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Shreve Lake reconstruction has begun more than two years ago. MIKE SCHENK/THE DAILY RECORD

Americans' feelings on crime don't match data

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President Donald Trump's crack-down on crime in Washington, DC, continues a decadeslong American story: Data says crime is going down, even as many Americans feel like it's spiraling out of control.

FBI data has shown the nation's crime rate declined over the past three decades, but over half of Americans have said they believe there is more crime than the year before in nearly every Gallup survey since 1993.

"People don't keep track of these things. They don't look at statistics. ... They're just having feelings that they're not safe," said Howard Lavine, a professor of political science and psychology at the University of Minnesota.

Violent crime occurs every day at rates that can vary between and within cities, which can affect the public's perception of their safety, according to Alex Piquero, a professor at the University of Miami and the former director of the Bureau of Justice Statistics.

"Are we safe today? Yeah, we're safer," Piquero said. "But we're not completely safe."

There are several reasons the perceptions don't match the data:

- **Violence in the United States:** The baseline level of violence in the United States remains higher than its peer countries, which can fuel legitimate fear, according to Lavine.
- **News and social media:** Social media and news reports on relatively

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FINALLY HAPPENED

Shreve Lake reopens to cheers, bluegill, big hopes

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And just like that, all the struggles, disappointments and setbacks ... were gone.

On Thursday, just west of downtown

Shreve, all the top brass from the Ohio Division of Wildlife and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources in Columbus, along with engineering and construction firm dignitaries, curious onlookers, kids, adults and seniors, and one out-of-place Black Bellied Whistling duck, were on hand for the re-dedi-

cation of Shreve Lake, the 58-acre body of water that had sat dormant and without water since 2014.

It was a grand day, with food and refreshments, speeches, the stocking of the lake with 1,500 6-9-inch bluegill and smiles all around as the past was no longer important, but instead, the future was.

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McCrossin's cannabis vision hinges on Millersburg ballot outcome

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The legwork has been done to open a cannabis dispensary in Millersburg. Now all that needs to be completed is the approval of the general population of the village.

Three issues concerning the dispen-

sary will appear on November's general election ballot.

Millersburg Mayor Kelly Hoffee met with someone last year who had expressed interest in opening a marijuana dispensary.

"About a year ago, during my office hours, Steve McCrossin met with me to discuss his interest in establishing a dispensary in Millersburg," Hoffee said.

"Following our conversation, I presented the matter to council with the recommendation that it be placed on the ballot to allow the residents to decide."

McCrossin, meanwhile, laments the potential lost revenue, as well as the potential lost income tax for the village. Precision Cannabis CBD Products is

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