

WEST MANHEIM TOWNSHIP

FALL 2018

FALL LIMB PICK UP

West Manheim Township Public Works Department will be collecting brush and limbs. Items must be set along the curb.

**The west side of the Township will take place October 15th – 19th and
the east side will be October 22nd – 26th.**

Limbs should be no larger than 3 inches in diameter and brush should be stacked for easy pickup. Absolutely no boards, lumber or construction type debris will be accepted.

The Township reserves the right to refuse excessive amounts of debris. The Township can refuse items that do not meet the requirements and is NOT responsible for cleanup.

LEAF COLLECTION



Leaves may be placed curbside for collection starting October 29th. The crews will go through the Township more than once in the event that all leaves are not down and curbside by this date. Leaves must not be in any type of bag or container. Leaf collection is expected to take about 3-4 weeks with the last collection day being November 30th, dependent upon the weather conditions.



HELP THE FIRE & POLICE DEPARTMENT



Installation of the proper house numbers will help with the time efficiency of emergency responders. House numbers should be a minimum of 3" in height on residential buildings. The stroke or width of the number should be a minimum of 1/2". House numbers need to be a durable light-reflecting material or a color that contrasts with the immediate background. The numbers posted on the house should be visible from the road. If you are unable to see the house from the road, the house numbers should be visible from both directions of travel on a post or sign. The post location, if needed, must be close to the driveway. Your mailbox may not be used as the primary source of identification if there are multiple mailboxes fronting the property. Proper identification may help save your life or someone you love.

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WHAT'S THAT ON MY STREET?

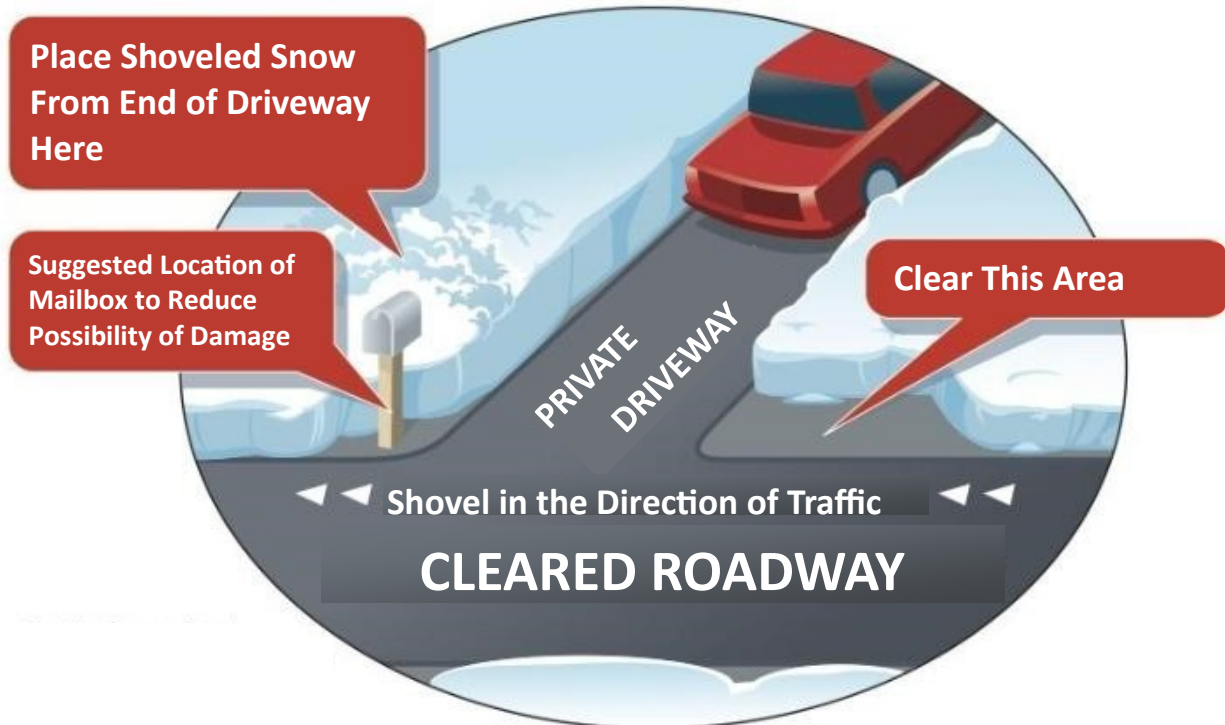
Who put it there and why?

The West Manheim Public Works Department works very hard to keep the Township's roads in good condition for winter travel. The Roadmaster plans and considers the proper treatment of the roads during a winter storm event. Each winter storm event is unique and the Roadmaster must look at several factors when determining the best method for treating the roads. They must consider the road temperature, air temperature, forecasted precipitation, and duration of the storm. There are several treatments that you may see on the township roads before, during and after a winter storm.

Before the storm- Pretreat/Salt brine is a pre-determined and measured mix of water and salt which is sprayed on the roadways before frozen precipitation starts to fall. Salt brine can help prevent frozen precipitation from bonding to the road and provides a jump start on removing ice and snow. The roads are not typically pretreated when a storm is forecasted to start as rain, as rain will wash the material away, or when there is enough residue from a previous storm's application of salt brine. You may have seen rows or lines going down the roads before a winter storm. This is evidence of salt brine pre-treatment.

During and after the storm- Anti-skid is a fine aggregate that is used to give motorists traction on the ice or snow packed roads. Unlike salt, the cold temperatures do not affect how anti-skid works. Large quantities of anti-skid can be stored outside and are a fraction of the per ton cost of rock salt. Rock salt is most effective on high traffic roads where traffic is crushing and spreading it on the road. Pure salt is less effective once air and road temperatures dip below 23-25 degrees. The use of pure salt in cold temperatures may also cause the roads to refreeze. Rock salt must be stored indoors and the Public Works Department has limited indoor storage. Rock salt residue will be left on the road in the form of white powder after roads have dried. Anti-skid will be noticed on the roads after the storm and can be slippery. Each spring the Public Works Department performs street sweeping operations to keep anti-skid out of the waterways and storm sewers. As previously stated anti-skid is approximately \$7 per ton and rock salt is \$75 per ton. The Township utilizes the product that will create the best results while keeping the cost as low as possible. Plowing of snow or slush will take place when accumulations on the road are between 2-3 inches.

Avoid the "Second Shovel"



Residents are reminded to refrain from blowing snow onto streets. Snow removal is also made more difficult when streets are used for parking of vehicles during snow events instead of parking on the property utilizing driveways and garages. Residents are requested to avoid parking vehicles along streets when there is alternate parking available on the property. All sidewalks are required to be shoveled within 24 hours after the snow has stopped.



RECYCLE THESE ITEMS



CANS

Aluminum & Steel



PLASTIC

Bottles & Jugs
1, 2 & 5



NEWSPAPER

Clean & Dry
No Food Contact



GLASS

Bottles & Jars



CARDBOARD

Dry & Flattened
No Food Contact



CARTONS

WHEN IN DOUBT → THROW IT OUT

NO Plastic Bags

NO Food/Liquid

NO Garden Hoses

NO Shredded Paper

NO Clothing

NO Diapers

NO Medical Waste

NO Scrap Metal

NO Styrofoam



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www.PennWaste.com



WMTPD is proud to announce that Edwin "Jeff" Schneider has been appointed as the department's new Chief of Police.

Edwin Schneider has served over 32 years with the police force since his hiring as a patrolman in 1986. After working under the tenures of Chief Francis "Whitey" Arentz, Chief Walter J. Franek, and Chief Timothy J. Hippensteel, Edwin succeeded to the duties of Chief on July 1st, 2018. Chief Schneider was recognized many times for his outstanding service during his career, named Officer of the Year in 2003 by the York County Police Heritage Museum, and

is a certified Motor Carrier Enforcement Officer. Chief Schneider resides in West Manheim Township with his family and has been a volunteer and active member of the community.

The Chief intends to continue the practice of community oriented policing and providing residents with professional law enforcement services.



Heritage Committee

Hanover Association for Detecting Horse Thieves

It may sound like an episode of "Bonanza", but did you know that in March 15, 1859, a petition was filed with the York County Court of Common Pleas to approve the "Hanover Association for Detecting Horse Thieves and Recovering Stolen Horses"? It's true. The court approved the Charter on April 22, 1859, and the first bylaws were approved May 21, 1859 (later amended on May 18, 1917).

According to Richard Resh's research, the original officers of the Association were President: Henry C. Schriver; Secretary: John V. Schriver; Treasurer: Jacob Young; and Directors: Daniel Geiselman, Jacob Klinefelter, Phaniel Wentz, Michael D. Eichelberger, Daniel W. Hoffman, William Walters, David Boyer, Levi Mouse, Levi Dubs, Jacob E. Strine, George Swartzbaugh, and Jacob Bowman.

The Association continued until well into the early 1900's, meeting every year on the third Friday of May to elect directors. Officers served a three-year term.

You may wonder what an "Association for Detecting Horse Thieves and Recovering Stolen Horses" does. Well, for a \$2.00 joining fee, anyone living within 20 miles of Hanover would have his/her horse, mule, mare or gelding registered and branded. If the animal was stolen, a claim would be filed with the Association. If the animal couldn't be recovered, the Association would then pay the owner the fair market value, not to exceed \$175. (It's unclear if any claims were filed by West Manheim Township residents when General Jeb E. Stuart's Confederate soldiers sold horses in advance of the Battles of Hanover and Gettysburg.)

The township residents reportedly tried to hide horses at a location called "Horse Thief Lane". The exact location is unknown, but it was rumored to lie between the Old Baltimore Pike and the present-day Impounding Dam Road. The Heritage Committee of West Manheim Township is working to solve this mystery, and if you have any information regarding this hiding location, please contact Richard Resh at r.resh@comcast.net.

The Heritage Committee meets the first Tuesday of each month, at 4 p.m., in the West Manheim Township Municipal Building, located at 2412 Baltimore Pike, Hanover, PA, 17331. The public is encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Harold Coldren at coldren7201@comcast.net or call (717) 637-8488.

Rec Park News:



The park is open year-round, dawn to dusk. Come out for a walk through the park, a sporting event, or to let your dog run in the dog park.

For more information about upcoming park events, such as the German Dinner on November 3rd, 2018 or the progress of the new playground, check out our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/WMTPark.

To reserve a pavilion for your outdoor gathering, visit www.westmanheimtwp.com and select the Parks and Recreation tab under Departments at the top of the page.

The Park Board meets on the second Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the West Manheim Township building. The public is welcome to attend. Come learn how you can become a part of the park's activities. Volunteers are needed and appreciated. Email parkboard@westmanheimtwp.com if you have any questions.



Support your local Fire Company and their upcoming events:

- **October 6th – Gun Raffle**
- **November 18th – Beef Pot-Pie Dinner**
- **December 1st – Breakfast with Santa**

The Social Hall is available for rent for parties, weddings and other purposes. Please call 717-476-3279 to schedule your special event. The Pavilion & Grounds are also available for rent by calling 717-476-6436 or 717-476-1536. For more information on their upcoming events please call 717-637-7778 or visit the Pleasant Hill Volunteer Fire Company Facebook Page.

Message from Ruth Neiderer, Tax Collector

All Real Estate Taxes are based on your assessed value generated by the York County Assessment Office (717-771-9232) and the tax rate is determined by the elected officials of each taxing district. The tax bill is the property owner’s responsibility. **All bills are mailed to the homeowner.**

The York County and West Manheim Township bills are mailed mid-Feb. and the 2 % discount is due mid-April. The South Western School bill is mailed mid-July and the 2% discount is due by the end of September. There is an option to pay the school bill in three installments. The first installment payment must be received by August 31st.

If you have an escrow account which pays your real estate taxes, please contact or forward it to them. If you receive an interim bill due to additional improvements, please check with your lender to see if they will pay interim bills from your escrow. I would encourage you to check statements to be sure payments have been disbursed.

West Manheim residents receive a Per Capita Tax mid-February. This is a personal tax for any individual residing in the township over the age of 18. The current rate is \$10.00. There are exemption forms which are available on township website.

All current year bills must be paid in full by December 31st each year. Personal checks are not accepted after December 15th. Payments can be made by mail (post mark is accepted), or placing in the township drop box or stopping by during office hours.

Checks payable to: Ruth Neiderer, Tax Collector OR West Manheim Twp., Tax Collector

Phone (717) 632-3155 Fax (717) 632-2499

PLEASE CHECK FOR OFFICE HOURS INSERTED IN YOUR ENVELOPE !



When mowing your yard, consideration should be given not to blow grass clippings into the street. When mowing, make the first few passes with the lawnmower blowing the grass clippings into the lawn NOT the street. If there are grass clippings on the street or sidewalk, use a broom or leaf blower to blow them back into the lawn. Do not use a hose to wash them into the street or storm drains. Grass clippings that are blown into the street eventually enter the street storm drain system. The grass clippings can form blockages in the storm drains. Grass clippings contain nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorous, which cause unwanted and uncontrolled growth of algae and aquatic weeds in the waterways.

If you would like to receive the Township e-notifications, please send your email address to info@westmanheimtwp.com. Notifications will also be available on the Township Facebook page.



Construction Site Erosion Protection

Currently, there are several construction sites located throughout the Township. If construction sites are not properly managed, large amounts of soil will be washed away during rainstorms. Best Management Practices (BMPs) are techniques to protect water quality, runoff and soil erosion. Land Developers and York County Conservation District work together prior to construction, during and after to determine what BMPs will work best with the site conditions.

BMPs can reduce construction related pollution by:

Minimizing land clearing to preserve natural vegetation and other natural features.

Managing clearing and grading in phases to minimize the amount of bare soil exposed at any given time

Building and maintaining proper site entrances with rock (to prevent sediment from being tracked onto the streets and ultimately washed into storm sewers)

Stabilizing steep slopes

Installing sediment trapping devices and perimeter controls like silt fence, silt socks and sediment basins.

Installing waterbars to direct water to stable locations or sediment basins

Installing inlet filter bags when the discharge is not to an on-site sediment basin

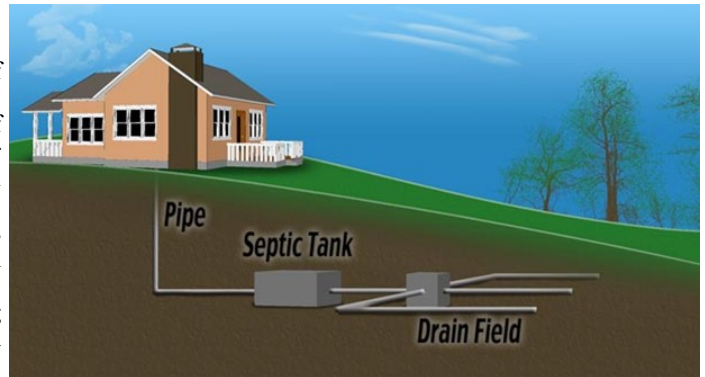
Installing a concrete washout station for the crews to use to clean their trucks

Stabilizing areas as soon as possible after land-disturbing activities.

Other BMPs involve good housekeeping measures like picking up site debris, cleaning vehicles in designated washing areas, and educating construction workers about the stormwater program and pollution prevention techniques.

A typical Septic System has four main components

1. A **pipe from the home** transports your household waste out of the home and into the septic tank.
2. A **septic tank** is a buried, watertight container typically made of concrete, fiberglass, or polyethylene. It holds the wastewater to allow solids to settle to the bottom (forming sludge) and oil and grease to float to the surface (forming scum). It allows partial decomposition of the solid materials. Compartments and baffles in the septic tank prevent the sludge and scum from leaving the tank and traveling into the drainfield area. Screens are also recommended to keep solids from entering the drainfield. Most tanks may have risers with lids at ground level for easy access to pump and inspect the tank.
3. A **drainfield** is the discharge point for the waste water as it exits the tank. The drainfield is a shallow, cover, excavation made in unsaturated soil. Pretreated wastewater is discharged through piping onto porous surfaces that allow wastewater to filter through the soil. The soil accepts, treats, and disperses wastewater as it percolates through the soil, ultimately discharging to groundwater. If the drainfield is overloaded with too much liquid, it can flood, causing sewage to flow to the ground surface or create backups in plumbing fixtures within the home.
4. **The soil** within the drainfield is the final treatment of the wastewater. As the wastewater percolates into the soil where harmful bacteria, viruses, and nutrients are naturally removed. Suitable soil is necessary for successful wastewater treatment. Microbes in the soil digest or remove contaminants from the wastewater before it eventually reaches the groundwater.



Violation Ticket Ordinance

On August 17, 2018 the West Manheim Township Board of Supervisors adopted the Quality of Life Ordinance. This ordinance provides a mechanism to issue tickets rather than citations to those found to be in violation of specific ordinances adopted by the Township. The resolution in this manner is beneficial from a two-fold perspective in that it permits the Township to maintain and enforce its laws and permits a citizen so accused to resolve the dispute in a manner that does not unduly burden the resident by requiring the issuance of a citation and a court hearing. Tickets can be issued for the following ordinance violations:

Chapter 82 – Brush, Grass, Weeds (over 12” in height)

Chapter 89 – Numbering of Buildings

Chapter 193 – Property Maintenance

Chapter 250 - Article VI – Snow Emergencies (parking & snow/ice removal)

Typically, a warning notice will **NOT** be provided to the person in violation of the above ordinances. The violation ticket will be mailed first class with a certificate of mailing to the violator’s address of record. The violator has 10 days to pay the applicable fine. This Ordinance promotes the best interest of the residents of the Township by permitting the resolution of an alleged violation in an expeditious fashion without resorting to the courts to resolve the matter.

Stormwater Pollution and Runoff

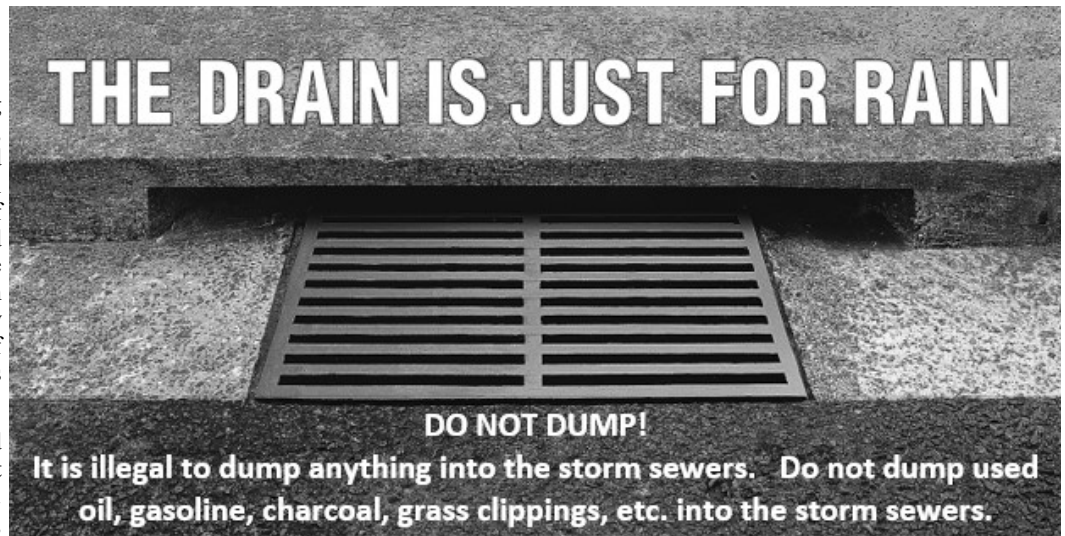
Today, natural areas are being replaced by impervious surfaces, like roads, parking lots, and buildings. This transformation can significantly impact bodies of water. Natural areas allow rain and snowmelt to easily infiltrate into the ground. Impervious surfaces, on the other hand, significantly increase the volume and velocity of runoff and the amount of pollutants in stormwater.

Runoff from rainstorms and snowmelt are the most significant sources of water pollution. Stormwater runoff carries sediment, oil, grease, nitrogen, phosphorus, and other pollutants into storm drains.

This untreated water is then discharged into nearby bodies of water. Because most stormwater drainage systems provide no treatment, preventing contamination of stormwater is crucial to ensure that pollutants are not released into the environment. Excess nutrients in runoff, especially nitrogen and phosphorus, cause waterbody-impairing algae blooms. The life cycle of algae decreases the levels of oxygen which is harmful to fish, plants and other aquatic organisms. Sediment and algae blooms can also prevent sunlight from penetrating into the deeper waters. This lack of sunlight kills plant life that provide habitat and food for aquatic organisms. Sediment fills the spaces between rocks where fish spawn and aquatic organisms live.

Improperly managed stormwater runoff is a leading cause of flooding, which can lead to property damage, cause road safety hazards, and clog catch basins and culverts with sediment and debris. Fast-flowing water erodes stream banks, enlarges stream channels and releases sediment.

Properly managing stormwater is critical in achieving greater water quality for our community as a whole.



New Stormwater Requirements

As part of the Federal Clean Water Act from 1972 and PA Clean Water Act from 1987, everyone is required to clean up our drinking water, streams, and rivers. In 2004, it was determined by EPA and PA DEP that current efforts are not sufficient in Pennsylvania, and, in particular, to those tributary waterways to the Chesapeake Bay. As an additional measure, West Manheim Township will be receiving their first Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit in 2019. The basis of the permit is to clean up stormwater from impervious (hard) surfaces such as roads, buildings, sidewalks, driveways, parking lots, etc. The Township has been documenting services we were already providing, such as street sweeping, leaf collection, street and storm sewer repairs, etc. The Township recently joined the York County Stormwater Consortium to meet Chesapeake Bay cleanup, at a cost of \$56,000 per year.

To fulfill the upcoming requirements under the upcoming MS4 permit and improve water quality, an increase in costs is likely unavoidable. West Manheim Township is participating in the York County Regional Chesapeake Bay Pollutant Reduction Plan (CBPRP) along with approximately 50 other municipalities. This regional effort comes at a much lower cost to the Township than if we were to “go it alone.” In an effort to cover the annual cost of participation in the county plan, the stormwater assessment fee was implemented.

One of the things you can do to help your Township is to contact your State and Federal representatives and encourage them to provide funding for administrating the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) program and provide grants for project construction.



West Manheim Township
 2412 Baltimore Pike Hanover, PA 17331
 Office Hours, Monday - Friday 8:00am - 5:00pm
 Phone: 717-632-0320 Fax: 717-632-2499
 Email: info@westmanheimtwp.com

PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE

Board of Supervisors- 1st Thursday of each month at 7:00PM, Supervisor Caucus at 6:00PM & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM, Supervisor Caucus at 6:00PM.

Planning Commission- 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:00PM

Park & Rec Board- 2nd Monday of each month at 6:00PM

Heritage Committee- 1st Tuesday of each month at 4:00PM

All meetings are held at the Township Building & open to the public

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- Chairman, Harold Hartlaub
- Vice Chairman, Jeremy Ault
- Jim Staaf
- Brian Blettner
- Terry Rynearson



Seated L-R: Jeremy Ault, Harold Hartlaub
 Standing L-R: Brian Blettner, Terry Rynearson, Jim Staaf

TOWNSHIP STAFF

- Marc Woerner, *Township Manager*
- Miriam Clapper, *Secretary*
- Jeanette Lepley, *Treasurer*
- Brittany Sharp, *Office Assistant*
- Tim Pfaff, *Utilities Supervisor*
- Heather Bair, *Code Enforcement*
- Mike Hampton, *EMA Director*
- Marty Strausbaugh, *Utilities/ Maint.*

TAX COLLECTOR

Ruth Neiderer
 Phone (717) 632-3155 Fax (717) 632-2499

OFFICE HOURS Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am – 5:00pm
 (CLOSED FOR LUNCH 1:00PM – 2:00PM)

Plus additional office hours for deadlines

CLOSED HOLIDAYS

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Chief Edwin Schneider
- Sergeant Toby Wildasin
- Pfc. Craig Snyder
- Pfc. David Morris
- Officer Joshua Bower
- Officer Justin Seibert
- Officer Shawn Ricketts
- Officer Randy Wagner
- Lou Sordon, Office Assistant

ROAD CREW

- Jeff Rummel, Roadmaster
- Robert Gregory
- Terry Hockensmith
- Brandon Martz
- Paul Myers, Jr.
- Harold Bachman

EMS STAFF

- Jerry Misner
- Eric Miller
- Brian Bankert
- Mike Rebert
- Paul Storke
- Isaac Burke
- Josh Gursky
- Adam Dell
- David Abbott, Jr
- Colby Snyder