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Mayor Kevin Corcoran: *A Vision for North Ridgeville*



"There is tremendous opportunity here..."

North Ridgeville Mayor Kevin Corcoran presented his first State of the City address before a packed house at the North Ridgeville Academic Center the afternoon of Friday, Jan. 10.

Taking office just 9 days earlier, the new mayor offered words of gratitude, confidence and a vision for the future of the community.

His mission statement:

'The Vision I have for our City is to BE the best community in Northeastern Ohio to live, work and play. Where residents and city employees DO everything possible to create an environment of safety, healthy growth and community. And that we HAVE a City that is inviting, safe, family-friendly and interesting to new and existing businesses.'

Mayor Corcoran's appearance was sponsored by the North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau.

"Mayor Kevin Corcoran's first State of the City luncheon and speech gave insight and excitement for the future of our city. Thank you to all who could attend!" said Chamber President Marjorie Snyder.

The audience of about 250 guests welcomed the new mayor warmly. City, county and business leaders and dignitaries listened intently as Mayor Corcoran commended the career of outgoing Mayor Gillock and thanked him for his leadership and service.

That service, said Mayor Corcoran, is evinced in many of the community's assets, including safety.

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LCCC: A Look at the University Partnership Ridge Campus

Lorain County Community College is the college of first choice for the entire community.

LCCC has served **one in four** county residents and impacts greater than **50 percent of Lorain County households**.

Sixty-one percent of Lorain County high school graduates start their college experience with LCCC.

And, in 2019, 43 percent of all Lorain County high school graduates earned some college credit **BEFORE** high school graduation. This **saved families \$6.5 million** in college costs!

LCCC serves more than 10,000 students enrolling each year, along with 3,000-plus students taking **University Partnership** courses to earn bachelor and master degrees, benefiting from affordable tuition that is among the lowest in the state.

The **University Partnership Ridge Campus**, located at 32121 Lorain Road in North Ridgeville, is a vital component of the LCCC success story.

UPRC launched on Jan. 7, 2013. In its seven years, 3,500 LCCC students have enrolled in courses at UPRC. Another 400-plus students take



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part in the **University Partnership** with **The University of Toledo** and **The University of Akron**.

UPRC also uniquely serves North Ridgeville Schools Ranger High Tech Academy, where students take **College Credit Plus** and other courses like **Digital Fabrication**.

Leading the UPRC Campus are **Joe Martin, Co-**

ordinator – **LCCC University Partnership Ridge Campus**, and **Karen Tomcko**, Career and Advising Professional School and Community Partnerships.

"LCCC is critical to the economy, delivering programs that people need to prepare for jobs of today in healthcare, information technology, engineering,

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Mayor Kevin Corcoran and former Mayor Dave Gillock

Mayor Kevin Corcoran: *A Vision for North Ridgeville*

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The city is the fifth safest in the state and also one of the fastest-growing - leading the way in northeast Ohio.

The opening of a new fire station last year supplements resident security in a big way,” said the mayor. “It is more than a fire station. It is a headquarters.”

Adding continuity to the administration, he thanked continuing Safety-Service Director Jeffery Armbruster and other administration members for their community loyalty and commitment into the new administration.



Dr. Glen Faircloth, Supt. Lorain County JVS and Roxann Caserio, Supt. North Ridgeville Schools



John O'Neill, O'Neill Healthcare and State Rep. Gayle Manning



North Ridgeville Academic Center

Calling himself the “Number One cheerleader in town,” he described his run for office as the toughest job interview he has ever faced. But the honor of serving as mayor is, he said, “an awesome opportunity and responsibility.”

Looking forward, Mayor Corcoran reasonably expects that the state’s prediction of completing Center Ridge Road renovations will be accomplished this year. He thanked the businesses that have stayed the course and encourages shoppers to patronized these merchants.

With over 300 building permits issued last year, Mayor Corcoran plans to pursue the creation of an Economic Development Director position.

There is no slowing down as Discount Drug Mart plans to build at Bagley and Lorain and has even agreed to explore architectural coordination with neighboring Danbury Senior Living - one of two new senior living facilities to open this year.

Other highlights: A new “Story Walk” in collaboration with North Ridgeville Library at South Central Park and a new playground at the soccer fields. A new round-a-bout at Chester Road and State Route 83 will connect Lorain and Chester roads and the Ranger



County Commissioners Lori Kokoski and Sharon Sweda with Cindy Breda, Lorain County JVS

Way project will go out to bid to connect to Bainbridge Road.

Infrastructure needs will be addressed, with roads ranked in terms of first need. Water lines, street aesthetics and much more are formulating in the framework of the new Corcoran Administration. With just nine days of service under his belt as the city’s new leader, Mayor Corcoran made his goals clear. “I’m setting the bar high and my expectations high,” he said. “I want us to be the best community in Northeast Ohio.”

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2019 was a busy year for the North Ridgeville Fire Department. The department responded to 3,799 emergencies last year. That's over a 16% increase in the last 5 years! In addition to the over 10 emergencies per day, they spent countless hours training, educating, and everything in between. Thank you North Ridgeville for your support. Here's to a safe and healthy 2020! Stay up to date with the North Ridgeville Fire Department from their Facebook page at: www.Facebook.com/NRidgevilleFD

Photos by the North Ridgeville Fire Department



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Walk indoors for free at Liberty Elementary School and stay out of the winter weather. Liberty Elementary School, located at 5700 Jaycox Road in North Ridgeville, will be open for free indoor walking on Thursdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. beginning January 9-March 26. No membership is required and all ages are invited to join. You are welcome to join a walk whenever you have time in your schedule; a weekly commitment is not necessary. The North Ridgeville Heart and Sole Challenge is a community-based health and wellness initiative designed to improve the cardiovascular health and overall well-being of those who live and work in North Ridgeville by encouraging healthier lifestyles through access to physical fitness and good nutrition. For more information on Heart and Sole visit www.NRHeartandSole.com and find North Ridgeville Heart and Sole on Facebook.

NRFD Firefighter/Paramedic
Grant Gradisek Sworn In



On the evening of January 2, new Mayor, Kevin Corcoran, swore in newest Firefighter/Paramedic Grant Gradisek. Welcome Grant!



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advanced manufacturing, skilled trades and business. Additionally, LCCC partners with area employers to keep our workforce up to date,” reports Martin. “Over 85 percent of LCCC graduates live and work in the region.”

LCCC has the highest student success rate of any community college in Ohio. LCCC is also recognized nationally, as evidenced by it recent recognition as one of the **Top 150** community colleges in the country by the prestigious **Aspen Institute**.

The school has seen a 94 percent increase in the number of individuals earning degrees and certificates since 2011. Contributing to that role today is the **University Partnership Ridge Campus**.

“Healthcare is a large component of our services,” said Martin. “Our EMT/Paramedic program is always full and it represents our main focus to serve the needs of the community. These are programs that fit the needs of both our students and the community as a whole.”

The **Patient Simulation Learning Center** for Allied Health and Nursing programs at UPRC fills a uniquely important role.

The **Health Simulation Center** offers programming for numerous healthcare disciplines to promote the delivery of safe patient care.

Computer assisted virtual patients on site allow for computer aided medical training procedures and can even simulate labor in a patient.

The center serves to promote education to the students of Lorain County Community College, but is also open to serve

the healthcare population at large.

“LCCC also produces the most highly trained first-responders that keep our community safe and healthy,” said Martin of the Paramedic/EMT Program.

Since 2013, UPRC has served over 1,100 students including college-level nursing, emergency medicine, occupational therapy, and medicine. It also involves numerous high school and middle school groups from surrounding communities.

Other programs offered at UPRC include **business and IT** certificates and degrees and the digital forensics and computer application integration specialist programs.

One of the University Partnership programs that is located at UPRC is **The University of Toledo's** Computer Science and Engineering bachelor degree. The program is a combined four-year computer science and electrical engineering degree. One of only 8 in the country.

The Bachelor's degree from the **University of Akron** is a Bachelor's of Science Degree in “Computer Information Systems.”

The Campus also welcomes the community with 5,000 visits annually to computer labs and public spaces that are open to residents.

University Partnership Ridge Campus allows students to begin almost any degree or certificate program with its wide variety of general education programs.



Administrator Joe Martin is on hand to personally insure the success of each student at UPRC.

Students are also able to complete several degree programs with courses offered on site and or online.

“We are number one in student success,” said Tomcko. “Students can come here and take classes before they go on to a four-year program, or they can stay local at UPRC and pursue one of the 15 University Partnership degrees here.”

LCCC and UPRC have formulated a groundwork of success that is both local and affordable.



Patient Simulation Learning Center



State-of-the-art computer labs



University Partnership



Want to see what LCCC UPRC has for you? Please visit LorainCCC.edu/Ridge.

Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degree programs are transfer degrees designed for students who continue their education after LCCC. The degrees do not have specific majors, but can be tailored to apply to different majors at the bachelor's degree level at the LCCC University Partnership and other universities.

Martin, whose ongoing assessment of programs and services for the community, concludes that UPRC is designed to fit the prospective student where he/she is at. The University Partnership Ridge Campus allows students to begin almost any degree or certification program with its wide variety of general education program. Students are able to complete several degree programs with courses offered both on-site and/or online.

About UPRC

The University Partnership Ridge Campus (UPRC) of LCCC provides local residents with what they need to succeed in the 21st century – easy access, high quality, affordable associate and bachelor degrees. UPRC is conveniently located in North Ridgeville on Lorain Road adjacent to the Interstate 480 East entrance ramp and provides access to residents in North Ridgeville, Avon, Eaton Township, Olmsted Township, Columbia Station, North Olmsted and Westlake. Comprehensive student services, including admissions, course registration, and the Accuplacer Assessment are available at the University Partnership Ridge Campus. Academic advising is available by appointment. A bank of computers are available in the lobby during regular office hours for students, faculty, staff and community use. Both Windows and Apple computers are available.

Computer Science and Engineering Partnership at UPRC

The University of Toledo's Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) degree is one of the flagship programs at the University Partnership Ridge Campus. The University of Toledo's College of Engineering was recently ranked as one of the top four engineering programs in the state of Ohio by the Princeton Review. Graduates of the CSE program find careers in the aerospace, automotive, chemical, communication, electronics, manufacturing, and processing industries as well as in government and education. Computer engineers design both the hardware and software for automotive test equipment, biomedical instrumentation, computer networking, computer-aided design systems, computer vision systems, robotics and more.

To schedule an individual advising appointment with Program Director Adrienne Aguilar, please call (440) 366-7678.

Academic Programs

UPRC includes a Patient Simulation Learning Center for Health and Wellness programs, including the Accelerated Paramedic Program. Other programs offered at the UPRC include business and IT certificates and degrees, the digital forensics and computer application integration specialist programs.

UPRC is proud to host The University of Toledo's Computer Science and Engineering Bachelor of Science program, offered through the LCCC University Partnership.

Advanced Digital Forensics Institute

The Advanced Digital Forensics Institute (ADFI) provides Digital Forensics services to various government agencies and private companies. Its primary service is investigation into data loss and computer misuse. ADFI also provides office and lab space and makes technology available to the students in the Digital Forensics academic programs at LCCC.



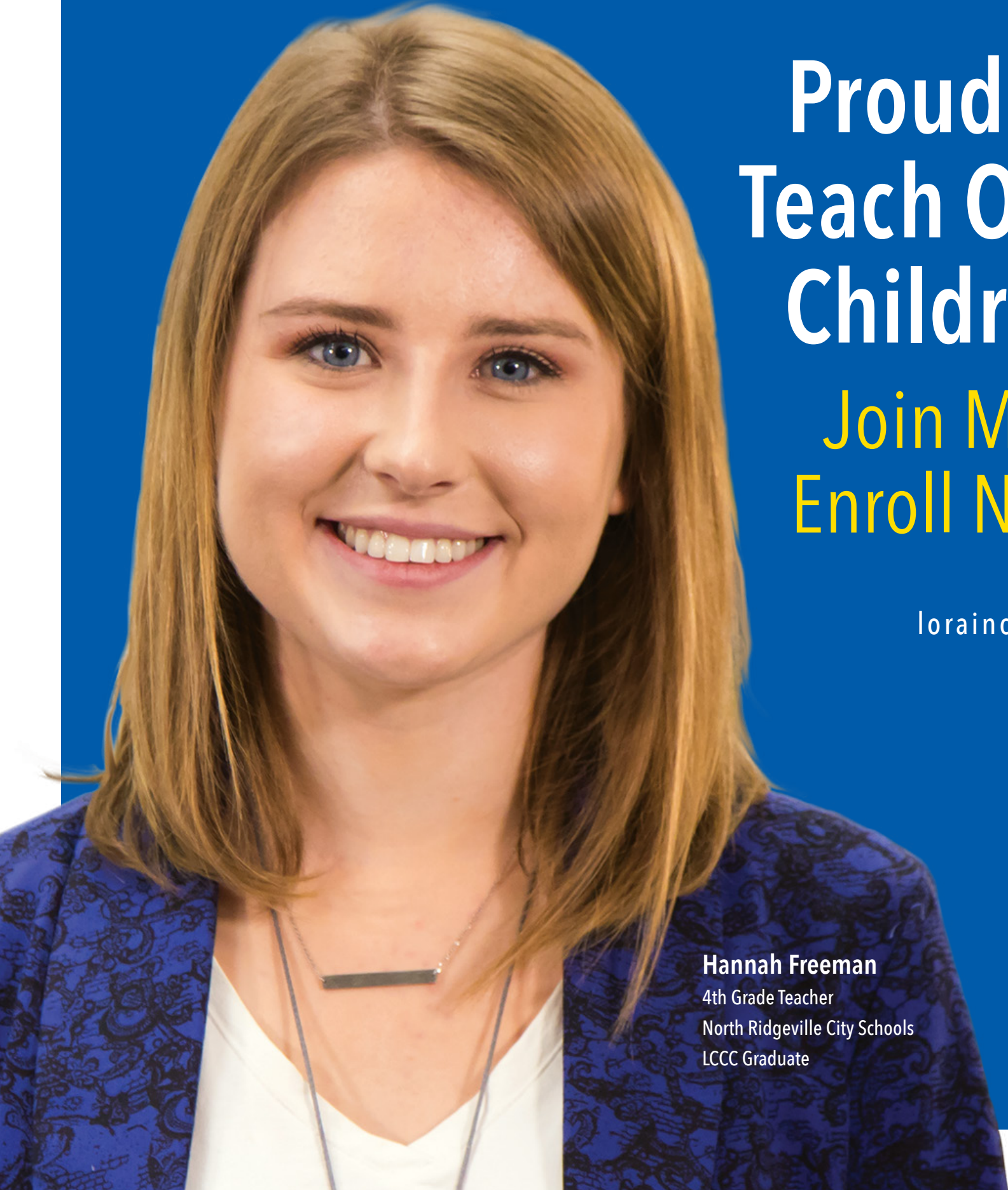


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Debate Night Takes Place at Academic Center

On December 16, eighth-grade students from the North Ridgeville Academic Center held a Patriots versus Loyalists debate. Using their knowledge of content learned in social studies about the American Revolution and language arts skills on how to prepare for public speaking, students debated about why they should be loyal to Britain or why they should revolt.



RHTA Students Perform City-Wide for the Holidays



Ranger High-Tech Academy students perform for residents at Northridge Health Center.

This week, students in the 5-8 choir and 6-8 band from Ranger High-Tech Academy performed holiday songs for residents at Northridge Health Center, O'Neill Healthcare, and Life Care Center. What a great job by the students to spread holiday cheer! Photo Credit: RHTA PTO Facebook

RHTA Gives Back to Community Care



The Ranger High-Tech Academy held a fundraiser for North Ridgeville Community Care, collecting items such as non-perishable food, new toys, and gently used/new winter gear. Students collected over 450 items for those in need this holiday season!

NRAC Studio Holds Victorian Celebration

Students in Ms. Koehler's seventh-grade Blue Studio Advanced Language Arts class have been reading *A Christmas Carol*. On December 19, students transformed into a character from the book and engaged in entertainment they worked hard to create, including games, interactive timelines, newspapers, a slideshow, and a music playlist!



Students Learn History Through Theatrical Performance



Through The Center for Arts - Inspired Learning, six fourth-graders - Riley Marlow, Josh Rothacker, Sophie Lukachinsky, Cayley Ann Anderson, Evan Poling, and Amelia Daniels, took part in the performance of *The Last Fugitive Slave*, a re-enactment of the true story of Lucy Bagby, a runaway slave captured in Cleveland amid the protests of local abolitionists. Students worked with Robin Pease from The Center of the Arts - Inspired Learning. The performance helped students learn about the experiences of African Americans under the institution of slavery.

RHTA Now Accepting Applications for 2020-2021

The Ranger High-Tech Academy is now accepting applications for the 2020-2021 academic school year. Applications are due by Sunday, March 1, 2020. To fill out the application if you are interested in enrolling your student at the Ranger High-Tech Academy visit: <http://bit.ly/2R4SoNa>.



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Upon moving into Danbury, you will be given a housewarming basket, and a \$100 gift card to our in-house sa-

lon! Your new Arbor club member status will allow you \$1,500 off your rent for the first 3 months!

In totality, this package is an amazing value of \$5,500! All members will receive special recognition at the North Ridgeville Grand Opening Event. To solidify your membership, move-in must occur within the first 45 days of the opening of Danbury North Ridgeville.

You can schedule an appointment and view our floor plan options that will fit your lifestyle and budget! Please call Rachel Wheeler at 440-546-3797 or email Courtney Stanislaw at cstanislaw@danburyseniorliving.com and be sure to visit us online at www.danburyseniorliving.com to learn more about the Danbury Difference!



North Ridgeville Garden Club February Meeting

The Garden Club of North Ridgeville will meet February 11, 2020 at 6 p.m. at the North Ridgeville Public Library on Bainbridge Road in North Ridgeville. Our speaker for the evening will be Pam Sikora known as Nature Pam. Her program will be on Yellowstone: Beauty of the Land with historical, current facts, personal experiences and pictures she took in the park. We welcome guests and anyone interested in joining the club. For info, please call 440-365-8522 or check out the web site www.NorthRidgevilleGardenClub.com.

Daddy Daughter Dance

Enjoy an evening all dressed up with your special little girl on February 8 from 7-9 p.m. Have fun dancing and playing games with our DJ. Light refreshments will be served and there will be plenty of dancing and a photographer to capture the evening full of memories. Register early there is limited space. North Ridgeville Academic Center Cafetorium, 34620 Bainbridge Rd. Ages: K-5th Grade \$30 Resident/\$40 Non-Resident per couple, \$10 for each additional child. Register online at www.nridgeville.org/parksandrec OR North Ridgeville Parks and Rec Office 7327 Avon Belden Rd. Cupcakes to decorate and enjoy by: What the Cupcakes. Sponsored by: Alex Sismour Memorial Fund.

NR Lions Club 2020 Night at the Races

Night at the Races Tickets Available Now! \$25 each. Saturday, January 25, 2020 at St. Clarence Main Hall, 30106 Lorain Road, North Olmsted. Doors open 6:30 p.m., Buffet dinner served 7 p.m. Post time for Races 8 p.m. Door prizes and raffle baskets. All proceeds benefit the Lions Club of North Ridgeville and the community organizations they support. Come out for a night of fun for a great cause! Now accepting credit card payments as well! To reserve tickets/horses/ads or for additional information, please contact: Lion James Coburn or Lion Joe Arhar, (440) 454-3866, LionsClubofNR@gmail.com. www.NorthRidgevilleLions.org. Dinner, beer, and soda provided (BYOBooze and snacks)

Letter to the Editor

Home Instead Senior Care's "Be a Santa to a Senior" Brings Holiday Joy to 225 Seniors in Lorain County

We at Home Instead Senior Care in North Ridgeville would like to sincerely thank everyone who participated in and contributed to *Be a Santa to a Senior* this holiday season.

Several "Be a Santa to a Senior" trees were placed throughout the Lorain County area and community members generously donated socks, blankets, toiletries and other requested items. Overall, 225 gifts were collected for 220 area seniors. We are grateful to all our volunteers and donors who helped brighten a senior's holiday this year.

We would also like to thank our community partners who were instrumental in the success of this program including Tuffy Tire and Auto Service Centers on Cleveland Street and Leona Street in Elyria, Walmart at Chestnut Commons, Amy's Hallmark in Avon Commons, Avon Brewing Company, Village Market and Bread and Brew in Wellington, City of Elyria Clerk of Courts, Civil, Records and Criminal Departments, Community of Faith United Church of Christ in Elyria, LaPorte United Methodist Church, Elyria Fraternal Order of Eagles 431 and the Elyria Eagle Riders!

Be a Santa to a Senior is a nationwide program that provides gifts and companionship to seniors. Home Instead Senior Care partners with local non-profit and community organizations to identify seniors who might not otherwise receive gifts during the holidays.

To volunteer for next year's program or more information, visit BeaSantaToaSenior.com or call 440-353-3080.

- Marny Fannin, North Ridgeville

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The North Ridgeville Chapter of Working Women Connection is hosting a membership drive on Friday, February 21, 2020.

Join us at Bistro 83 in North Ridgeville, 9:15 am - 10:45 am.

Bring a friend. Bring business cards. Light refreshments will be served.



Soup for Spirit Fundraiser

North Ridgeville Community Care's Annual Fundraiser, Soup for the Spirit will be held on Sat., Feb. 22 at Elegant Assets, 1514 Lake Avenue in Elyria. Cocktail hour will be at 6 p.m. and dinner served at 7 p.m. This fundraiser provides financial support for a large portion of services rendered to the North Ridgeville community throughout the year.

This year's guest speaker is Danielle Wiggins from WKYC and with music from EnterShanement.

Back by popular demand is the strolling magician, David Garza.

There will be raffle baskets, 50/50, side boards, a "Soup Bowl pull" and so much more!

For tickets, raffle basket donations and sponsorship information, please contact Georgia Awig at 440-724-7246 or georgia.awig@gmail.com.

"We look forward to sharing an evening of fun and fellowship with you!"

The Olde Towne Hall Theatre Presents Sister Act

Sister Act is the feel-good musical comedy smash based on the hit 1992 film that has audiences jumping to their feet! When disco diva, Deloris Van Cartier, witnesses a murder, she is put in protective custody in the one place the cops are sure she won't be a found: a convent! Disguised as a nun, she finds herself at odds with both the rigid lifestyle and uptight Mother Superior. Using her unique disco moves and singing talent to inspire the choir, Deloris breathes new life into the church and community but, in doing so, blows her cover. Soon, the gang is giving chase, only to find them up against Deloris and the power of her newly found sisterhood.

Showtimes are Fridays and Saturdays, Feb. 14 - March 7 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 1 at 3 p.m. To reserve seats, please visit our web page <https://oldetownehall.wixsite.com/oldetownehalltheatre/sister-act-showtimes> (*ticket will become available for online purchasing closer to the show dates) or call the theater at (440)-327-2909 and leave a voice-mail containing your name (spelled out), number of tickets needed, for the date you wish to see the show, and your phone number.



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