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"You don't stop dancing because you grow old, you grow old because you stop dancing" Introducing the first Danbury North Ridgeville Spring Fling 2021!!

North Ridgeville Senior Prom celebrating the end of a challenging and successful school year and high school career. Congratulations!



The North Ridgeville Corn Festival is Back On for 2021!

Good news! The North Ridgeville Corn Festival is back on for 2021!

The Festival released a memo on May 21 announcing the exciting change of plans for this year.

"On April 21st, the North Ridgeville Corn Festival announced that due to issues involved with the COVID-19 pandemic, namely the uncertainty of the ĈOVID-19 restrictions at the time of the festival and lack of sufficient planning time, the Corn Festival Committee felt that it would not be possible to put the event on this year," reports John Butkowski, President, The North Ridgeville Corn Festival Committee.

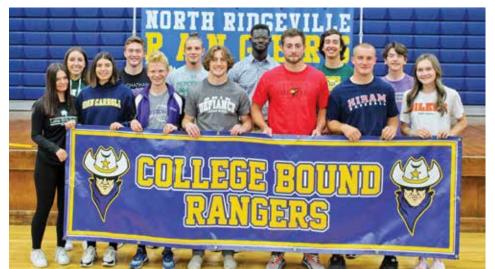
With the recent lifting of the restrictions by the governor and discussion with the Lorain County Health Dept., the committee met and are pleased to announce

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John and Bernadine Butkowski bringing the good news!



We're all ears! Kandy, Kernel and Poppie are excited to welcome you back to the 2021 Corn Festival! Photo courtesy, North Ridgeville Corn Festival Facebook.



Congratulations to our college bound Rangers! We are proud of you!

Lorain County JFS Offers Help for Those in Need

The Lorain County Dept. of Job & Family Services is offering help for wide-ranging needs for those who qualify through Ohio's Prevention, Retention and Contingency (PRC) program. The PRC program provides work supports and other services to help low-income

parents overcome immediate barriers to employment. It is funded through the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. Those receiving assistance from other public assistance programs - including Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as

food stamps) - also may be eligible for PRC service. Applications are currently being taken for the following services:

- Vehicle Repairs
- Past Due Ûtilities
- Stove/Refrigerator
- Beds (Need based on emergent, crisis situation or



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Dying for a Loving Touch

by Kelly Gulick

My mother was dying for a loving touch. She was living in a local care center that during the pandemic had a policy of no in-person visitation. For 10 months residents were confined to their rooms.

At 86 years old, Mom was incontinent, legally blind, and not able to walk, but her condition was stable. During the pandemic she had service touching to meet basic needs, but no one sat and held her hand or lovingly brushed her hair as we had previously on our daily visits. The phone was her lifeline, but staff often forgot to place it within her reach. For Mom, a retired teacher and a social butterfly, the isolation was like solitary confinement.

One day in late December 2020 I called my cousin and kindred spirit, Georgia Awig. She is a registered nurse, a Kent State graduate with a BSN, and a good listener with experience as a patient advocate. I complained to her about not being able to provide Mom the care she

deserved. That discussion started us down a path—taking Mom out of the care center and into a Redwood apartment—with me as primary caregiver and Georgia as local resource.

We needed a place with handicapped access that was easy for friends and family to find. Georgia toured Redwood Apartments North Ridgeville complex on Bagley Road. There was an apartment that met our requirements! The open floor plan and hardwood floors allowed me to easily move Mom's wheelchair. The living room was large enough to accommodate the necessary medical equipment and a large chair for my brother to be comfortable during his daily visits. It had two bedrooms; one for me, and one for overnight guests or hospice aides. The Redwood staff was so welcoming that we immediately felt comfortable putting the rest of the steps into action.

Moving a family member from an institution to home-based care is a big commitment, and not every family can make this transition. My husband and sons supported this venture. I quit my job as a teacher and put on hold my fledgling sewing business. Family and friends helped me move and set up furniture, and called often to offer help and support. Georgia was a regular visitor; Mom told us details of our family history and about our mothers' lives as sisters growing up. My brother adjusted his schedule to visit every day and held Mom's hand as they shared memories or napped. A local hos-





Helen Walkden with her son Kenny and daugther Kelly





Kelly Walkden Gulick's mother, Helen, enjoyed her afternoon snack while watching the outdoors at Redwood Apartments in North Ridgeville.



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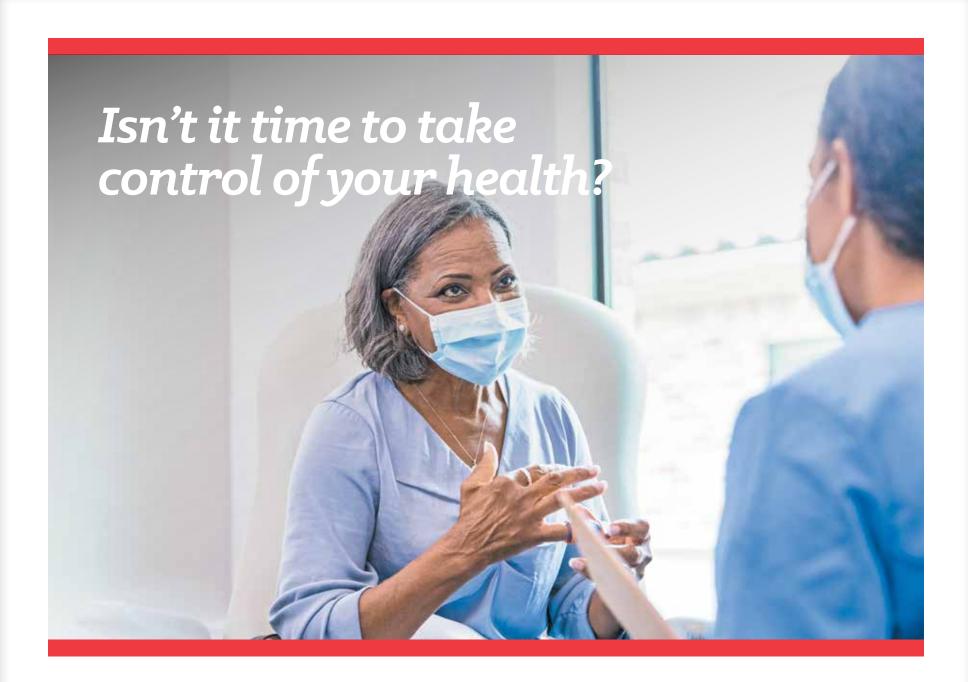
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The Northridge Health Center celebrated Nursing Home Week earlier this month. The staff planned extra fun events for the residents including fishing and plinko games, a photo booth, Crazy Socks and Hats and Disney Day themes, a carnival with games, prizes, cotten candy and snow cones!

The week ended with everyone sporting their favorite sports team and winners of the resident and staff participation baskets and awarded the door decorating contest winner - as voted on by the residents. "We had SO much fun this week!!!"















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natural disaster - Referral required from community agency - e.g. LCCS, Genesis House, Red Cross, Health Dept)

- Employment related expenses
- GED incentive payments
- School Fees

- Delinquent Mortgage
- Delinquent Property Taxes

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- School fees, GED incentive payment

How to Apply

- Visit www.lcdjfs.com/forms and complete application online, or print and return to Lorain County Department of Job and Family Services.
- Email: loraincountyprcapps@jfs.ohio.gov
- Mail to or put in dropbox: 42485 N. Ridge Rd., Elyria Ohio 44035
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Nicholas Bogner Earns Funeral Director License

The Bogner family and staff at Bogner Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services are available at any time to assist you and your family. We are here to walk with you and to provide help and guidance so that the services may be a healing experience.

For over 58 years the Bogner Family has proudly served the needs of our community with caring and compassionate services, always keeping in mind that we are here to serve. Therefore, we are proud to announce Nicholas David Bogner, as earned his license and will be continuing to serve the needs of the community well into the future. Nicholas, age 26 is the son of David and Mary Beth Bogner and grandson of Harold and Kathy Bogner who lived in the Ridgefield Development for many years. He grew up in North Ridgeville and graduated from North Ridgeville High School in 2014. He earned his bachelor's degree in 2019 from Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science. Nick has been employed at the funeral home for many years becoming licensed as a funeral director and embalmer in January 2021. He is a certified crematory operator and certified celebrant.

Nicholas says, we believe that every life is worth cel-

ebrating. When a loved one has passed it can be a difficult time, but we are here to help start the healing process. By providing a meaningful service, we can mark the passing and celebrate the life that has been lived. But more importantly the service can help those who survive to go on. The services can provide an opportunity for family and friends to show their love and support. It is

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Lorain County Community College Unveils 'Doors to Opportunity' Celebrating Graduating Class of 2021

Lorain County Community College is celebrating graduation with a large-scale (450 foot long) interactive experience created for the class of 2021 and the community.

This project celebrates the struggles and challenges students faced throughout their educational journey.

Each door features a 2021 graduate through an augmented reality experience using the Zappar app or QR scanner on any smart phone. The installation officially opens to the public on Saturday, May 15 at 9 a.m.

The May 15 commencement celebrates a host of highlights:

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Helping You Plan A Personal Remembrance.



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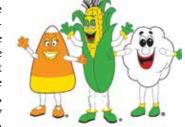


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that we will have the Corn Festival Aug. 13-15 and bring back the highlight of the summer in the City of North Ridgeville."

Preparation time will be a challenge, reports Butkowski. "Due to the relative short time to organize the event and the fact that we have a shortage of volunteers, it will not be an easy task," he says. "The Corn



task," he says. "The Corn Festival committee is seeking volunteer support from the community."

A volunteer meeting was called for May 25 at the South Central Park Pavilion and more volunteers will be needed. Check The North Ridgeville Corn Festival facebook page or nrcornfest.org for upcoming info.

Mark your calendar today for the 46th North Ridgeville Corn Festival, Aug. 13-15.

Georgia Awig: "Thank You North Ridgeville"

I would like to thank everyone who voted in the May primary election. I appreciate those who supported me so that my name can be placed on the ballot for the November general election. Since every vote counts and can make a difference in the outcome of the election, I would encourage you to vote. The general election will be held on Tuesday, November 2 at the polling



places throughout North Ridgeville. You will be able to vote by absentee or at the Board of Elections a month prior to that date. You can go to voteloraincountyohio.gov to register to vote and find out more details about the election. In the November election, North Ridgeville residents will have an opportunity to vote on who they want to represent them in the At-Large Council seats on City Council. Please feel free to contact me with your questions or concerns at georgia. awig@gmail.com or 440-724-7246. Georgia Awig

Dying for a Loving Touch

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pice organization managed Mom's medicines and provided guidance for her care.

I knew about Redwood Apartments in Newark because my son lives there and loves his place. The layout works well for him with the second bedroom turned into a home office and the large windows providing a spacious feeling.

Our Redwood neighbors were friendly and helpful. On nice-weather days I moved Mom in her wheelchair to the edge of the garage and folks driving by smiled and waved. Neighbors out for a stroll or on their way to the mailbox stopped to greet us and held their dogs up for Mom to pet. Everyone offered to help if I needed anything.

Mom relished living in Redwood Apartments; she loved when I moved her wheelchair into the kitchen so she could watch me prepare our next meal as we chatted about our adventures together. She liked having an audience for her stories and basked in receiving loving touches again. She said the arrangement was like a marvelous dream. We only had two months together, but Mom died knowing she was greatly loved.

Celebrating Our Past at the Library

In October 2007, Elyria artist David J. Pavlak was commissioned to paint 4 HUGE (and amazing) historical paintings (about 6' X 8' each), and they were installed at the 4-year-old North Ridgeville Branch Library on Bainbridge Road. All four paintings are hanging high above the floor, up near the ceiling, throughout the library.

And each painting shows a different aspect of the historical or agricultural heritage of Ridgeville Township, which is now (since 1960) the City of North Ridgeville.

Look UP for them next time you visit the Library! (Courtesy North Ridgeville Historial Society).



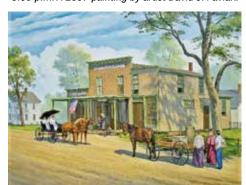
Showing the agricultural heritage of Ridgeville Township; one of 4 paintings done in 2007 by artist David J. Pavlak.



The District No. 9 "Snow Road" one-room schoolhouse, built in 1859 on what's now Jaycox Road, just south of Mill Road. Now a museum owned by the N.R. Historical Society, open for tours the LAST Sunday of each month, May to October, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. A 2007 painting by artist David J. Pavlak.



The Shawville railroad station on the north side of the tracks at Avon-Belden Road (formerly called Center Rd. or Station Rd., and later Route 76 and now Route 83). The station was in service from the 1850's to about 1948; and this station was moved in 1950 to Elvria, where it's now used as a small business. A 2007 painting by artist David J. Pavlak.



The C.C. Benjamin General Store at Fields Corners, Butternut Ridge (Lorain Rd.) and Root Road in the southern part of Ridgeville Township (now North Ridgeville). This store, like one or two others on the same site, was destroyed by fire and then replaced. A 2007 painting by artist David J. Pavlak, based on a circa 1912 photograph.

Lorain County Community College Unveils 'Doors to Opportunity' Celebrating Graduating Class of 2021

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- U.S. Secretary of Education, Dr. Miguel Cardona and Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education, Randy Gardner will deliver virtual keynote addresses. The top education leaders in the nation and state have prepared highly personalized video keynote speeches for LCCC's Class of 2021 that are part of the official commencement ceremony taking place on Saturday, May 15 at 9:30 a.m. at www.commencement.lorainccc.edu



- First Graduates of LCCC's Bachelor of Applied Science

in Microelectronic Manufacturing (MEMS). In 2018, LCCC became the first community college in Ohio to deliver an applied bachelor's degree and the first community college in the country to offer an applied bachelor's degree in MEMS. The first three students are graduating from the program and all have full-time jobs.

- Largest University Partnership graduating class in its 25-year history with 365 graduates earning bachelor's and master's degrees from 14 colleges and universities.
- 21 Doors to Opportunity Installation. A large-scale (450 foot long) interactive experience created for the class of 2021 and the community, this project celebrates the struggles and challenges students faced throughout their educational journey. Located near the Campana Center for Ideation and Invention, the installation officially opened to the public on Saturday, May 15. The college also hosted more than 300 graduates for commencement
- in the Ewing Field House for a stage crossing and professional photograph.

 With the Class of 2021, LCCC is 55.3% toward achieving its 10,000 degrees of impact by the year 2025. LCCC's Vision 2025, which set a bold goal to raise educational attainment in the community by graduating 10,000 more individuals with credentials and degrees by 2025 was established in 2018. To date, 5,526 individuals have earned credentials from Lorain County Community College and University Partnership. Here is a look at the Class of 2021 by the numbers:
 - 1,854 LCCC graduates earning 2,234 degrees or certificates
- 94 students are earning an associate degree during the same year they graduate high school
 - 365 University Partnership Grads
 - 46% are first in their families to graduate college

Danbury Senior Living 5-Star Services and Amenities

It may be that time when you or your loved one are starting to think about moving into a senior living community. If that is the case, then Danbury Senior Living in North Ridgeville is the best choice. Some of the things that make Danbury such an incredible place to call home are the care, support, and companionship the staff offers. At Danbury in North Ridgeville, the staff is highly trained in making sure the residents are experiencing the Danbury Difference while living their best life. In addition to these services, their amenities are top-notch. One such amenity is their anytime restaurant-style dining.

Throughout our lives, food will play a large role in our happiness and contentment regardless of our age and what stage of life we are in. At Danbury in North Ridgeville residents can have their meals tailored to their palates, each one made to order, and enjoy it in a restaurant-style atmosphere. Imagine walking down the hall from your apartment to a dining experience one might expect in a restaurant that they frequent quite often. Everyone knows your name. They know what you like to eat. They know just how you like it cooked. They are your chefs, your cooks, your dining servers, your caregivers, but more than that... They are your friends. It's a wonderful blend of a fine dining experience coupled with a home-style family feel.

Danbury Senior Living offers this truly unique and coveted dining experience along with many other 5-star services and amenities. Services such as 24-hour on-site licensed nurses and care companions, a state-of-the-art emergency call system, transportation services, beauty and barbershop service, and many others. To learn more about Danbury in North Ridgeville's amenities, the services, and the people that make up the Danbury Difference call 440-596-3797.



May ROPE

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Congratulations go out to senior North Ridgeville senior Rachel Mease. Rachel earned 2nd team All Ohio, 1st team All Northeast Ohio, 1st team All Lorain County, 1st team All SWC as well as D1 senior player of the year for Lorain County! Way to go Rae!



Champions! Congratulations to the North Ridgeville High girls softball team - District

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Conference champs!

State Placer....

Congratulations to eighthgrader Alex Reese for placing 4th at state in the 200m hurdles at the May 15th state meet!



On Stage with the NRHS Drama Club

The North Ridgeville High School drama club returned to the stage with an outstanding performance of Magical Moments, a musical revue, in May. The production was lived-streamed to an enthusiastic audience of viewers over several

days, keeping the drama club vibrant





Ranger Field Day is a Hit!

The North Ridgeville School District hosted a Ranger Field Day featuring students in grades K-12 on May 5. It was a fun day filled with great competition!

"It was a wonderful day and the stadium radiated good ness and pure joy and, thankfully, sun! Next year, I really think





we should do it big, and use it as a way to fundraise for awesome additions to sensory rooms and or classrooms for intensive needs kiddos! It was an absolute pleasure to be a part of, it gave this mama's heart a lot of love to be able to sit in the stands and cheer for their child, doing things with the community and being celebrated for being their beautifully unique self!"

RHTA Students Work With Ohio Department of Natural Resources

Ranger High-Tech Academy ninth-graders collaborated with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to design educational signs that will be installed throughout Ohio wetlands. These signs are part of an H20hio Wetland Restoration Project. Below are the panel graphic design as well as the signage diagram.





ECLC Earns 5-Star Rating

The Early Childhood Learning Community was awarded a Step Up to Quality 5-Star Rating by the State of Ohio for meeting the quality standards established by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and the Ohio Department of Education.

Step Up to Quality is a Five-Star Tiered Quality Rating and Improvement System created to recognize and promote early learning and development programs that meet quality standards over and above the health and safety licensing requirements. The program standards are based on national research identifying standards that lead to improved outcomes for children.

North Ridgeville City Schools Selects New Varsity Men's

Basketball Coach The North Ridgeville

City Schools recently announced they have chosen Ben Chase to become the next varsity men's basketball coach. Chase replaces Bryan Morgan after Morgan was chosen to be the North Ridgeville head varsity football coach this past January.



North Ridgeville City Schools Hires **Human Resource Director**

The North Ridgeville City Schools Board of Education approved the hiring of Annie Hostetler to become the district's human resource director on Tuesday, May 11, at a special board meeting. Hostetler is currently the director of alternative education for NRCS and has held the position since the beginning of the 2018-2019 academic year.



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