

# NORTH RIDGEVILLE

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# Review

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## Meet Our “Amazing Shake” Winners!

Four seventh grade students in North Ridgeville City Schools were named The Amazing Shake Champions for the 2022-23 school year. These students competed in three rounds of stations that put their manners to the test. Community members, administrators and local business owners served as judges for the various stations during the different rounds where students were given scores on their handshake, maintaining eye contact, interviewing skills, their ability to make an appointment over the phone or order pizza and how they handled an angry customer.

All 350 seventh graders participated in round one, which was held in November. The top 65 students moved on to round two in the beginning of February. From there, the top 32 students competed in round three, the final round, where each student chose a local Northeast Ohio non-profit organization and created a presentation to convince a sponsor that their chosen organization



The Amazing Shake Champions for the 2022-23 school year Najha Malid, Lydia Scheiferstein, Jaina Cormack and Marissa Ferner with Supt. of School Roxann Ramsey-Caserio (center).

was worthy of a \$500 donation.

Each winner was announced live at a grade-level assembly held at the North Ridgeville Academic Center on March 13 where they were joined on stage by both their judge (sponsor) for round 3 and a representative from the non-profit receiving the donation.

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## Old Town Hall Ordered Closed by Fire Department

On March 30, the North Ridgeville Fire Chief issued an Order of Closure for Old Town Hall located at 36119 Center Ridge Road. Effective immediately, the building is closed and no access will be granted to members of the public.

“Our priority is the safety of the residents and visitors to our community. This decision is one that

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## Happy Easter!



What better way to celebrate Easter than with a Bunny Brunch surrounded by loved ones and family like that hosted by Danbury Senior Living last Saturday. We wish you all a blessed and Happy Easter as we celebrate the Risen Lord. Happy Easter, everyone! More photos inside on page 7.

## Are Teens Hurting Themselves?

By Owen Krugman, Braxdon Andrassy and Nick Mealey, North Ridgeville Stem High School

Adolescence is a time of change for teens, and it can be a challenging time filled with unpredictable emotions and peer pressure. Unfortunately, some teens engage in behaviors that can have negative consequences on their physical, emotional, and mental health. These actions include excessive social media use, drug and alcohol abuse, and suicide.

### Excessive Social Media Use

The biggest negative influence among teens is social media. They waste many hours of their day on social media scrolling through videos or snapping people. According to an article published by the Mayo Clinic Health System, kids spend an average of 7.5 hours per day in front of a screen. This can add up to nearly 53 hours a week on social media. Excessive use like this can lead to a lack of sleep and a messed-up sleep schedule overall. This could also lead to doing poorly in school. It has also been reported that excessive use of social media can lead to increased feelings of anxiety and depression.

Social Media platforms like Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok can offer many positive results if used for short periods and if the



North Ridgeville Stem High School students Owen Krugman, 10th Grade, Braxdon Andrassy, 9th Grade and Nick Mealey, 10th Grade

content is controlled. Though the way our teens are abusing it now is not healthy and can have many negative effects. One of the biggest negative effects is the impact on mental health. Studies have shown that excessive social media use is linked to a higher risk of depression, anxiety, and low self-esteem. This could be due to the constant comparison to others that takes place on social media as teens are bombarded with images and posts of their friends living their so-called “perfect lives.” This can lead to feelings of low self-worth. Additionally, social media can also be a source of cyberbullying, and it can affect teens physically.

Another negative effect of social media is its impact on physical health. Many teens who spend a lot of time on social media are more likely to be inactive, which can lead to weight gain, poor nutrition, and a lack of physical fitness. Additionally, the blue light put out by screens can disrupt sleep patterns, leading to fatigue, irritability, and difficulty concentrating. Excess screen time and gaming can lead to gaining weight in several ways. First, when people spend a lot of time sitting in front of screens, they tend to be less physically active overall. Secondly, screen time and gaming promote unhealthy eating habits such as snacking on high-calorie foods or eating larger portions than they would otherwise. Finally, screen time and gaming can disrupt sleep

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patterns. People who spend a lot of time in front of screens may be more likely to stay up late playing games or watching TV, which can mess with teens' sleep schedule.

### Drug and Alcohol Abuse

Though it is a big problem, social media is not the only negative behavior that adolescent teens are exposed to. Teens are exposed to drugs and alcohol at very young ages to where they don't know how bad it can affect them. Ann H. Crowe states "Teens who abuse drugs and alcohol are also more likely to engage in risky behavior and make poor decisions that can lead to accidents, injuries, and even death". At first, teens may not see the risk, but over time they can develop behaviors that are even riskier for their health. Teens can prevent some of these actions by trying to stay away from the habits, or when they are under the influence, try to think about how they would act sober.

Teens don't just gain negative habits from consuming drugs and alcohol; they can also gain mental health issues and diseases. Teens can gain any mental health issues, ranging from conduct disorders to depression and maybe even suicide. Crowe also talks about this in her article Consequences of Youth Substance Abuse: "Substance-abusing youth are at higher risk than nonusers for mental health problems, including depression, conduct problems, personality disorders, suicidal thoughts, attempted suicide, and suicide". Since drug users are at higher risk for mental health issues, this shows that there are more risks than just

the risks of overdose.

When teens are on drugs or alcohol, they are more sexually active while on drugs. When students are on drugs or alcohol, they are more likely to make risky sexual decisions. Crowe states that "Studies conducted among teens have identified an association between substance use and sexual risk behaviors, such as ever having sex, having multiple sex partners, not using a condom, and pregnancy before the age of 15 years of age". Therefore, teens shouldn't use drugs because it could lead them into making some decisions that are risky to their sexual health and get them into something they are not ready for.

### Effects of Suicide

Both drugs & alcohol and social media will cause negative effects in the adolescent teen, and other people that indulge in both can lead to suicide. Not only is suicide is a tragic and devastating occurrence, it is one of the most leading causes of death in the U.S. to date; in the event that someone commits suicide, it not only affects the individual who takes their own life, but also their friends and family members. Adolescent teens are particularly vulnerable to suicide, and the rise of social media has added a new layer of complexity to this issue. According to Healio Physicality Studies show that because of social media 67% of participants reported feeling worse about their own lives, 73% felt pressured to post content that boosted their appearance to others, 60% felt pressured to tailor content for popularity and likes and 80% reported being affected by social media

drama. When a teen dies by suicide and the news spreads on social media, it can lead to an occurrence called suicide contagion or copycat suicide. This occurs when vulnerable individuals are exposed to information about suicide and are influenced to engage in deliberate self-harm behavior through cutting, burning, or hitting oneself without conscious intent to die or indulge in suicidal behavior themselves. Social media can also contribute to the spread of harmful and inaccurate information about suicide, further exacerbating the problem.

Another negative effect of suicide in adolescent teens with the use of social media is the lasting impact on their online communities. According to The National Library of Medicine, When a teen dies by suicide, their social media accounts become a digital memorial, with friends and family members posting messages of grief and condolence. While this can provide a space for mourning and support, it can also perpetuate a culture of suicide and normalize it as an acceptable solution to these problems. In addition, these online memorials can also trigger painful memories and feelings of grief and loss for those who are struggling with mental health issues, potentially leading to their own suicidal ideation. Overall, suicide in adolescent teens with the use of social media can have a wide-ranging and long-lasting impact on both individuals and communities.

**Ed. Note:** Owen, Braxdon and Nick are part of a group at North Ridgeville Stem High school working on a project trying to raise awareness for bad habits in adolescents. The group wrote an article focusing on how Social Media, Drug and Alcohol Abuse, and Suicide are affecting teens.

## NRCS Receives Auditor of State Award

At Monday's regular board meeting, North Ridgeville City Schools was presented the Auditor of State Award. Treasurer/CFO Michael Pissini, was given this award by Jake Altman, the Northeast Regional Liaison for the Auditor of State's Office, on behalf of Auditor of State Keith Faber.

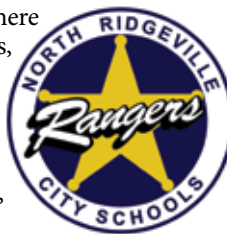
"This award puts the district into the top tier of districts across the state when it comes to financial reporting. Less than 10 percent of almost 6,000 entities we audit across the state receive this award. Everybody pulls together for this and it speaks to the leadership and professionalism of Mr. Pissini and this team," Mr. Altman said.

The award is the highest honor given by the Auditor of State for excellence in accounting, financial reporting, and management. It represents the results of a comprehensive review of accounting practices, internal controls, financial transactions, timeliness of reporting, and compliance with federal and state regulations. Eligibility

for the award includes criteria where there are no instances of findings, citations, material weaknesses, deficiencies, Uniform Grant Guidance findings, questioned costs, and no comments relating to ethics, account reconciliations, and other financial matters.

"The District is committed to ensuring fiscal responsibility, and this award is a testament to the excellent work we do to deliver on the best expectations to the community, and all of our stakeholders. The ongoing goal is to be good stewards of our taxpayers' dollars, and be as efficient, effective, and accurate as we can every day. I'm very proud to accept this award," Mr. Pissini said.

If you have any questions, please contact Manager of Communications and Public Affairs, Brooke Roshong, at brookeroshong@nrccs.net.



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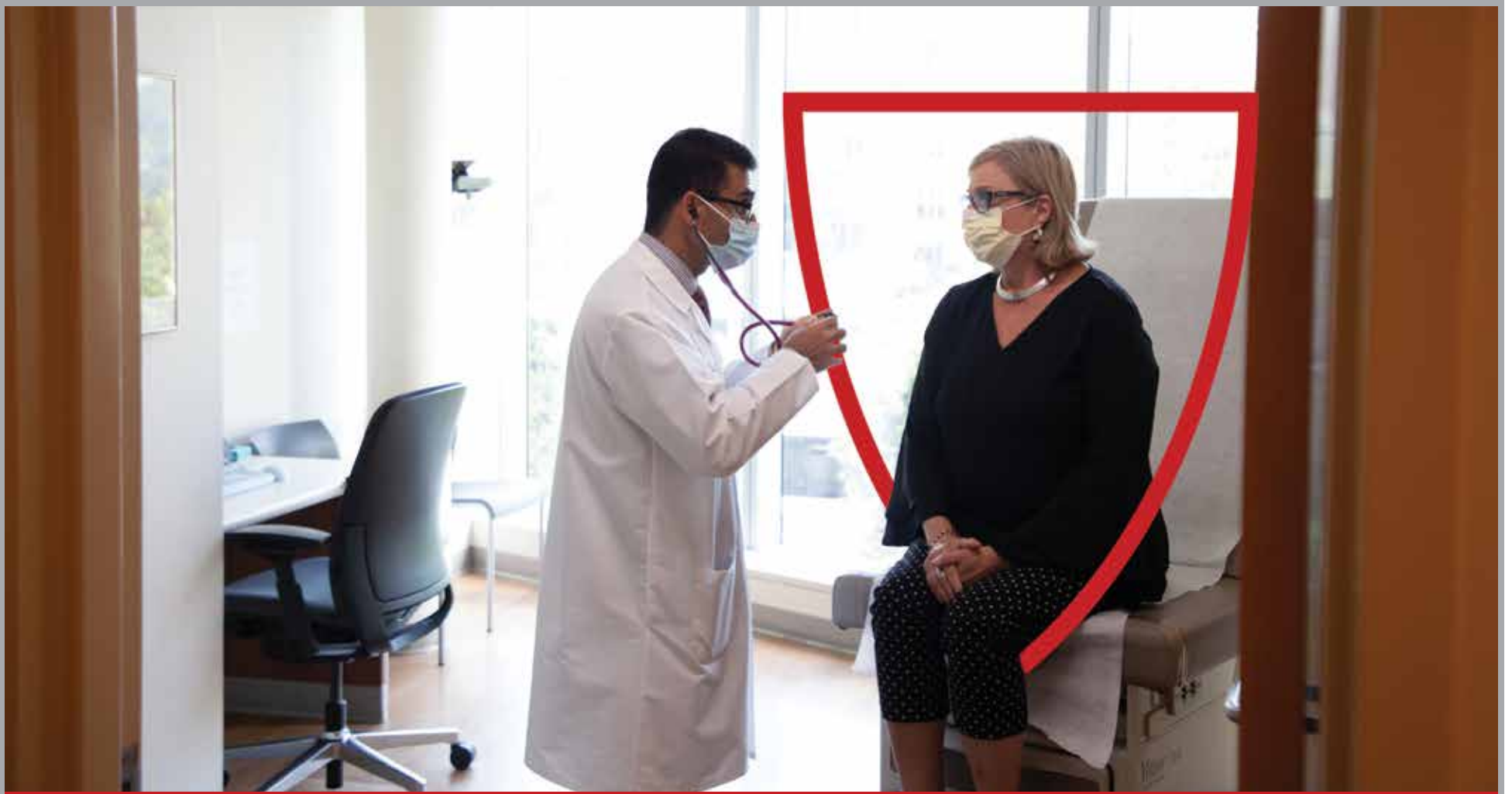


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# NRCS Issue 5 to be Placed on the May Ballot

## Why is this a crucial need now?

• North Ridgeville City Schools is at a critical time regarding space needs. As a short term measure, the district installed trailers to accommodate the current student population. However, even more modular units are needed to adequately serve existing students. These trailers are not ideal for teachers or students. Projected student enrollment shows these needs will only increase.

• North Ridgeville City Schools needs a high school that is almost double the size of the existing school to accommodate the current and future student population, this rules out renovation as a

feasible solution.

• The district is making budget cuts to plan for the installation of temporary modular units to accommodate space needs. Dollars from the general operating fund are being diverted from educational programming to repair the aging and undersized facilities.

• The school district will partner with the State of Ohio through the OFCC and be refunded 25% or \$30-33 million in construction costs. The district will lose this funding if the May 2023 issue is unsuccessful and will be forced to re engage the commission in a new ELPP agreement, taking 18-24 months.

## Is student capacity only an issue at the high school?

School Building	Current Enrollment	Total Capacity	Notes
Liberty Elementary (Grades K-2)	600 Students	520 Students	Converted utility closets, common areas and storage spaces to house students
Academic Center (Grades 3-8)	1,910 Students	2,200 Students	Sized properly for immediate needs and comfortably holds all grade levels
North Ridgeville High School (Grades 9-12)	1,416 Students	900 Students	Converted utility closets, common areas and storage spaces to serve students. Trailers were installed in 2022, with more planned

When the facilities committee met in 2012, the district studied the condition, capacity and growth projections for their community. The district decided that due to the poor condition of the middle school, it should be addressed first, then in 8-10 years the high school and elementary schools would need to be replaced. In 2019, the district put a plan on the ballot that would have solved the space needs. In 2022, overcrowding at the high school and elementary levels has gotten worse. While the middle school operates with room for growth, the high school and elementary are aging and badly undersized.

Ranger High Tech Academy is the only STEM

## What has the school done to maximize space usage in their current buildings?

**Liberty Elementary:** Built additional classrooms inside of the library at Liberty Elementary for music • Converted utility closets into small group rooms for student reading intervention • Walled off the backstage at Liberty Elementary and converted it into a storage space where physical education is also taught

**High School:** Installed one modular trailer to support eight overflow classes • Subdivided the library into 3 additional classrooms • Increased class sizes across the high school • Eliminated electives due to space needs

school offered in Lorain County. This unique program offers students the opportunity for project based learning opportunities with a focus on the fields of science and technology. In order to operate this program, the board of education enacted the open enrollment policy. However, the vast majority of students are North Ridgeville residents, with only around 40 students (Pre-K-12) “open enrolled” from outside the community. This program actually is alleviating the overcrowding issues as students in this program can be pulled out of the High School and Liberty move more freely to other spaces for this program.

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ISSUE 5: WHAT IS ON THE MAY 2 BALLOT FOR NRCS?

Issue 5 is a 8.32 mill bond issue levied for a period of 37 years.

This bond will provide the funds to build:

- a much needed 9-12 high school with an auditorium
- a new K-3 elementary school

(The North Ridgeville Academic Center will become a grades 4-8 building and the Early Childhood Learning Community would be used for Pre-K. This will alleviate the overcrowding situation in all of the district buildings, aside from the new North Ridgeville Academic Center, which still has room for growth.)

The new buildings include:

- ADA accessibility
- updated learning environments
- modern safety and security systems
- classrooms large enough and configured properly for today's education
- up-to-date technology to better meet students' needs
- space to accommodate future growth

The project qualifies for around \$30 million dollars of state funding through the OFCC.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THIS CRUCIAL AND IMMEDIATE ISSUE, PLEASE VISIT [WWW.NRCS.NET](http://WWW.NRCS.NET)

## Community Survey

A broad community survey of 2,200 citizens showed that, 67% of residents believed the high school was insufficient, and 56% of residents thought Liberty elementary school was insufficient for student use.

Following the defeat of Issue 6 and 28 in November of 2022, the district conducted a broad community survey to understand voter decisions based on the outcome. Having analyzed the data, we understand there is strong support to replace the aging and overcrowded school facilities, as long as it is without an attached recreation center.

With this information, the district is focusing this new Issue 5 on addressing the academic spaces that directly impact student performance, instead of incorporating the community recreation facilities. By refocusing around the academic portion of this plan, and simplifying the ballot issue, we hope to achieve the biggest impact in student success, safety and space.

**Survey Takeaways:** The vast majority (over 85%) who took the survey, believed that the school facilities aren't sufficient and supported replacing them. • Many in the community didn't want a community center attached to the high school. • Many in the community didn't understand that the State of Ohio was providing 25% of construction costs and that this will expire in May 2023. • Almost 50% of the 65+ group opposed the community center attached to the school (35% supported).

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# North Ridgeville City Schools

## Issue 5: The Need is Now

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# Old Town Hall Ordered Closed by Fire Department

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we did not reach lightly," said Mayor Kevin Corcoran.

In response to the Fire Department's growing concerns about the safety of the building, the City engaged an independent third party, John Patrick Picard Architect, to conduct a thorough investigation of the building. "Unfortunately, our concerns were confirmed by the report," said Corcoran.

According to the report, "The primary safety concern at this time is the failing electrical system that is currently endangering the occupants and the structure. Secondly, but no less important, the substandard emergency means of egress out of this building, that in the case of an emergency, puts its occupants in harm's way." The report contains the recommendation that the building be taken out of service until those issues are resolved.

Old Town Hall was built in 1883 and used for the

conduct of government activities as well as community events. In 1975 it was added to the National Register of Historic Places. Most recently, it has been home to several community organizations.

"Olde Towne Hall Theatre has been using the building for decades, along with the North Ridgeville Historical Society," said Corcoran. "We are certainly concerned about the preservation of our history, which includes the building and its contents. More so, we are concerned about the people - the members of those groups and their visitors that use that building."

The safety issues noted in the report are extensive and will not be easily or quickly resolved. Any scheduled use of the building is cancelled until further notice.

"We'll do our best to figure out how we can make the building safe to use again in the future. Unfortunately, this will not happen in a short time," said Corcoran.

## We've Been Red-Tagged!

The City of North Ridgeville recently did a thorough inspection of our home- the beloved Old Town Hall, and it was found to be lacking in a few areas. The electrical is a bit scary and there's a matter of fire safety for our upstairs neighbors, the Olde Towne Hall Theatre. For the safety of all concerned this building has been closed until further notice. I know it sounds scary, but we're hoping to be able to resume operations as soon as these issues are addressed.

In the meantime, we're still here plugging away and will continue to be your home for everything historical in your hometown. We'll post any updates we receive and we hope to see you all in person in the near future.

- North Ridgeville Historical Society



## Peaceful & Proud Veterans Pinning Ceremony

Area veterans and their families are invited to a public Veterans Recognition Ceremony including a free lunch hosted in collaboration with the Senior Center and Hospice of the Western Reserve on May 26, 2023. The luncheon will be held at the Senior Center, 7327 Avon Belden Road. Doors will open at 11 AM with the luncheon and program beginning at 11:30 AM. Register through the Senior Center by calling (440) 353-0828 by May 19, 2023.

If you are a veteran and would like to be presented with a special certificate, please include your rank, branch and years of service at the time of registration. Each veteran, with permission, will be individually recognized and thanked for his or her service to the country and presented with a commemorative lapel pin issued by the Ohio Hospice Veterans Partnership.

## Senior Center Spaghetti Dinner, April 28

North Ridgeville Senior Center will host a spaghetti dinner on Friday, April 28, 2023 from 5-7 PM at the Senior Center. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$5 for children 10 and under. Dinner includes spaghetti and meatballs, side salad and bread. Pop and dessert are available for \$1 each. Dine in or take out. Proceeds benefit essential programs at the Senior Center. Thank you to Liston Funeral Home for sponsoring the event.

## Road Construction Begins April 10

### Barres Road Realignment Project

Barres Road realignment project is expected to begin Monday, April 10, 2023. During the construction, Barres Road will be closed at the intersection of Stoney Ridge Road for up to 4.5 weeks. Stoney Ridge Road will remain open during the duration of the project. The project involves the realignment of Barres Road to bring it in line with Ravenna Drive at Stoney Ridge Road. Additional improvements include the widening of Stoney Ridge Road, new asphalt pavement with curbs, storm sewers, utility relocations and new pavement markings. The anticipated completion date is the end of May.



### Center Ridge Road Urban Paving Project

The Ohio Department of Transportation has contracted Karvo to resurface Center Ridge Road from Elyria to Westlake, with the exception of the 2.1-mile section of Center Ridge Road that was recently widened. Weather permitting, Karvo will begin milling at the west end of the project and work to the east beginning April 10, 2023. A second crew will follow to complete pavement repairs and place the surface course within 14 days to cover the milled surface. The entire project should be completed by the end of July 2023 (weather permitting). Two-way traffic will be maintained throughout the duration of the project.

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## Danbury Bunny Brunch

Danbury Senior Living of North Ridgeville celebrated Easter in a special way last Saturday with a gala Bunny Brunch for residents and their families. A spectacular brunch was just part of the fun! Guests enjoyed crafts, an Easter egg hunt and, of course, visits with the Easter Bunny! Happy Easter from the Danbury!



## Happy 100th Birthday Mary Stolla

Mary Stolla and her husband Joe lived in Seven Hills and moved into Danbury Senior Living North Ridgeville in February, 2020. They were happily married for over 70 years (Joe passed away in September of 2020). Mary enjoys music and singing, attending Catholic mass, receiving communion, saying the rosary, playing bingo, watching TV, being outside when the weather is nice, drinking hot tea and the occasional bloody mary!



## Hyundai Steering Wheel Locks Now Available

In response to the increasing number of Hyundai vehicles being targeted by thieves the company has started rolling out a free anti-theft software upgrade that prevents certain Hyundai vehicles from being started in ways recently popularized on social media channels. Follow the link for more information: [www.hyundainews.com/en-us/releases/3768](http://www.hyundainews.com/en-us/releases/3768)

Until you can get this upgrade Hyundai Motors USA has provided the North Ridgeville Police Department free steering wheel locks to distribute to local residents. If you own or lease a Hyundai vehicle that was produced prior to November 2021 that has a key ignition it may not have the necessary engine immobilizer that deters vehicle thieves. If you live in North Ridgeville and own a Hyundai, please come to the police station with proof of ownership to claim your free steering wheel lock.

The North Ridgeville Police Department wishes to thank Hyundai for working with law enforcement in an effort to reduce this problem!

## Garden Club of North Ridgeville

On May 20th we will be having our annual Plant Sale at a NEW LOCATION at South Central Park, Pavilion #1, 7565 Avon Belden Road, North Ridgeville from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. There will be perennial plants dug from our own yards at great prices. This is our only fundraiser for the year to help us support the school gardens, town hall garden and donations to Community Care, the library and Lorain County Metro Parks. For information please call 440-365-8522.

## Lorain County Metroparks Hiking Stick Program

The annual Hiking Stick Program is nearly underway! Download and print out your form at [www.loraincountymetroparks.com/trails](http://www.loraincountymetroparks.com/trails). This is a free program sponsored by the Friends of the Metro Parks volunteer organization.

Anyone can participate and everyone should!!! Simply complete 10 hikes at 6 different LCMP locations between April 1 and June 30. Complete the form and submit it by July 7!



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## Meet Our "Amazing Shake" Winners!

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This year's winners are:

- Najha Malid from 7 Purple. The sponsor was Mr. John Palcisko and the non-profit Najha chose was the Nakon Foundation.

- Marissa Ferner from 7 Yellow. The sponsor was the University of Toledo Office of Community Engagement and the non-profit Marissa chose was North Pointe Ballet

- Lydia Scheiferstein from 7 Blue. The sponsor was Dr. Ron & Trish Arndt and the non-profit Lydia chose was Values in Action.

- Jaina Cormack from Ranger High-Tech Academy. The sponsor was First Federal Lakewood and the non-profit was A Kid Again Foundation.

Just recently, Gary and Renee Tollett of WOBL radio station opened their studio and the

airwaves to these winners to interview them over their spring break. They also donated radio advertising time to both the sponsors and the non-profit recipients for being a part of this event.

The Amazing Shake requires a dedicated team of teachers and administrators willing to support the many moving parts of the program. North Ridgeville City Schools is thankful for the community members who are willing to serve as judges throughout the process and especially grateful for the sponsors who donated their time, talents and treasures to make the donations to the non-profit organizations possible.

If you would like to get involved in this event for the 2023-24 school year, either as a judge or a sponsor, please contact Nikki Roth, nicoleroth@nracs.net.



Marissa Ferner, Jaina Cormack, Najha Malid and Lydia Scheiferstein

## NRHS Spring Musical: Little Shop of Horrors

The North Ridgeville High School will be performing Little Shop of Horrors on April 21 & 22 at 7PM and April 23 at 2PM in the Early Childhood Learning Community located at 5490 Mills Creek Lane.

The Drama Club produces two shows a year, a non-musical play in the fall and a fully staged musical production in the spring.

The Little Shop of Horrors has a long history and was originally produced as a B movie in 1960 and featured a young Jack Nicholson in a small role. The film was the basis for an Off-Broadway musical which in turn was adapted into a 1986 feature film and the musical enjoyed a 2003 Broadway debut.

The NRHS Drama Club's production features a talented chorus of actors dancing and singing their way through Skid Row in this dark comedy. They are led by Max Saxon-Housum as Seymour, Taryn Ebright as Audrey, Levi Bailey and Mushnik, David Starkey as Orin, Rose Saxon-Housum as Ronette, Bri Koenig as Chiffon, Kami Santana as Crystal and Mary Grace Hedberg as the voice of the man-eating plant, Audrey II.

The NRHS productions are fully funded by ticket sales, donations, and the kindness of strangers. Tickets may be purchased online at: <https://www.locallevelvents.com/events/details/25683> or at the door. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and students.



## Valerie Groff Named Teacher of the Month

Valerie Groff is a Teacher of the Month for the Ohio Lottery's Partners in Education program. She is a kindergarten teacher at ECLC North Ridgeville Early Childhood Learning Center located in Lorain County. The Partners in Education program honors teachers and students that are working hard throughout the state.

"Once in a while, you encounter someone so outstanding their excellence must be recognized. Mrs. Groff has made my son's kindergarten year extra special in many ways. Aside from the nice things he tells me about her, I've had the pleasure to be present in the classroom for parties and Star Student Day. I was so impressed at how she handled challenging unexpected situations so quickly and with such ease," says parent Megan Carr.

For being recognized as a Teacher of the Month, Groff will receive an assortment of Partners in Education merchandise from the Ohio Lottery along with a gift card.

The Ohio Lottery will continue to recognize Academic All Stars and Teachers of the Month throughout the school year. For more information about the program and to submit a nomination, go to <https://ohiolottery.com/SupportingEducation>. We are now accepting submissions online!



Last week throughout NRAC, RHTA and NRHS students are camouflaged among the staff as these buildings are participating in a March Madness Spirit Week. Can you tell who is dressed up as who??

There is a student bracket and a staff bracket

of spirit themes throughout the week. Two of the four spirit theme options were "Dress like a Staff Member" for students vs. "Dress like a Student" for staff. The pictures that have been shared did not disappoint. As luck would have it, each of these themes has earned enough votes and moved on to face the next day's themes.



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