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A new home and new life for Rittman B&O train depot



Ethan Williams started a campaign to raise money to save the old B&O Railroad Depot in Rittman. On Aug. 19 his dream came true as the depot is on its way to a new home and a new life. After years of fundraising, the B&O Railroad Depot in Rittman is headed to a new home. MIKE SCHENK/THE DAILY RECORD

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RITTMAN — Ethan Williams grew up in Rittman, close enough that he could see the B&O railroad tracks from his backyard. Being interested in the railroad, he

realized that the vacant depot building, which dates back to 1891, could at some point be lost forever. So at the age of 8, Williams decided to do something about it. He started the Save The 1891 B & O Train Station group with about 25 people. With an initial \$10,000 donation, they were able to raise \$400,000 to save

the building. Now at age 18, Williams' dream of saving the depot is a reality. The group used \$52,000 to get the building ready to move and move it to its new home on Erie Street. The rest of the money will go toward a full restoration.

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FLOCK CAMERAS

Privacy concerns fuel push to regulate technology

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An Ohio senator wants to crack down on people who misuse Flock cameras as pushback against the technology grows statewide. Sen. Al Cutrona, R-Canfield, will introduce legislation to prevent police and government officials from selling or sharing information with third parties and require them to delete data after 10 days. Anyone caught using Flock cameras or other automatic license plate readers for personal use would face a fourth-degree felony. "This takes a snapshot in time," Cutrona told the statehouse bureau. "If there's enough snapshots in time, it creates a timeline and it creates a mosaic display of a person's life. That's where it has now crossed a line."

Cutrona said police could still work with other government agencies, including U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, as long as it's part of an active investigation. Flock Safety is one of several companies providing automatic license plate readers to law enforcement, including in Ohio. And it's not just police departments. The Ohio attorney

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Why BMV no longer accepts form to change gender on ID

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The Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles no longer accepts a form allowing transgender Ohioans to change the gender listed on their driver's license or state ID. A BMV spokesperson said the agency will change gender markers only with

an updated birth certificate or passport. Officials determined the previous document, known as Form 2369, does not comply with an updated state law declaring that Ohio recognizes two sexes. Lawmakers inserted that language into the state budget signed by Gov. Mike DeWine last year. The advocacy group Equality Ohio criticized the BMV, arguing it made the change without public notice or a tran-

sition period. A spokesperson declined to say when the policy took effect. "Changing a policy this consequential overnight, without warning or transparency, is not an accident – it is a choice," said Dwayne Steward, the group's executive director. "It is a deliberate attempt at voter suppression and an intentional decision to make life harder for transgender Ohioans while hoping no one notices until it is too

late." Transgender Ohioans can change the gender marker on their birth certificates in at least eight counties, according to Equality Ohio. The group said legal name changes at the BMV aren't affected by the new policy. State government reporter Haley BeMiller can be reached at hbeMiller@usatodayco.com or @haleybemiller on X.

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