenge competition and for all the hard work they have done to keep it growing and improving each year.

"Coordinating more than 100 teams at multiple sites over two months is an enormous undertaking," he said. "They recruit a first-class group of sponsors to make the event possible and then organize a competition that is both educational and fun. Their dedication and commitment to the sponsors, senior centers and competitors is what makes Mind Challenge such a special experience for everyone involved."

After reaching the finals two other times since the city began competing in 2021, earning its first championship this year was incredibly rewarding, Gardner said.

"We want to recognize the outstanding competition we faced throughout the tournament, including the other teams in our region, the other east region winning team, the other semi-finalists and our fellow finalist team," he

said. "The championship match against Broadview Heights was extremely competitive and we had to fight for every point to secure the win."

Falk said this year's competition was fun and that she enjoyed meeting competitors from other cities.

For Majeski, she was happy to be back on the city's team this year.

"It was a great experience and even though I studied a lot of mindless information, I was assured by my fellow teammates that someday that will come in handy," she said. "It's fun to see the six team members work together and decide together what is a comfortable bet, and what the best course of action is to bring home a winner."

Majeski said the two senior/community centers that were visited for the competition were kind and inviting.

"It was fun to see what other centers had going on at their facilities too," she said.

Winning the \$2,500 for the Willoughby Hills Senior Center and the city's trivia program is something the team is proud of, Majeski said.

"The other teams were tough and the questions were often hard, but being in the finals and winning first place is something I will never forget," she said. "It was a lot of fun and I look forward to participating again next year."

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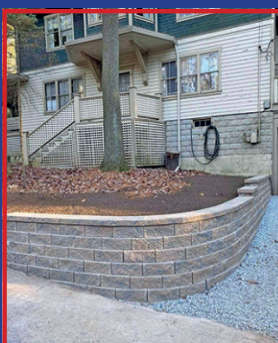


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