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Congratulations Class of 2022!

Graduation night at Cleveland State University's Wolstein Center was an exciting time for students, their families, and the staff of the North Ridgeville High Class of 2022 who helped our students become successful! Congratulations to all!



North Ridgeville Students Make Patriotic Journey to D.C.

Once Made Aware, Never Forget

By Barb Smith

The importance of Memorial Day, Veterans Day, stories about local veterans, including their own family members, and the sacrifice Gold Star families have made, should prove more impactful to 270 North Ridgeville 8th

graders, since returning home Friday night, May 13, after a two-and-half day trip to Washington DC, jam-packed with fast-paced walking tours of our nation's monuments, memorials, and museums. A tour of Flight 93 Memo-

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North Ridgeville 8th grade students US Marine Corps War Memorial

North Ridgeville High School Academic Recognition Committee Accepting Nominations For The 35th Annual Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame Induction

The North Ridgeville High School Academic Recognition Committee will accept nominations for the 35th Annual Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame induction.

The Award Recognition will be in the NRHS gymnasium on MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 at 6 p.m. as part of the Academic Recognition Assembly.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS Thursday, JUNE 30, 2022

Alumni who graduated North Ridgeville High School at least five years ago are eligible. Nominations for the Alumni Hall of Fame should include the following information:

- Alumnus name
- Current address
- Year of graduation from North Ridgeville High School
- Current occupation
- Biographical information about the nominee listing distinguishing honors, community service and other accomplishments.
- The nomination must also include the nominator's name, address, and phone number.

Nominations can be submitted via Google Form, which is located on the district website at www.nrcs.net.

Nominations can also be mailed: Jamie Lormeau, Principal (jamielormeau@nrcs.net) • Attn: Hall of Fame, North Ridgeville High School, 34600 Bainbridge Road, North Ridgeville, OH 44039

See below for a complete list of Hall of Fame Award Winners or visit: www.nrcs.net/AcademicRecognition-Committee.aspx

About Academic Recognition Committee (ARC):

The Academic Recognition Committee (ARC) is a group of dedicated parents, administrators, and teachers, who recognize students for their academic accomplishments by sending letters of recognition every quarter, award scholarships to graduating seniors, and host the academic awards ceremony each May. Objectives of ARC include supporting the academic endeavors of North Ridgeville High School, promote and stimulate community interest in all academic activities of the High School and to encourage and recognize academic excellence at North Ridgeville High School.

Past Hall of Fame recipients are: 1988 Cindy Traut (Class of 1972) • 1989 Father Allan Laubenthal (Class of 1952) • 1990 Jay Blackshire (Class of 1981) • 1991 Michael Alfutis (Class of 1978); Betty Davis (Class of 1966); William Gardner (Class of 1965) • 1992 Ronald Bauer (Class of 1964); James Hull (Class of 1965) • 1993 Jerry Canterbury (Class of 1981); Robert Hutchinson (Class of 1965); Carl Noll (Class of 1981) • 1994 Patricia Drapcho (Class of 1971); Walter Hoffstetter (Class of 1964) • 1995 Curt Bolin (Class of 1963); Karen Cochran (Class of 1973) • 1996 Dana Bowman (Class of 1981); Russell DiNardo (Class of 1985); Sandra Gast (Class of 1972); Barbara

Finegan (Class of 1930) • 1997 William Comerford (Class of 1959); Jill MacGiven (Class of 1981) • 1998 June Yost (Class of 1955); Kenneth Noll (Class of 1975) • 1999 Doug Beach (Class of 1988) • 2000 Robert DiFranco (Class of 1964); LuAnn Light (Class of 1976) • 2001 Bernadine Noll Butkowski (Class of 1961); Wayne Dieterich (Class of 1950) • 2002 Charles Hobaugh (Class of 1980); David Traut (Class of 1973) • 2003 Robert Solomon (Class of 1961) • 2004 Richard Noll (Class of 1945); Spencer Myer (Class of 1996) • 2005 Dan Stimmel (Class of 1985) • 2006 Marcus Alexander (Class of 1993); Dana Thomas (Class of 1974) • 2007 Harold Lovell (Class of 1954) • 2008 Tom Dake II (Class of 2000) • 2009 Jennifer Bogner (Class of 1979); David Siler (Class of 1992); Scott Smith (Class of 1985) • 2010 Deanna L. Hill (Class of 1962); Amy Kirk (Class of 1988) • 2011 Petrea Hansen Bianca (Class of 1976); Sheila Hart Fowler (Class of 1980) • 2012 Ray Diederich (Class of 1947); Martin DeVries (Class of 1990) • 2013 Dan Mordarski (Class of 1984); Colonel Daniel Smith (Class of 1989) • 2014 Jennifer Owens-Sonneschein (Class of 1985); Glen Woodard (Class of 1984) • 2015 Adam Hill (Class of 1996); Michael Sheehan (Class of 1979) • 2016 Calvin Cross (Class of 1990); Amanda Jean Mangin (Class of 1999) • 2017 Donald Schiffbauer (Class of 1992); Christopher Winslow (Class of 1993) • 2018 Amy Kullik (Class of 1991); James Gemelas (Class of 1987) • 2019 David Bogner (Class of 1985); Christopher Roseman (Class of 1990) • 2020 Eugene Kleinholz (Class of 1971); Nicole Dyer (Class of 1994) • 2021 Hailey Bryson (Class of 2008); Daniel J. Fronczak (Class of 1993)

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North Ridgeville Students Make Patriotic Journey to D.C.

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rial in Shanksville, Pa. on the ride home, and viewing the documentary, Flight 93, now has for the students, a clearer meaning of a day of infamy, September 11, 2001.

Thanks to the foresight of school counselor Mrs. Nicole Roth, and generosity of the administration, the Rangers had the good fortune of preparing for the trip since Veterans Day, 2021, by attending the Amherst Veterans Day program held annually at the Veterans Mural Wall, in nearby Amherst, Ohio. Here, artist Mike Sekletar's images of WWII, Korean War, Vietnam War and War on Terror, towered over the crowd as they learned about the history of Lorain County's contribution in defending our nation's freedoms.

At noon, they walked the block behind the Mural to the Amherst Cinema, grabbed their lunch bags, and filled the seats. I introduced a panel of eight important local citizens, including military veterans, recruiters, and a Gold Star mother and an aunt, of two of our local boys whose images appear within, Sekletar's, The War on Terror Mural. Students listened attentively as the guests

answered their prepared questions.

In April, I was honored to be included as a chaperone. Friday, before the trip, I gave a Power Point presentation to the 8th graders emphasizing again, the role Lorain County's citizens have made in our nation's history, comparing Sekletar's, Raising of the Flag on Iwo Jima, to the US Marine Corps War Memorial in, DC. "You will see the three spires of the US Air Force Memorial in DC. Not all people in the Air Force are pilots," I said, as I showed them the image of Lorain's own, A1C Eric Barnes, of Logistics Readiness Squadron, within the painting on the War on Terror mural, and that of CPO Gary Rehm, Jr. of Elyria, one of seven who



North Ridgeville Academic Center media center-Barb Smith with veterans, US Army George Roling, US Navy veterans Bob Smith, & John Sekletar



lost his life, saving lives, during the tragic fate of the USS Fitzgerald, who like President JFK, is buried in Arlington.

On May 12, in DC, steps from the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Jim Hase of Nowak Tours, and our guide on Bus 1, introduced us to the name of Wm. H. Pitsenbarger, of Dayton, and his valorous story documented in the recent film, The Last Full Measure.

We took a rubbing of his name.

Also mentioned. were North Ridgeville's fallen brothers, USMC LCpl Baldauf and US Army SSG. Gaylord Kerr, two of the 98 of Lorain County whose names appear both within Sekletar's Reflections Mural, and at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial of Lorain County, also located in Amherst.



Students were impressed to learn the number of Ohioans who have contributed to our nation's story, from seven Ohio presidents, to Maya Lin, architect of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, to seeing John Glen's stone in Arlington, to our local heroes.

Colleen- "My great grandfather opened the gates at Mauthausen!"

Kailey- "I'm going to join the Marines Corps!"

The exemplary behavior the Rangers exhibited during this whirlwind tour is a tribute to parents and the staff of North Ridgeville Schools. "Best wishes to the Class of 2026, as you continue to explore the history of our young nation!"

Four Area O'Neill Healthcare Communities Achieve 5-Star CMS Rating

Fairview Park, Lakewood, North Olmsted, and North Ridgeville Recognized for Excellence



Four area O'Neill Healthcare Communities achieved 5-Star ratings in their most recent surveys. **O'Neill Healthcare Fairview Park, Lakewood, North Olmsted, and North Ridgeville** locations each earned the prestigious 2022 CMS 5-Star Quality Rating. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) uses a 5-Star quality rating to measure the quality of care, inspection, and staffing of nursing homes across Ohio. Achieving a 5-Star

rating places O'Neill Healthcare Fairview Park, Lakewood, North Olmsted, and North Ridgeville among the top 10% of nursing homes in the entire country.

O'Neill Healthcare North Ridgeville is also a 2022 Best Nursing Home by Newsweek and Statista. Only 15 facilities in Ohio earned this prestigious award. O'Neill Healthcare North Ridgeville is the only Lorain County facility to be so recognized and is ranked fifth overall statewide.

"We would like to congratulate our staff for their outstanding achievement and tireless dedication to our residents," said David O'Neill, MBA, LNHA, O'Neill Healthcare Director of Operations. "We are honored to achieve the CMS 5-Star Quality Rating, and we are so proud of our staff for this incredible recognition – they truly

deserve it."

The CMS 5-Star Quality Rating System helps consumers, families, and caregivers compare nursing homes more easily to help them decide which facilities to consider. The Nursing Home Compare website features a system that gives each nursing home a rating between 1 and 5 stars. Nursing homes with a 5-Star rating have above-average quality, while those with 1-Star have quality below-average.

O'Neill Healthcare is committed to providing the finest healthcare services at our six communities—**Bay Village, Fairview Park, Lakewood, Middleburg Heights, North Olmsted, and North Ridgeville**. We maintain a sincere, respectful concern for each of our residents and fami-



lies, and provide seniors with diverse, personalized, quality care.

Our mission is to provide the highest quality of life to each resident, utilizing a holistic approach that involves family and community. Services available include Skilled Nursing, Assisted Living, Independent Living, Memory Care, Hospice Care, Dialysis, Rehabilitative Therapies, Cardiac Rehabilitation Programs, and Stroke Rehabilitation Programs.

SENIOR CENTER EVENTS

Ladies Brunch Schedule

Ladies meet at 10:30 AM for friendly conversation and a program on Thursdays once a month. The Brunch is a hot entrée, fruit, juice and coffee for only \$3. Reservations by 10 AM Wednesday morning by calling (440) 353-0828. **June 16** - What should you be eating at 65? 75? 85? Come prepared to ask all your nutrition questions and have them answered by our friendly O'Neill Healthcare Dietician.

Father's Day Cook Out

Our friends at the Northridge will be on hand to celebrate fathers and father figures on **June 23** at 11 AM. Enjoy a cookout style lunch. \$5.00 includes hamburger or hot dog, side dish and dessert. RSVP by June 16th by calling (440) 353-0828.

Reading Buddies

The Senior Center is partnering with Parks & Recreation and the library for a reading buddies program. The program pairs an older adult with one or two youth participating in our Parks and Recreation Summer Adventure Camp. Adults will help youth practice their reading skills in a nonjudgmental environment. Each session lasts for approximately one hour and includes reading and fun literacy-based games (e.g. bingo, board games, riddles, Madlibs, etc.). The program runs every other Monday from 1-2 PM, **June 13, 27, July 11, 25 and August 8**. You need only sign up for the sessions you can make by calling (440) 353-0828.

O'Neill Healthcare Lakewood At-A-Glance

- CMS 5-Star Ranking 2022
- 114 skilled nursing beds for both long-term care and short-term rehabilitative stays
- 54 assisted living suites for residents who need help with daily routines approved for Medicaid Waiver
- 60 Independent Living apartments featuring a la carte services based on individual needs
- Therapy gym with orthopedic rehabilitation services, including physician consultation, evaluation, and post-surgical follow-ups
- Event rooms available for families to reserve

O'Neill Healthcare North Ridgeville At-A-Glance

- CMS 5-Star Ranking 2022
- "Best Nursing Home" by Newsweek and Statista 2022. One of only 15 facilities in Ohio to earn this prestigious award; only Lorain County facility to be so recognized and is ranked fifth overall statewide.
- 150 skilled nursing beds for both long-term care and short-term rehabilitative stays
- 40 assisted living suites for residents who need help with daily routines
- Therapy gym with orthopedic rehabilitation services, including physician consultation, evaluation, and post-surgical follow-ups
- 14 on-site dialysis stations
- On-site Movie Theatre, Bistro, Library, Beauty and Barber Salon
- Enclosed courtyard
- Event rooms available for families to reserve

O'Neill Healthcare North Olmsted At-A-Glance

- CMS 5-Star Ranking 2022
- 64 skilled nursing beds for both long-term care and short-term rehabilitative stays
- 85 total assisted living suites for residents who need help with daily routines, 27 of those suites are dedicated to providing Memory Care.
- Therapy gym with orthopedic rehabilitation services, including physician consultation, evaluation, and post-surgical follow-ups
- Courtyard with putting green
- Expansive porch areas
- Event rooms available for families to reserve

O'Neill Healthcare Fairview Park At-A-Glance

- CMS 5-Star Ranking 2022
- 118 skilled nursing beds for both long-term care and short-term rehabilitative stays
- Therapy gym with orthopedic rehabilitation services, including physician consultation, evaluation, post-surgical follow-ups, full-sized car to practice transfers, and a full home setup to safely prepare for home going
- 12 on-site dialysis stations
- On-site Movie Theatre, Bistro, Library, Beauty and Barber Salon
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Ranger High-Tech Student Give Back

Ranger High-Tech Academy seventh-grade students in Spanish I gave back to the community by developing a service project for Spanish-speaking immigrants in the area.

In the last month, students created gift bags for the 170 immigrant workers at Willow Nurseries Inc. in Avon. Included in the gift bags were emergency cards in Spanish with important contact information and small gifts representing the community that was made on the RHTA fabrication equipment.

Letters in Spanish from our younger learners, toothbrushes and toothpaste from the school's dental business partners, a brochure about the area created in Spanish, a water bottle, hand sanitizer, sunscreen, Band-Aids, and snacks were donated by RHTA families



North Ridgeville Ridge Kids 4-H Club Members Participate in "Keep Lorain County Beautiful Day"

Submitted by: *Ady Stowers, Age 11, Homeschool student, first year Ridge Kids*

The North Ridgeville Ridge Kids 4H club does many community service activities. The most recent one was a park cleanup on Saturday, May 21, 2022, at South Central Park in North Ridgeville. They did the cleanup for the "Keep Lorain County Beautiful Day." There were 24 kids there to help with the cleanup: 12 girls and 12 boys. They

pulled out all the weeds as well as mulched the garden around the gazebo, and when they were done, it looked superb!

North Ridgeville's Parks and Recreation Director, Kevin Fougousse, had this to say, "On behalf of the North Ridgeville Parks & Recreation Department I want to say THANK YOU for volunteering your time and energy for Keep Lorain County Beautiful Day. We had a good turnout, and the rain decided to stay out of the area until later that evening.... Without your as-



sistance and commitment, this fantastic event wouldn't have happened."

If you like what you're reading, then keep an eye out for more 4-H activities or join the 4-H club next year!

4-H is a youth development program that fosters skill

development and encourages youth to practice leadership and citizenship while developing a connection with their community and world. <https://lorain.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development>

The North Ridgeville Ridge Kids range in age from 5 to 16 and live in North Ridgeville, Elyria, Grafton, Columbia Station, Avon Lake and surrounding communities. The students participate in service opportunities, educational activities, and complete individual projects in their interest areas. www.facebook.com/RidgeKids4H



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North Ridgeville Drama Scholarships

Four North Ridgeville High School students in the drama club received full scholarships to advance their theatrical education, which culminates in a stage production.

Sophomores Max Saxon-Housum, Rose Saxon-Housum, Jackson Gift, and junior Bri Koenig were recognized by the managing director of the Youth Theater at The Lorain Palace Theatre for their outstanding performances in the NRHS drama club production of *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*.

The four NRHS students have the opportunity to learn all facets of bringing a production to the stage, including lights, sound, sets, costumes, stage movement, vocal training, acting, and all supporting theater responsibilities during this summer's production of *Mary Poppins* for the Youth Theater.



Bri Koenig



Jackson Gift



Max Saxon-Housum



Rose Saxon-Housum

Lake Ridge Academy Introduces North Ridgeville Scholarship

Lake Ridge Academy is happy to introduce the North Ridgeville Scholarship. The scholarship will be competitive and will be available to new students entering 9th and 10th grade.

For decades, Lake Ridge Academy has been a proud member of the vibrant North Ridgeville community. As part of our commitment to serving our community, we welcome local families to apply for our North Ridgeville Scholarship, available to new students entering grades 9 or 10. The qualifications for this scholarship include students who are admitted to Lake Ridge Academy, have at least one custodial parent who lives in North Ridgeville, and participate in a wide variety of activities.

Ten North Ridgeville Scholarships are available and selected students will receive the scholarship for each year of their enrollment at Lake Ridge Academy provided the student maintains good academic and behavioral standing. The North Ridgeville Scholarships are not need-sensitive, and families do not need to apply for FIT to be awarded the scholarship. If additional tuition assistance is needed,

families can combine the North Ridgeville Scholarship with need-based tuition assistance.

For additional information about the North Ridgeville Scholarship or to schedule a tour, please contact Dr. Megan Zahler at 440.327.1175 ext. 9103 or email zahlerm@lakeridgeacademy.org.

About Lake Ridge Academy

Lake Ridge Academy (lakeridgeacademy.org) is an independent, nonsectarian day school offering co-educational classes from kindergarten through grade 12. Founded in 1963, Lake Ridge Academy is committed to providing small class sizes and maintains an 8:1 student to teacher ratio. Enrollment is open year-round and financial assistance is available. More than 70% of Lake Ridge Academy families take advantage of the school's need-based tuition assistance program. Located on a beautiful 93-acre campus in North Ridgeville, Ohio, Lake Ridge Academy is the only K-12 private, independent college preparatory school on Cleveland's west side.

Freedom Festival and Fireworks

The Freedom Festival and Fireworks will be held at Victory Park Ohio, 7777 Victory Lane, North Ridgeville on Sunday, July 3. Gates open at 5 PM with activities, entertainment, food and beverages, and fireworks at approximately 10 PM. Tickets are per vehicle and can be purchased online in advance only by visiting www.victoryparkohio.com. Sponsored by the City of North Ridgeville and Pepco Elyria.

Other activities and entertainment throughout the event including an inflatable village, miscellaneous sporting activities, hayride, NEO Bubble Soccer (6-9 PM), a Face Painter, Caricature Artist & Balloon Twister (5:30-8:30 PM), a Patriotic Stilt Walker (7-9 PM), a water ski show by the Chippewa Lake Water Ski Team (6-6:45 PM), a magic show by Magician & Illusionist Rick Smith Jr. (7:30-8:30 PM), and a fire juggling show by Ohio Burn Unit (9:00-9:45 PM). Fireworks will go off after sundown around 10 PM.

Net proceeds to benefit North Ridgeville Community Care and Canine Superheroes Foundation. In 2021, Victory Park Ohio presented North Ridgeville Community Care a generous check in the amount of \$7,500 and we hope this year's even better!

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"Playful Kitten" by Lilian Traxler

Congratulations to Lilian Traxler, a sixth-grade student in the teal studio, for winning The University of Akron's Rubber Band Contest for Young Inventors in the Arts and Leisure category! Lily's artwork, "Playful Kitten," was selected from hundreds of entries from around the country. Lily will collect a \$300 prize!



Lynn Pritt Finalist for Master Teacher Award

The Jennings Foundation selected Lynn Pritt as a statewide finalist for the Ohio Master Teacher Award, recognizing her as one of Ohio's exemplary public school teachers! Ms. Pritt teaches American Government and AP American Government at the high school. Congratulations, Lynn!



Bizworld Friendship Bracelets

As part of the Bizworld project, students in the fifth-grade blue studio were assigned to create their own friendship bracelet business, which helped them learn how to run a successful company. Yesterday, fourth-grade students visited the fifth-grade blue studio to purchase items from the bracelet companies!



Congratulations Gemma Kilgore

Gemma Kilgore on the podium and with her 3rd place medal!!! What a season for Gemma! She's the first girl to place in an individual running event for North Ridgeville in many many years! Congrats one more time!



Peer Fairytale

Assigned to write a fairytale about their younger peer, today, eighth-grade green studio students visited the third-grade purple studio to present and read the illustrated books!



The Amazing Shake Winners

Seventh-grade NRAC Students who were selected as the winners of The Amazing Shake competition were acknowledged on Friday for their accomplishments! Courtesy of The Amazing Shake sponsors Northridge Health Center, Orlando Baking Co., and the NREA, \$500 was donated to each winner's chosen nonprofit: Multiple Breed Rescue, Girl Scouts of Northeast Ohio, and Rec2Connect.



Lorain County ESC Art Exhibit

At the Lorain County ESC Elementary-Middle School Art Exhibit, two eighth-grade students earned the People's Choice Award. Rachel Depenbrok (top left) placed 1st and Gianna Sanfilippo placed 3rd (top right). Eighth-grade student Aubrianna Dudas (bottom left) and seventh-grade student Evareaux Millett (bottom right) were Honorable Mentions!



Kids Heart Challenge

ECLC and students in grades 3-4 at the Academic Center raised money as part of the Kids Heart Challenge. The challenge is an opportunity for students to learn about keeping their hearts and brains healthy while also helping others. Collectively, the two schools raised \$11,833.51 for the American Heart Association initiative. Kindergarten student Baylor Timoteo raised over \$500 and fourth-grade student Adrianna Layne collected \$216.76!



ECLC Science Day

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