

NORTH RIDGEVILLE

THE COMMUNITY THAT CARES...

Review

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19th Annual Holiday on the Ridge Saturday, December 7, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Experience the magic of Christmas at North Ridgeville's 19th Annual Holiday on the Ridge celebration. The city is bustling with seasonal activity at craft shows, multiple business open houses and special events like the Pancake Breakfast and Christmas Tree Lighting.

Craft show times are from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Business open houses from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Complete a North Ridgeville Visitors Bureau entry form at each location to be eligible for great prizes from area businesses and organizations.

The more sites visited, the greater your chances of winning. Names will be selected from all combined locations.

See page 5 for a map and complete schedule.

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

South Central Park Gazebo, 5 p.m.

Join Mayor Gillock, the high school choir and area scouts in the annual decorating and lighting of the gazebo and Christmas tree during Holiday on the Ridge. Help us and Community Care spread the spirit of Christmas to those less fortunate by bringing nonperishable food and new, unopened toys to the donation boxes at City Hall, Parks & Recreation and Senior Center during November and December from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

North Ridgeville Community Care: *You Can Make a Difference this Holiday Season*

North Ridgeville Community Care Facebook site shares how you can help this holiday season:

Community Care Needs Turkeys!

Thanksgiving is right around the corner!

"The countdown is on for Thanksgiving and we are ONE WEEK AWAY from our Thanksgiving Distribution Day. (Please refer to our open hours as they differ daily, Mon-Thurs.)"

"We thank you in advance for your consideration, time, and resources to help provide Thanksgiving for a family in need!"

"Any and all donations of the following items are wonderfully and graciously appreciated!"

- 150 dozen eggs
- 100 lbs of butter
- frozen turkeys (and turkey breasts)

"Donations of Thanksgiving food items and money for turkeys have been coming into the Center - many, MANY thanks to all who are able to 'Give a Little, and Help a Lot!'"

Adopt-a-Family

"At Community Care, we collect Christmas wish lists from our clients and forward them to generous donors/families who would like to make a child's Christmas brighter! Additionally, we run a Christmas store in which clients are able to shop brand new toys with no money. If you'd like to donate brand new toys for our Christmas Store, please drop them off during our office hours."

"If you would like to adopt a child or family for Christmas, please email Daphne at Community Care: NRCCARE1@GMAIL.COM"

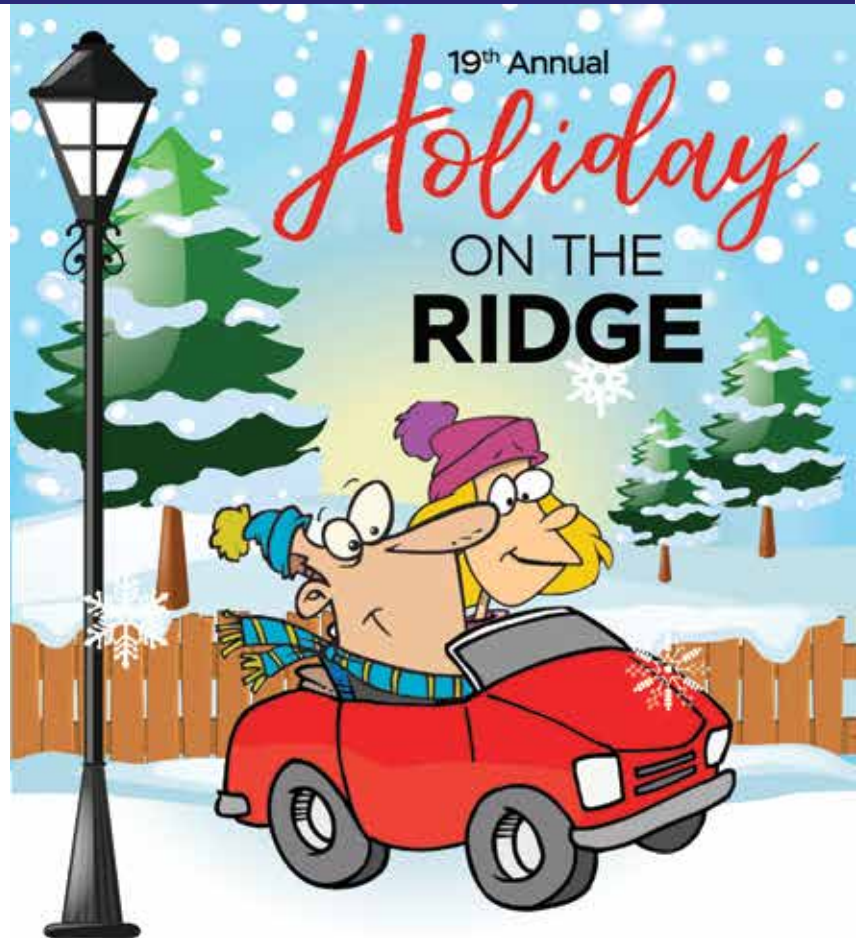
Donations

"On this first day of ground-covering snow in the Cleveland area, we think it appropriate to post that through the end of the year we are only accepting donations of food, money, coats, boots, hats/gloves as well as toys for the Christmas store."

"We will pick back up accepting clothing and household items in January."

"A great big thank you to everyone for your continued generosity!"

"Stay warm!"



Saturday, December 7th
9 AM - 6 PM
North Ridgeville, Ohio

**Celebrate the Holiday
Season at Open Houses
around the City.**

25 miles west of Cleveland
Off Turnpike Exit 151 or 152
I-480 Exit 2 or I-90 Exit 153

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Demario McCall: The Buckeye Connection

Demario McCall, a 2016 NRHS grad and a junior on the Ohio State football team, lodged the biggest game of his collegiate career two weeks ago as the Buckeyes blew out Maryland, 73-14.

McCall saw considerable playing time and scored two TDs a pair of second-half scores on seven carries for 78 yards.

Demario entered his fourth year with the 2019 Buckeyes as a veteran of 20 career games and plenty of memorable plays this season. He had nearly 1,000 all-purpose yards to his credit and averages nearly 10 yards every time he touches the ball.

So far this year, he is the 11-0 team's leader in both kick and punt returns. In kick returns, he has returned 10 for 232 yards and a 23.2 yard average, Longest is 38 yards. He has also returned 8 punts for 65 yards (8.1 yard average) with a long of 35 yards.

McCall led the team last year with an average of 19.5 yards per kick return. Demario has also earned scholar-athlete awards in both the 2017 and 2016 seasons.

At North Ridgeville, he was a two-time Associated Press all-state running back. He missed four games due to injury as a senior, but still managed to rush for 621 yards and score nine touchdowns, including TD runs of 45, 54, 57, 66, 67 and 76 yards. He was named first-team all-state as a junior in 2014 after a 2,302-yard rushing season with 35 touchdowns that included was a 433-yard, six-touchdown game vs. Elyria Catholic. In 2014, he helped coach Luke Durbin and North Ridgeville to its first state playoff appearance since 2009. He ended his career at North Ridgeville with 4,519 career rushing yards and 69 touchdowns, including 94- and 90-yard TDs and played in the U.S. Army All-American Bowl. Demario is the son of Rhonda Young and Jermaine Bennett.



Demario McCall (2), a 2016 NRHS graduate and Ohio State Football junior.



North Ridgeville product Demario McCall (30) in action against Maryland two weeks ago. Photos by Gene Doverspike (<https://wolfbrancher.zenfolio.com/f1022353766>)



Help NAMI Lorain County to Support our Neighbors this Holiday Season

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Lorain County is asking your help to support neighbors this holiday season. Visit NAMI Lorain County Facebook for more information.

Gathering Hope House

Join with NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Lorain County in donating items to Gathering Hope House for the homeless and those with mental illness. Donations can be dropped off at the NAMI Lorain County office 6125 South Broadway Lorain Ohio. M-F 9 am-4 pm. Don't forget to shop at Amazon Smiles and choose NAMI Lorain County as your charity to support with a portion of

your purchases. Thank you!

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On your first visit to AmazonSmile, smile.amazon.com select NAMI Lorain County as your charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. Amazon will remember your selection and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation to NAMI Lorain County to support our programs here in Lorain County.



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My Wood Loft: Reclaiming Our Heritage, One Barn at a Time!

Anyone who values American Heritage is sure to find a treasure in **My Wood Loft** of North Ridgeville.

The mission of **My Wood Loft** and owners **Steve & Tori Lambert** is to save and reclaim barn materials from authentic barn sites located right here in Ohio.

Starting out in their garage, Steve & Tori have seen interest in their efforts explode. They now occupy one of the largest collections of barn materials anywhere at 39097 Center Ridge Road in North Ridgeville.

They offer a vast selection of barn siding, hand hewn & rough sawn beams, windows, barn doors and super-cool barn finds. They also have a great retail area filled with custom made tables, doors and gifts.

"All our items are made on-site with the same local barn materials you can purchase in our indoor reclaimed lumber yard," reports Tori.

"Our core belief has always been that the most original, unique items are those that are made from items that had previous lives," says Steve. "We respect the true historic character that comes from the 100 year old barn wood or the retired wine and bourbon barrels that we incorporate into our products. This character can not be reproduced. Character that only comes from time."

The Lambert's love affair with reclaimed resources started when they were renovating their home a few years ago.

"We had a real passion for antiques, eclectic designs and generally unique finds," says Tori. "As we built fireplace mantels, picture frames, coffee tables, cabinets, dressers and general decorations that our family and friends asked us to replicate for their homes, the idea was born. We spent the following years developing designs and ideas. We became vendors at local art shows and craft fairs to begin getting the word out."

The business has grown to occupy a 20,000 square foot facility and plans for more growth continue.

"We plan to continue our growth into the future offering more unique one of a kind heirloom furniture and custom pieces that you can be proud to showcase in your home," says Steve. "Every piece in our retail store and all custom orders are handmade with great attention to detail to produce that unique gift, that will be a wonderful heirloom."

You can also visit My Wood Loft at 39097 Center Ridge Road, North Ridgeville, Ohio. They are open Tuesday - Friday noon - 8 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.



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NRAC Art Teacher Recognized at State Conference

North Ridgeville Academic Center 5-8 visual and digital art teacher Kathy Stalker-Bailey was recognized as an Outstanding Art Teacher in the Northeast Region at the Ohio Art Education Association Conference held in Columbus November 14-15. Bailey was nominated for the award by a former colleague, Georgann Blair.

Blair mentioned many of Stalker-Bailey's accolades but pinpointed the continuous innovation that she has instilled in the art curriculum, as well as her enthusiasm to learn new ideas that can be used in the classroom.

Stated in Blair's nomination, "Stalker-Bailey came to art education after a career as a graphic designer and successfully blended her expertise of both visual art and technology to create a unique signature of her teaching. Stalker-Bailey used this voice to advocate for a digital graphics course and curriculum she wrote and implemented for sixth and seventh-graders to enjoy"

Blair added "She has written art curriculum for grades 2-3, and while teaching elementary school, presented the idea of collaboration with core teachers. Visual literacy sessions were implemented rather than cutting time from elementary art."

Stalker-Bailey is a co-advisor for the middle school art club and a member of the OAEA and National Art Education Association.



June Yost: A Legacy of Care

When June Yost retires at the end of the month, only God will know how many hundreds and even thousands of lives she has touched in her 31-years as Director of North Ridgeville Community Care.

Since 1989, when June was asked by community clergy to expand the role she had accepted to assist with drop-out prevention among middle-schoolers, June has headed the organization which has literally saved lives, homes and families in North Ridgeville.

Last month, as she accepted a donation from Bistro 83, June noted that the community has changed through the years. "We now have as many seniors as we do single parents," she said.

In all instances, June has ensured that North Ridgeville Community Care is ready to respond when food is needed, bills are due and illness strikes families. "We will pay the bills for our clients in need. But we never give money," she said.

When June said 'Yes' to the clergy, NR Community Care was founded. It evolved as it responded to the significant numbers of families and individuals whose basic needs fell outside the range of local government support programs.

Local churches, schools and community groups have formed a support coalition committed to serving those in need in the community of North Ridgeville. For 31 years NRCC has provided support to income-constrained families, strengthening their health, education, dignity and general well-being when no or few other human service resources were available.

Now, June is retiring - leaving her trust with new executive director Heather Kaesgen and Assistant Director Daphne Yost. They will split the roles June has filled for three decades.

Thank you, June Yost! You are a true community treasure!



Jeff Armbruster, City of North Ridgeville, Ryan Schultheiss, Greenquest Group, Daphne Yost, NRCC Asst. Director, Heather Kaesgen, incoming NRCC Exec. Director, Bud Hagy, Bistro 83, June Yost, NRCC Exec. Director, Jeff Gresko, Bistro 83 and Mayor David Gillock.

"We wish you a beautiful retirement, June Yost! With your hard work you have built an amazing community outreach center for our town! You have been a treasure to those in need in North Ridgeville!"

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19th Annual Holiday ON THE RIDGE

Saturday, December 7th

1 The Northridge Healthcare

35990 Westminister Ave

Open House 9AM - 2PM

KICK OFF EVENT!!! N. Ridgeville High School's Spectrum of Sound Choir singing Christmas Carols from 10 AM to Noon as you sip on homemade hot chocolate from our hot chocolate bar. Tour our recently renovated facility and see our advanced therapy gym, including the omni-VR, virtual reality therapy system. Meet our special friends from The Danbury during the open house. Danbury is opening early 2020, offering Independent Living, Assisted Living and Memory Care. The brand new facility will be located at Lorain and Bagley Roads. We look forward to seeing you.

2 Bistro 83

36033 Westminister • Open House 11AM - 4PM

Bistro 83 offers up-scale dining and an award-winning happy hour menu in a comfortable, laid back atmosphere, in addition to lunch and dinner, Bistro 83 offers a sommelier-selected wine list, and extensive cocktail menu and 14 rotating beer taps. Bistro 83 also has multiple great spaces for parties and events and is now taking reservation for Christmas parties!

3 O'Neill Healthcare North Ridgeville

38600 Center Ridge Rd • Open House 9AM - 1PM

O'Neill Healthcare N. Ridgeville will be hosting our annual craft show to support our residents. While you are here, take a tour of our 5-Star rated facility and enjoy some cocoa and pastries. Happy Holidays!

4 My Wood Loft

39097 Center Ridge Rd • Open House 9AM - 4PM

The areas largest selection of reclaimed barn materials taken right from the barns here in Northern Ohio. We have a vast selection of barn siding, hand hewn and rough sawn beams, windows, barn doors and super-cool barn finds. We also have a great retail store filled with custom made tables, doors and unique handmade holiday gifts, all the items are made with the same local barn materials you will find in our reclaimed lumber yard. SANTA will be here 11-1 PM on December 7 and December 21. Bring your camera! We are open Tuesday-Friday 12pm to 5pm and Saturday 9am to 2pm. 440 322 1342

5 First Congregational Church

36363 Center Ridge Rd • Craft Show 9AM - 4PM

It's a unique shopping experience with a large variety of handmade, homemade crafts on two floors. After shopping, visit the cafe where home cooked meals rule... mouthwatering chicken noodle soup and great shopping... what a day! Admission \$1.00/adults; children under 10/\$.50.

6 N. Ridgeville Historical Society Museum

36119 Center Ridge Road • 9AM - 6PM

Visit the museum to view local artifacts and special displays of Christmas items from the past. Shop for unique souvenir gifts, including books about N. Ridgeville's history, early maps and collectible medallions depicting 13 historic locations throughout the city. Raffle items and refreshments will be available. Free admission.



7 St. Peter Parish - Kitt Hall

35777 Center Ridge Road • Craft Show 9AM - 3PM

The 39th annual Christmas Crafters Bazaar by St. Peter's PTU with over 90 new and seasoned crafters with all handmade items including doll clothes, woodworking, florals, photos, paintings, jewelry and more. Raffles, door prizes and concessions. Admission \$2.00/adults; \$1.50/seniors & kids.

8 N. Ridgeville Senior Center

7327 Avon Beldon Road • Craft Show 9AM - 4PM

Holidays are made cheerful at the N. Ridgeville Senior Center Craft Show. Stop in to get those special gifts for family or friends to make it a Happy Holiday. Our kitchen will be open for hearty and delicious food. Admission \$1.00, children under 4 are free.

9 South Central Park Annual Tree Lighting

Bainbridge Road • Special Event 5:00 PM

Join Mayor Gillock, the high school choir and area scouts in the annual decorating and lighting of the gazebo and Christmas tree. Help us and Community Care spread the spirit of Christmas to those less fortunate by bringing nonperishable food and new, unopened toys to the donation boxes at City Hall, Parks & Recreation and Senior Center during November and December from 8 AM - 4:30 PM.

10 N. Ridgeville Library

35700 Bainbridge Road • Activities 10AM - 4:30PM

Families are invited to stop by the library to enjoy a variety of "Polar Express" inspired activities. Between 10 am and 3pm members of the North Coast Division of the National Model Railroaders Association will share some of their favorite model trains. Harpist Cecilia McKay will perform a variety of holiday and traditional music from 3:30 to 4:30 pm before the annual tree lighting. Enjoy free hot chocolate and cookies in the front bay window during the musical performance.

11 Kiwanis/Key Club Pancake Breakfast

N. Ridgeville High School, 34600 Bainbridge Road

Special Event 8AM - Noon

Enjoy piping hot pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage and more! Children can "make and take" their own holiday crafts, and have a photo taken with Santa. Chinese raffle. Adults \$7, Children under 8/\$5. Kids under 2/FREE. Proceeds go to N. Ridgeville High School Key Club and are used to support a family in need.

12 The River Church of God

6000 Lear Nagle Road • Craft Show 9AM - 4PM

38th annual "Hollydays Craft Show" offering a great variety of crafters and vendors with jewelry, wreaths, bakery, wood, gift baskets, candles and more. Selling biscuits and gravy for breakfast; hot dogs and homemade vegetable and potato soup for lunch. Free admission.

13 N. Ridgeville Ranger High Tech Academy

5580 Lear Nagle Road • Open House 9AM - 4PM

Come and enjoy "school" like you have never known. There will be craft and vendor tables selling their items, buy/design/laser-cut custom ornament. Students will be entertaining with their band and choir magic, "kids" only shopping area. \$1 Admission

14 St. Julie Billiard Parish

5500 Lear Nagle Road • Craft Show 9AM - 4PM

Your favorite vendors and crafters! Homemade items such as knitted & quilted goods, holiday items, jewelry, artwork, purses, ceramics, paper crafts, painted items, local honey, candy, clothes, candles and more. Over 70 tables of bakery, wood crafted items, soaps, dog items, and baby items. Our kitchen will be selling homemade chili, hot dogs, noodles & cabbage, cookies and drinks hot and cold. Admission \$1.00 for 12 and older. Table raffles and door prizes.

15 Blue Barn Shops & House

33094/33060 Center Ridge Rd • 9AM - 6PM

Find painted furniture and collectibles as well as rustic and new items. Add to your interior decor or find that perfect gift. Talented designers have fun and innovative displays for your shopping pleasure. The coffee pot will be on!

16 Junk Monkey

6387 Lear Nagle Road • Open House 9AM - 4PM

Your high priority stop on your gift shopping journey! Selling affordable quality used goods, while creating a buyer & seller community. Owned and operated by a young N. Ridgeville born entrepreneur. Come support our local economy, shop used goods to save the environment, and find some awesome savings on things you would otherwise have to buy retail! Open daily 10-6pm Closed Monday.

17 Heat Exchange Hearth & Patio Shoppe

34205 Lorain Road • Open House 9AM - 4PM

Since 1980 we have serviced the community with fireplaces, wood burning stoves, patio furniture, gifts and more. We have the largest display of grills in the state of Ohio along with a huge selection of rubs, sauces, smoking woods and accessories. Come on in as we will have some great deals on holiday gifts just for the Holiday on the Ridge Event.

18 Faith Baptist Church

34361 Lorain Road • Open House 9AM - 4PM

Experience an old-fashioned Christmas at our 125 year old church building with people dressed in historical costumes, and enjoy live Christmas music, many decorated trees with photo opportunities for all. Free gift to the first 100 people. Free basket drawing and craft making. Free admission.

19 Don Moulds Garden Center

34837 Lorain Road • Open House 9AM - 4PM

We have a great selection of live and fresh cut trees, fresh roping, Christmas plants, and gifts for the garden! We have Gift Certificates for those spring flowers, too! Bring your camera for photos with Santa 10am to 2pm. We encourage you to bring your pets, too. This year we are collecting donations for Veterans of Sandusky. mouldsplantation.com

20 Sugar Ridge Baptist Church

36600 Sugar Ridge Rd • Craft Show 9AM - 5PM

Vendors, food and the true spirit of Christmas. Over 25 vendors with a wide variety of crafts and bakery. To satisfy the munchies, enjoy a variety of sandwiches and Italian wedding soup. Free admission.

21 Holy Love Ministries

37137 Butternut Ridge • Open House 9AM - 4PM

We invite you to come and see our over 100 acres of shrines. Join us in our welcome center for a brief video, cookies, refreshments and then visit our gift shop to register for an additional drawing.

22 Poppee's Popcorn Jenny's Snack Shop

38727 Taylor Parkway • Open House 9AM - 4PM

Visit our snack shop for great specials on gifts for your family, friends and co-workers. Enjoy free samples of our delicious products. Mon - Fri 8AM - 5PM and Saturdays in December 9AM - 12PM



Holiday on the Ridge

Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Craft show with 20+ tables!
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'I Learned How to Be Curious....'

Scott Vollmer, Vice President of STEM Learning at the **Great Lakes Science Center**, shared a fascinating message with the **North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce** at its monthly luncheon, held last Thursday at Red Tail Golf Club.

"I learned how to be curious," said Vollmer of the career mindset he formed in shaping his professional life.



Scott Vollmer, VP STEM Learning
Great Lake Science Center

In the audience were NR Schools representatives, including Melissa Durkin, STEM Coordinator **North Ridgeville City Schools**.

STEM means Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.

"I want to give a shout-out to the **Ranger High-Tech Academy**," said Vollmer. "We have to develop a passion for STEM and bring it back home. And that is what they are doing."

The future, said Vollmer, lies in the hands of schools like the Academy. "We don't have a workforce shortage. We have a skills shortage," he said - especially in the areas of engineering and technology.

Ranger High-Tech Academy is one of Ohio's forward-leaning centers for STEM learning. Ranger Tech Academy provides an enhanced curriculum focusing on science, technology, engineering and math for students entering grades 2-7. The transdisciplinary,

applied learning curriculum there is designed collaboratively with business and community partners in order to engage and excel learners with authentic problems, authentic processes and authentic products. Students work collaboratively on project-based learning units within the school building and at partner locations, and creates context for learning and introduces students to a wide variety of STEM careers.

"The next generation must have confidence in working with data," said Vollmer. "Raising confidence in students working with emerging tech and block chain is the goal. And curiosity can drive a whole business forward."

Here is a link to Ohio's STEM Learning Network Schools: osln.org/schools



David Pritt, Dir. Curriculum and Instruction NR Schools, Melissa Durkin STEM Coordinator North Ridgeville City Schools, Marjorie Snyder, NR Chamber President, Supt. of Schools Roxann Ramsey-Caserio, and Scott Vollmer, VP STEM Learning Great Lake Science Center.

So Long, Barbara Mamrak.....

"Who else can say that for over 4 decades they put smiles on the faces of their customers with their delicious creations? Barbara, the owner of North Ridgeville's staple, Becker's Donuts could. I'm sure that many of us have special memories of opening that white box after church on Sundays, treating coworkers on a Friday morning or maybe just sitting with a coffee and a donut on a weekday morning in her shop.



"Thank you Barbara for your tireless work, friendship and for being a part of our community. It meant the world to so many!"

Barbara J. Mamrak (nee Becker), age 69, of North Ridgeville, passed away on Thursday, November 14, 2019 at her home.

She was born in Cleveland and had been a resident of North Ridgeville for the past 44 years.

She was the owner and operator of Becker's Donuts in North Ridgeville and retired in 2016. Her daughter continues to run Becker's today.

Barbara was a member of St. Peter Catholic Church in North Ridgeville and enjoyed traveling, spending time with her family and attending plays, especially, comedies.

Survivors include her daughter, Jennifer Patterson of North Ridgeville; son, Jason (Angela) Mamrak of Valley City; daughter-in-law, Renee Mamrak of Cleveland; grandchildren, Josh Patterson, Ashley Albietz, Clayton Patterson,

Rebecca, Jeffrey, Christina and Frank Mamrak; brother, Joseph (Jean) Becker of Broadview Hts.; sisters, Bonnie (Steve) Johnson of Jackson Twp., Joan Becker of Alabama.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank; son, Jeffrey Thomas Mamrak; grandchildren, Alicia and Jacob Mamrak; parents, Joseph and Katherine (nee Pristas) Becker.

The family received friends Sunday, Nov. 17, from 2-5 PM at Bogner Family Funeral Home 36625 Center Ridge Road, North Ridgeville where services will be held 10 AM Mon., Nov. 18 Fr. Andrew Hoover officiated. Burial at St. Peter's Cemetery, North Ridgeville.

"Please take a moment to honor Barbara and share your memories in the tributes."

[BognerFamilyFuneralHome.com](https://www.BognerFamilyFuneralHome.com)

NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY NEWS

City Hall Offices Closed, November 28, 29, 2019

City Hall Offices will be closed November 28, 29, 2019 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family!

Special Leaf Collection, October 29-November 26, 2019

Leaves may be placed at the curb in plastic bags beginning October 29 through November 26 on regular trash pick-up day. After November 26, leaves in plastic bags can only be left out as extra trash each month during bulk pick-up. From April through October each year, yard waste must be placed in brown yard waste bags for weekly collection. Please call the Utilities Department at (440) 353-0841 with any questions.



Holiday Food & Toy Drive

Non-perishable food items and new toys in original packaging are needed to help support North Ridgeville Community Care for the holidays. Drop off boxes are located at City Hall, Parks & Recreation and Senior Center. Items may be dropped off through December 6, 2019.



Santa's Calling, December 4, 5, 2019

North Ridgeville Lions Club is assisting Mr. & Mrs. Claus this holiday season by providing them with a direct

phone line into our community. Parents who would like their children to receive a phone call from Santa should pick up a form at the NRPRD office or register online through our website. The registration form is also available below. Completed forms must be returned to Santa's mailbox at NRPRD 7307 Avon Belden Road, registration deadline is November 29, 2019.



Since this is the busiest time of the year for the Clauses, they'll have time for only one call to each family. It's very important that you're home during the time your call is scheduled! Call (440) 353-1503 for more information.

Lorain County Emergency Alert Registration

The City of North Ridgeville entered into contract with Lorain County Commissioners, administered by Lorain County Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, to provide the city and county with a robust, cost-effective emergency notification system and general messaging services. The service is free to residents to subscribe to receive messages by way of voice, text, and/or e-mail. Visit www.NRidgeville.org to subscribe.

Legal Notice, Tertiary Filter Improvement Project at French Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant

Sealed proposals will be received at the Office of the Mayor, 7307 Avon Belden Road, North Ridgeville, OH 44039, until 3 PM on December 11, 2019 and will be opened and read immediately thereafter for: Tertiary Filter Improvement Project at French Creek WWTP. See the Legal Notice online at www.NRidgeville.org.



Helping You Plan
A Personal Remembrance.



Front: Mary Beth and David Bogner
Back: Ken Lutke, Joe Erni

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To learn about funeral pre-planning
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"I Think I'll Go Home Now..."



Congrats to the North Ridgeville Police Department's own Sgt. Forrest Gump... well, Matt Gorski running the #2019clevelandstachedash the morning of Nov. 2. He was last seen at the finish line saying "I'm pretty tired. I think I'll go home now."

Fruit Sale is a Success!

Thanks to everyone who supported the Community Care Fruit Sale. 179 cartons were sold which will net a profit of \$1400. The fruit will be available for pick up on Saturday, December 7 at Fields United Methodist Church. There are a limited number of extra cartons of fruit available. To order or ask questions, contact Georgia Awig at 440-724-7246.

North Ridgeville Chamber Thanks Veterans!



Along with other members of the Power of More Chamber, the North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce & Visitor's Bureau celebrated these men and women who have served our country with a lunch, toast, pinning and words from lunch sponsor, Fairview Hospital, the morning of Veterans Day 2019.

Veterans, with a thankful heart, we honor you today and everyday.

Bistro 83 Bourbon Tasting

We are hosting another bourbon-themed tasting that will feature a variety of bourbons as well as bourbon-themed wines and beers. The tasting will include heavy hors d'oeuvres and the cost is \$65 per person, tax and tip included. The following drinks are scheduled to be included: Wild Turkey Kentucky Spirit * Staggs Jr * Michters Barrel Strength * Elmer T. Lee * Old Forester Rye * High West Bourye * 2016 Barrel Bomb Red Blend Wine * Watershed Old Fashion Cocktail * Goose Island 2018 Bourbon County Stout 5oz Draft Pour

Call us at 440-353-2828 to book your reservation. Due to the limited number of bottles we have, we are limiting reservations to 50 people so book your spot today!

Letter to the Editor

Dear North Ridgeville Review:

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to you for featuring North Ridgeville Community Care in your first publication. Additionally, what an exceptional job your team has done putting this paper together! In the words of June Yost, founder of Community Care, "THIS is a North Ridgeville newspaper!" It was refreshing to see this collection of positive news about our city and the consistent uplifting spirit of where we are and the hope of where we will go moving forward. Well done!

We look forward to the good things this publication will do for our community!

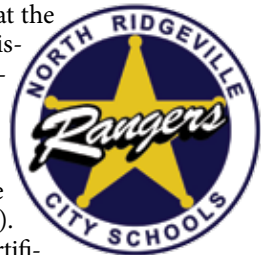
Sincerely,

June Yost, Founder
Heather Kaesgen, Executive Director
Daphne Yost, Assistant Director

Schools Recognized for Excellence in Financial Reporting

It was recently announced that the North Ridgeville City School District Treasurer's Department received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA).

The District received the Certificate of Achievement for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.



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Veterans Day Events at North Ridgeville Academic Center

To celebrate Veterans Day and pay our respect to our veterans, Nicole Roth, North Ridgeville Academic Center school counselor, organized three events to educate students on the sacrifice, service and impact of our veterans.

On Friday, November 8, NRAC 8th graders hosted members of the Veterans Mural Wall in Amherst, Ohio. Mr. John Sekletar and Mrs. Barb Smith

spoke about each mural on the wall and gave a brief history of each war and the Lorain County connection that has been incorporated into the artwork in the paintings. Mr. Mike Sekletar, the artist, also shared his desire to serve local veterans in our community by using his talents.

On Monday, the entire 8th grade attended the Veterans Day ceremony at the base of the mural



wall in Amherst. This is the 9th year for this ceremony and the first time ever that they have had students attend this event as a school field trip. Students were a shining example to other attendees of what it means to be Ranger STRONG.

When they returned from the field trip, each studio hosted 2-3 veterans where they were able to share stories about their time in the service and field questions from our students. NRAC Boosters generously provided sweet treats for both students and veterans to enjoy.

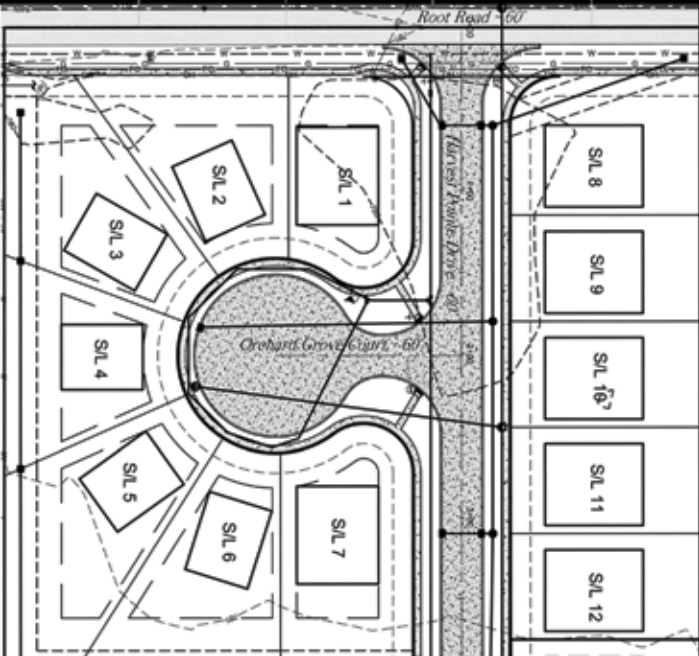
Rebecca Mehling's 8th grade STEM class created posters in support of our veterans that hang in the North Ridgeville Academic Center lobby. This schedule of events was meant to serve as a prelude of the venues and events students will see and experience when they go to Washington DC in the spring.



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NORTH RIDGEVILLE SENIOR CENTER EVENTS

Seniors on the Move

Castle Noel, Medina:

Friday, December 6, 2019, 9 am-4:30 pm. Booking November 12-27, 2019 (capacity 14). Fare: \$35 (payment is due at time of booking). Report to Senior Center 9 am; Tour Castle Noel (1 1/2-2 hours); receive a gift from Mark Klaus of Castle Noel; lunch on your own at Miss Molly's Tea Room (1 1/2 hrs.); free time to shop downtown Medina (weather permitting) or a stop at A.I. Root Candle Company.

Great Big Home and Garden Show:

Friday, February 7, 2020, 10:45-3:30 pm. Booking January 6-24, 2020. Fare: \$17 (payment is due at time of booking). 10:45 AM-Report to Senior Center; 11:30-12:45 pm - Lunch on your own at 100th Bomber Group; 1-3 pm Home & Garden Show; 3:30 pm return to Senior Center

Cleveland Aquarium:

Friday, March 6, 2020, 9 am-4 pm. Booking February 3-21, 2020. Fare: \$27 (payment is due at time of booking). Lunch on your own at Merwin's Wharf and stop at Westside Market for some shopping

Please call (440) 353-0835 to register for any of the above-mentioned trips.

Holiday Party, December 10, 2019

Join us for some Holiday fun on December 10, 2019 at noon as we celebrate all that is special about this time of the year. Our menu will be spiral sliced ham, cheesy potatoes, green beans and dessert. Our entertainment will be the NR High School Choir.

Reservations for this event are a must! Please call 440-353-0828 and sign up with our friendly front desk volunteers.

Minute To Win It! Game, December 12, 2019

Remember the NBC show "Minute To Win It" that had contestants do challenges within a minute to win? Well we are doing our own version of that show on Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 1 pm. Players are presented with different challenges that they must complete within the minute to win. What a fun game that will have you laughing and cheering everyone on to see who can complete their challenge! Don't miss this event. Register by December 6 by calling 440-353-0828 for further information.

Noon Year's Celebration, December 31, 2019

Come and enjoy appetizers, desserts and a toast at 12 (noon) on Tuesday, December 31 from 12-1:30 pm with entertainment by Steppin' Out Show Choir to help us ring in the New Year a little early! Capture the event with a photo in our photobooth! Call 440-353-0828 to make your reservation. Cost: \$5.

Mind Challenge for the New Majority, January 21, 2020

The North Ridgeville Senior Center is participating in an Academic Challenge-style trivia contest and we need you on our team! Participants will compete against over 30 other area senior centers in Northeast

Ohio. Compete on January 21, 2020 at 3 pm at the Senior Center to move onto the regional competition. Those interested in participating please call (440) 353-0828 to register. For more information, please visit themindchallenge.com.

Get Fit! Exercise Class

Enjoy a morning class of fun exercises to loosen, tone and strengthen those muscles. Join our Fitness Instructor, Diane Mehlman, for class Mondays from 9-9:45 am. All exercises can be done to meet your ability and strengths. All exercisers will need a set of 2 or 3# weights, stretch bands and a bottle of water. Cost is \$32.00 per 6 week session. First class is free - stop in and try it! Session 4: November 4, 18, 25, December 2, 9, 16, 2019 (no class 11/5 & 12/10).

Foot Clinic at the Senior Center

Dr. Thomas Emmert, Podiatrist of Total Foot Care, will offer a Foot Clinic at the Senior Center on December 11, 2019 between 8-11 am. Patients are seen on a first-come, first-serve basis. If it is your first visit, please contact Dr. Emmert's office at 216-529-1800 to insure they have the necessary information.

Take a Trip Down Memory Lane

We are looking to join in with the area Senior Centers doing trivia and are in search of interested individuals that would like to play along. The other Senior Centers are Westlake, North Olmsted, Bay Village and

Rocky River; each facility hosts a day of trivia and is played 1:30-3:30 pm (2 hours). Teams consist of a maximum of 6 players, but not necessary; if you don't have 5 other people to form a team you will be matched with others in the same situation. If interested, please call the Senior Center at 353-0828 for further information or to register.

Health Insurance Counseling

Health Insurance Counseling is available by appointment only at the Senior Center. To arrange for a counseling appointment, call (440) 353-0856 or (440) 353-0857.

Freestyle Art Group Meets on Wednesdays

Are you interested in art or just enjoy painting freestyle? Our watercolor enthusiasts gather for painting and fun on Wednesday mornings and would love to have you join their group. If interested, just bring your paints and stop by the Senior Center any Wednesday morning from 9:30 am-12 pm.

Canasta Anyone?

If you are interested in joining the fun group that meets on Wednesdays for an afternoon of fellowship and fun from 1-4 pm, please call Shelly at (440) 353-0835.

Line Dancing Classes

Ronna Murray and her line dancing classes are in full swing on Tuesdays. Beginners meet from 11:50 am-12:50 pm and Intermediate group steps off

from 1 pm-2 pm. Cost is \$25 for a six-week session. Winter Session: October 29, November 12, 19, 26 and December 3, 17 (no class 11/5 and 12/1).

Euchre and Pinochle Weekly Card Games

Cards are played on Thursdays at 12 noon except on Super Thursdays when all card games begin at 1:30 PM. Join in the fun each week from noon until 4 pm. Refreshments will be served.

Monday Crafts

Everyone is welcome to come on Mondays from 10 am-2 pm to join in the fun, fellowship and the making of special crafts. Bring your ideas or share in ours. A soup lunch including beverage is available for \$.35 at noon.

Mahjongg Meets Every Thursday

"Mahjongg" is an Ancient Chinese Tile Game. This group meets every Thursday at 12


noon (except on Super Thursdays) and always welcomes new members. If you've never played, we offer instruction as to how to play the game. A player's card is required for a small fee.

Puzzle Exchange

Puzzled by what to do with those completed puzzles? The Senior Center hosts its monthly puzzle exchange the last Tuesday of every month from 11 am until noon. Bring your stack of completed puzzles and exchange with others (limit of 3 puzzles per person). No fees, just come down and pick up some puzzles!

Blood Pressure Checks

Walk in and have your blood pressure checked by one of our friendly retired volunteer nurses on the 3rd Wednesday of each month between 10 am-noon at the Senior Center. The is no charge for this service and is on a first-come, first-serve basis.



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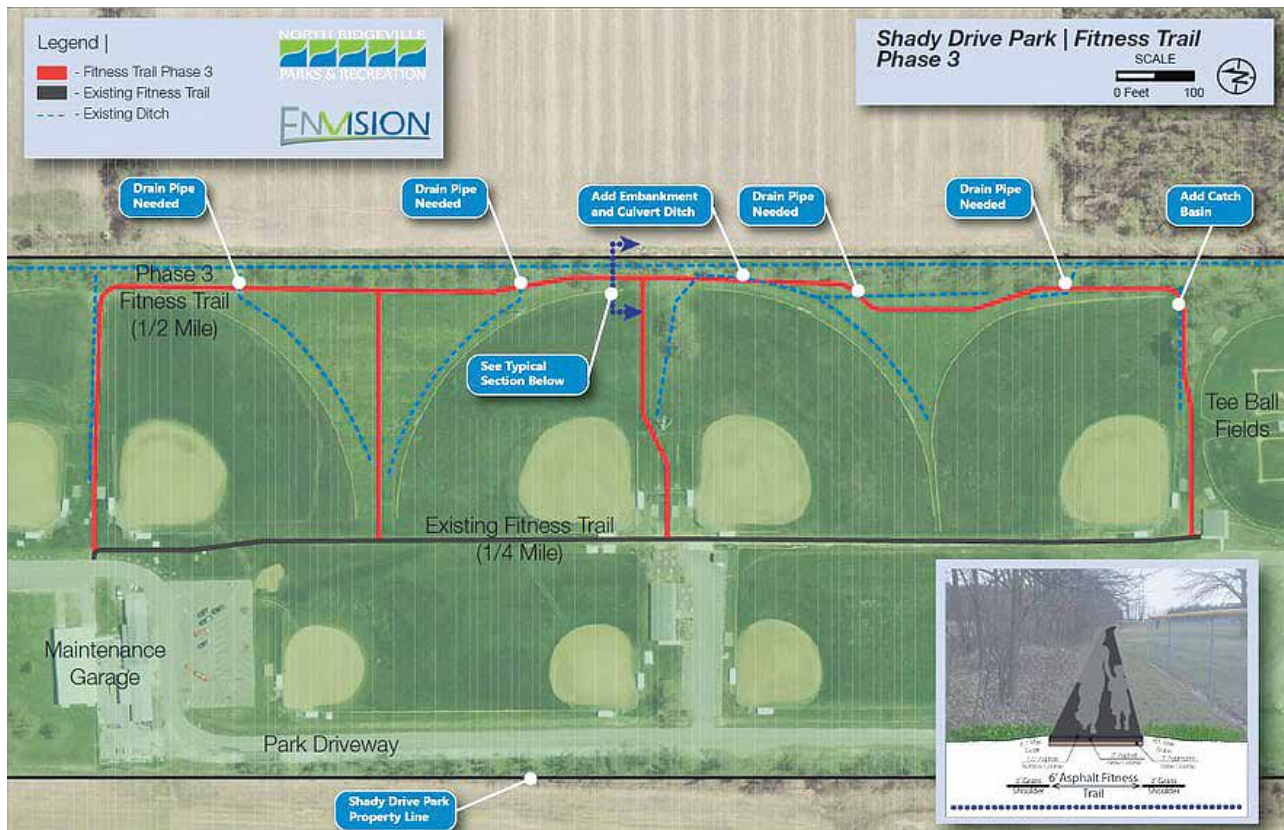
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Park & Recreation Department Announce Grant to Finish Shady Drive Complex Fitness Trail

On November 12 the North Ridgeville Parks & Recreation Department was awarded \$67,482 from ODNR NatureWorks Grant Program. The grant money will be utilized to finish our Fitness Trail at Shady Drive Complex.

The trail will be 6 ft. wide and 3/4 of a mile long.

We wanted to share this exciting news with our residents and we look forward to having another trail added to our parks.



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**Guest Speaker
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On Friday, November 15, Jayne Flores visited Mr. Karl Roshong's Broadcast Journalism class at the high school. Flores, the sister of high school teacher Ms. Jill Poyle, spoke about her journalism and broadcasting experiences. Flores began her career as a reporter in Illinois and later continued her broadcasting and journalism career in Guam. Flores is currently the Director of Bureau of Women's Affairs in Guam for Governor Lourdes Leon Guerrero.



North Ridgeville Schools Ranger Round-Up

Local News Anchor Visits NRAC Elementary

Earlier this week, WOIO Channel 19 meteorologist Jon Loufman visited students at the North Ridgeville Academic Center Elementary School. Loufman educated students about minerals and rocks.



NRHS Key Club Rakes Leaves

On Saturday, November 9 morning, members from the high school Key Club raked leaves for those who needed extra help cleaning up their yards. Awesome job, students! #RangerSTRONG



Monster Mash at Ridgeville Manor!

Great job by the cast of "Monster Mash Murder Mystery at Ridgeville Manor." Toby Grendzynski played Frank N. Stein, and for once, interacted with Principal Tom Szendry outside of his office (just kidding!) The kids (and Principal Szendry) were awesome. @NRCS_Supt @NRCSRangers



NRAC Students Volunteer at Northridge Health Center

On November 12, the North Ridgeville Academic Center 3-8 Student Council visited the Northridge Health Center and made Thanksgiving crafts with the residents.



NRHS Veterans Assembly

November 8, North Ridgeville High School honored those who served our country by hosting a Veterans Assembly. Veterans were provided lunch and were recognized at the assembly. The District is thankful for our veterans.



Pancakes with Santa

On December 7 from 8 a.m. to noon join Santa for pancakes at North Ridgeville High School, 34600 Bainbridge Rd. Sponsored by the Key Club and Kiwanis. Tickets are Adults: \$7, Children (8 & under): \$6 and Children (2 & under): Free. *Buy early and save (\$1 less/ticket). Proceeds will support a family in need. There will be crafts for kids and a Chinese raffle. Contact North Ridgeville High School Key Club on the Main Office of the High School for tickets. Tickets are limited.

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6th Grades Students Share Soil Knowledge

6th grade students share their knowledge about soil with the Royal botanical gardens in Canada. #RangerStrong #OhioDLA

5th Grade Students Share Solar System Knowledge

5th grade students share their knowledge of the solar system with Science Central in Indiana. The science on a sphere program provides video images of the planets. #OhioDLA #RangerStrong



LCCC Named as one of Top 150 Community Colleges by Aspen Institute

The Aspen Institute has announced that **Lorain County Community College (LCCC)** is an **Aspen Prize Top 150 U.S. Community College**.

"This designation by the prestigious Aspen Institute is quite an honor, and a true indicator of LCCC's continued commitment and progress toward student success," said LCCC President Marcia Ballinger, Ph.D.

As one of the 150 top community colleges, LCCC is eligible to compete for the **\$1 million Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence**, the nation's signature recognition of high achievement and performance among America's community colleges.

Based on strong performance and continued improvements in student outcomes — including graduation rates, employment rates, earnings, and equity — 15 percent of community colleges nationwide have been invited to apply for the Aspen Prize — and LCCC is just one of three Ohio community colleges to be among those contenders. The other two Ohio colleges named are Cuyahoga County Community College and Ohio State University's Newark Campus. "LCCC has made student success, that means success in academics and in careers, a top priority. We have redesigned programs and systems to best meet the needs of our students today, while building a highly skilled workforce to meet the needs of employers and drive our economy," Ballinger said.

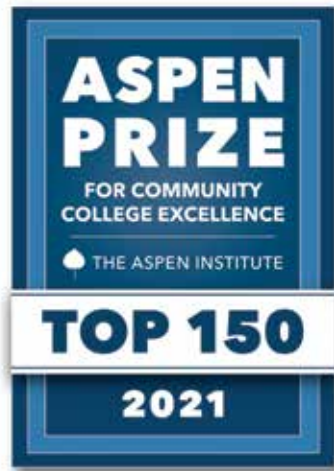
The 150 community colleges named today are eligible to compete for the 2021 Aspen Prize and were selected from a pool of nearly 1,000 public two-year colleges nationwide using publicly available data on student outcomes. Located in 39 states in urban, rural, and suburban areas, serving as few as 500 students and as many as 75,000 students, these colleges represent the diversity and depth of the community college sector.

Data show that over the last two years, student retention, graduation rates, and degree completion have improved at the top tier of 150 Aspen Prize-eligible colleges. Locally, Lorain County Community College has seen a 93 percent increase in the number of degrees and certificates awarded since 2011.

LCCC's recently adopted new strategic plan **Vision 2025**, sets a bold target for another 10,000 degrees awarded by 2025. This number of additional degrees will raise education and skill levels meeting employers' workforce needs within high growth sectors of information technology, healthcare, advanced manufacturing, and others.

"This is an extraordinary recognition of the College's focus on providing this community with access to high quality, affordable education that aligns with careers and jobs in growing sectors. We've made great progress, but in this rapidly changing economy we have more work to do," said Ballinger.

See full story online at www.NorthRidgevilleReview.com



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LCCC Apprenticeships

LCCC partners with local organizations and employers to provide support and training in a variety of apprenticeship programs. Registered Apprentice Programs require a partnership effort between companies, students and educational providers. The Nord Advanced Technology Center (NATC) housed in LCCC's Engineering, Business and Information Technologies division is an approved education provider for Registered Apprenticeship Programs.



LCCC is also an Approved State Registered Apprentice sponsor. This means that in addition to providing academic support to your employees as they venture through their apprenticeship journey, we can also provide administrative support to your company, saving your company valuable time.

Apprenticeship Programs: LCCC offers apprenticeships in the following but not limited to: Automation • CNC Machining • Electrical • Emergency Medical Services (EMS) • Maintenance • Pipefitter • State Tested Nurse Assistant (STNA) • Tool & Die

LCCC Can Support Your Company's Apprenticeship Program: LCCC provides the infrastructure and support to help you and your company recruit, develop and retain great employees.

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Company-Sponsored Apprenticeships: Our team can also provide the above services to companies interested in sponsoring their own employees.

Employees or Students Interested in Apprenticeships: An apprenticeship is a great way to gain valuable on-the-job training, learn marketable skills, and increase your earning potential. We can help you get started today at LCCC.

Learn More: To learn more, please contact Chrissy Cooney at (440) 366-4325 or visit the Ohio Department for Jobs and Family Services.

NORTH RIDGEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Family Fun Story Time:

Fall Session Two: Stories, music, finger plays and activities for families with children ages 2 to 6. Preregistration required. Wed, November 20, 1 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. • Wed, November 27, 1 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Leggo@ Fun Day: Come build with us! The library supplies the blocks and you supply the ideas and creations. Intended for ages 5 and up. Preregistration required. Fri, November 29, 11 a.m. - noon

Vitalant Blood Drive: Donate blood today. Please eat before you donate. Sign up online and earn hero points at vitalant.org/OhioDonorPortal. Use sponsor code nrlibrary. Walk-ins are welcome, but must have a valid photo ID. For more information visit vitalant.org or call 888-258-4825. You can also call the library to reserve an appointment. Fri, November 29, 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

NaNoWriMo Write-ins: Join us for National Novel Writing Month as we put pen to paper and fingers to keys. Bring your own writing tools and plot to your heart's content. Sat, November 23, 1 p.m. • Sat, November 30, 1 p.m.

Family Engineering Night: Families with school-age children will enjoy this fun, friendly engineering competition that challenges their STEM skills. Please consider registering for our other Family Engineering Nights on Jan. 6 and Feb. 3. Preregistration required. Mon, December 2, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Ugly Holiday Sweater Party for Tweens and Teens: Bring a sweater or other top to make your own ugly sweater for holiday parties or just for fun! Limit one garment per person. Intended for tweens and teens ages 9 and up.

Preregistration required. Wed, December 4, 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Drop-In Tech Help: Come with your basic tech questions and get hands-on help. Wed, December 4, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. • Mon, December 16, 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. • Mon, January 20, 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. • Wed, February 5, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. • Mon, February 17, 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Holiday Family Story Time: Join us for a special evening story time filled with cozy stories and songs that will get you in the mood for the upcoming holidays. Intended for families with children ages 2 to 6. Preregistration required. Thu, December 5, 6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

Browser's Reading Buddies: Children ages 5 to 10 sit and read to a therapy dog for a 15 minute session. Call the library at 440-327-8326 to register. Sat, December 7, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. • Sat, January 4, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. • Sat, February 1, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

North Ridgeville Writers: Come and join us in this pressure free and friendly writing group. Engage in writing exercises and peer critiques, as well as support for whatever project you are working on. Preregistration required. Sat, December 7, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. • Sat, December 21, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. • Sat, January 4, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. • Sat, January 18, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. • Sat, February 1, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. • Sat, February 15, 1 p.m. • Sat, February 29, 1 p.m.

Cecilia Ilg McKay- A Holiday on the Ridge Event: Before the annual tree lighting, join us as harpist Cecilia Ilg McKay performs a variety of holiday and traditional music. Enjoy free hot chocolate and cookies in the front

bay window. Sat, December 7, 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

North Coast Division of the National Model Railroaders Association Train Display: Members of the North Coast Division of the National Model Railroaders Association will share some of their favorite model trains. Families can enjoy a variety of "Polar Express" inspired activities while supplies last. Sat, December 7, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Creating with Creative Bug: Learn the basics of this free library resource for craft and art video lessons. Preregistration required. Mon, December 9, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Surviving the Stress of the Holidays: Join Rebecca Jones, Director of the Adult Behavioral Health Services at the Nord Center, as she addresses common challenges and stresses associated with the holiday season. She'll share easy strategies and coping mechanisms to help everyone overcome the chaos of the holidays. Preregistration required. Mon, December 9, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Book Buddies - Adult Book Discussion: Dec. 11 "Mr. Dickens and his Carol" by Samantha Silva, Jan. 8 "The Burgess Boys" by Elizabeth Strout, Feb. 12 "Beloved" by Toni Morrison. Would you like to spend an afternoon each month discussing a great book and making friends? Check out our book discussion group! Copies of the book are available at the library. Preregistration required. Wed, December 11, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. • Wed, January 8, 1 a.m. - 2 p.m. • Wed, February 12, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Coding Club: Explore computer programming in a fun, col-

laborative environment! Newbies and experienced coders alike are welcome. Best for children in grades 3 to 6. Preregistration required. Thu, December 12, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. • Thu, January 9, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. • Thu, February 13, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Adapted Story Time: Children with varying learning styles and abilities enjoy a program with stories, songs, games and a social time. While content is geared for ages 3 to 7, all ages are welcome. Parents and siblings are welcome to attend. Please consider registering for our other Adapted Story Times on Jan. 25 and Feb. 22. Preregistration required. Sat, December 14, 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.



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