

La Voz de La Conexión



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La Voz, a Spanish term for “the voice,” is the monthly news digest for La Conexión and the La Conexión Immigrant Solidarity Committee (LC-ISC). The LC-ISC is a project of La Conexión to build solidarity and support to the local immigrant community in the community at-large.

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La Conexión News

New grant helps La Conexión continue providing relief funds and vaccine safety education to marginalized essential workers

We are very honored to receive a grant from the Hispanic Federation to continue our work providing relief funds to excluded essential workers. This new funds distribution effort will extend beyond agricultural workers to essential workers of any industry, such as restaurants and cleaning services, who did not qualify for government assistance that includes unemployment and stimulus benefits. Although some states have created funds to ensure essential workers receive unemployment and other relief regardless of immigration status, this is not the case in Ohio.

Another key component of this grant is to combat vaccine hesitancy. Our outreach workers will share educational materials in Spanish from the CDC on the safety of the vaccines and to demystify common vaccine misunderstandings. To encourage higher vaccination rates we also want to show vaccine accessibility, so we put together a flyer listing North West Ohio county health departments offering free walk-in vaccination clinics. We are proud of our continued contributions to community health and wellbeing.

Arriba La Conexión!



Save the Date for the La Conexión Hispanic Heritage Event

CELEBRATE HISPANIC HERITAGE & SUPPORT LA CONEXIÓN



SAVE THE DATE:

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2ND
6PM to Midnight
Junior Fair Building
Wood County Fairgrounds**

After cancelling in 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions, our beloved event returns this year!

Join us in celebrating with friends, food, and music by Los Hermanos Villegas.

Don't forget to save the date for our *5th Annual National Hispanic Heritage Month* on Saturday, October 2, 2021, at the Junior Fair Building of the Wood County Fairgrounds, 900 W. Poe Rd., Bowling Green, beginning at 6:00 PM. Entertainment will be provided by Los Hermanos Villegas. The event pays tribute to the generations of Latinxs who have positively influenced and enriched our nation and society. This year we will honor Latinx essential workers, shedding light on the challenges the Hispanic community has faced during the Covid-19 pandemic, and their contributions to their workplaces and communities as essential workers.

The event is sponsored by the City of Bowling Green Human Relations Commission. Major Aspacher will be present to open the celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month for the City of Bowling Green. We are in communication with the Wood County Health Commissioner regarding the status of Covid and will follow their safety guidelines and advice.

We are looking for sponsors. Please let us know if you know of any business or institutions that may be interested in contributing towards event expenses. The event is free but donations are encouraged.

The Perfect Gift: The La Conexión Immigrant Justice T-shirts

New t-shirts available at Grounds for Thought for just \$20, and orange is our new color! All proceeds to benefit LaConexión.



National and International News

“House Passes Budget Resolution That Includes Pathway to Citizenship,” - Boundless

On August 24, Congress passed a budget resolution that includes a pathway to “legal status for undocumented children, those with Temporary Protected Status, and farmworkers.” This \$3.5 trillion budget covers numerous efforts in addition to immigration, such as infrastructure and health care.

“Supreme Court requires Biden to revive Trump's 'remain in Mexico' immigration policy,” -Reuters

On August 23, the Supreme Court upheld Trump’s Migrant Protect Protocols (MPP), or “remain in Mexico” policy, that forces asylum seekers to stay in Mexico until their cases are heard in the U.S. The judicial concern is “whether the government followed the correct legal process in unwinding a previous administration’s policy.” Despite this setback, the Biden administration and Homeland Security will have some leeway in how they implement MPP moving forward.

“As Gov. Greg Abbott beefs up border enforcement, some locals want very different kinds of help,” -Texas Tribune

The article represents very on-the-ground, local reporting near the Texas-Mexico border and reflects the shifting and divergent opinions Texans have on immigration in their state.

Become Involved with the La Conexión Immigrant Solidarity Committee

We are looking for additional volunteers who are interested in advocacy, educational programming, communications, and other tasks. Anyone interested in becoming involved, please contact: laconexionimmigrantsolidarity@gmail.com.

Giving to La Conexión

La Conexión, a 501(c)3 organization, can accept tax-deductible donations. You can donate through the Facebook page: look for the [blue “Donate” button](#). All proceeds benefit La Conexión. Facebook does not take a fee or any portion of the money.

Donations can also be made by mail at:
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