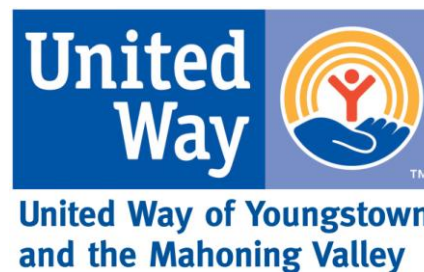


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United Way's "Champions Among Us" Event to welcome Bo Pelini back to Youngstown

The United Way of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley is excited to welcome former Cardinal Mooney and Ohio State star **Bo Pelini**, who is currently Nebraska football coach, back to Youngstown.

Pelini will be the keynote speaker for the 5th annual "Champions Among Us" dinner, sponsored by PNC Bank, to be held on Tuesday, June 29th at Antone's Banquet Centre in Boardman. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for a silent auction followed by the dinner and program at 6:30 p.m.

Joining Pelini will be another former Cardinal Mooney star, **Kyle McCarthy**, who will be honored by the United Way as the local champion who has represented the Valley in a positive manner. McCarthy, coming off a standout career at Notre Dame, recently signed a free agent contract with the Denver Broncos.

Champions Among Us is the United Way's largest fundraiser of the year. Table sponsorship opportunities are available for \$400 and include reserved seating for 8. Individual tickets are available for \$75 each. Half page and full page ads are available for the event program book. To purchase tickets, please call the United Way office at 330.746.8494 or visit www.ymvunitedway.org.

In addition to the dinner, the event will continue with the **21st Annual United Way Golf Outing** the following day at Knoll Run Golf Course. Golf Foursomes are available for \$400. Hole sponsorships are also available for \$100 each.

ABOUT BO PELINI

Bo Pelini, the head football coach at Nebraska, graduated from Mooney in 1986 as a three spot start, and was an all state selection in both football and basketball. He played free safety at Ohio State and was a starter for two years. Pelini was a three time selection to the Academic All-Big ten team and a senior co captain. His senior year, Pelini received the "Bo Rein Award", given annually to the Buckeyes most inspirational player.

Pelini quickly began climbing the coaching ladder beginning at Iowa, before stops in the NFL at San Francisco, New England and Green Bay. Then returning to the college game at Nebraska as their defensive coordinator, then joining forces with fellow Mooney graduate Bob Stoops at Oklahoma, where they played in the national title game. In 2005 he joined the LSU staff as their defensive coordinator, and the architect of their national champion defense that helped defeat Ohio State in the 2007 national title game.

Named head coach at Nebraska in 2008 he is quickly returning the Cornhuskers to national prominence. A 9-4 record his first season, followed up by a 10-4 record last year. Both seasons as head coach ending with bowl victories.

ABOUT KYLE MCCARTHY

A starter at safety the past two seasons for the Irish, McCarthy led the team in tackles both his junior and senior seasons. He is the only defensive back in Notre Dame history to have ever have at least one 100-tackle seasons, he recorded more than 100-tackles in two straight seasons. McCarthy also the lead Irish with six interceptions as a senior.

While at Mooney, McCarthy played quarterback and defensive back and an All Ohio selection. He led Mooney to the Division IV state title in 2004.

ABOUT THE UNITED WAY OF YOUNGSTOWN AND THE MAHONING VALLEY

In existence since 1919, the United Way of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley is a non-profit organization that raises and distributes funds to over 70 programs of 27 local health and service agencies. Each year, approximately one out of every four people in the Mahoning Valley receives services from a United Way-funded agency. The mission of the United Way of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley is to improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of the Mahoning Valley.

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