

# One Vision, One North Ridgeville

## North Ridgeville Board of Education Votes to Place Bond on Ballot

## City of North Ridgeville Announces Funding Plan for New Recreation and Community Center

On August 2, 2022, the North Ridgeville City Schools Board of Education approved the submission of the school improvement bonds to the electors of the district that will fund the building of a new elementary school, a new high school, designated space for Ranger High-Tech Academy, a performing arts center, and a maintenance and transportation facility.

NRCS is also collaborating with the City of North Ridgeville to have a community center attached to the high school, which will include recreation facilities such as a field house, aquatic center, meeting spaces, and a senior center. The construction of the community center is a separate issue on the ballot that will be funded by the city.

"The opportunity to build new schools and to work in partnership with the City of North Ridgeville to add a community center is a transformational step for a growing city," North Ridgeville City Schools Superintendent Roxann Ramsey-Casero said. "Both Liberty Elementary and the high school are overcrowded, which led the district to purchase trailers for additional classroom spaces. The ability to construct modern educational facilities is critical to our students and staff and will allow our students to design their preferred future."

The principal amount for the construction of a new elementary school and high school with a performing arts

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Mayor Kevin Corcoran and Supt. of School Roxann Ramsey-Casero.

At the Tuesday, July 5 North Ridgeville City Council meeting, Mayor Kevin Corcoran introduced legislation that will send a ballot measure to voters this November proposing to increase local income tax by two-tenths of one percent (0.2%) to pay for the cost of a recreation and community center. If approved, the new income tax would become effective January 1, 2023. The plan is part of a cooperative project with the North Ridgeville City School District.

On May 9, at a joint meeting of the North Ridgeville City Schools and the City of North Ridgeville, an agreement was announced to collaborate on a facilities project. The project consists of the construction of a new high school, elementary school, dedicated space for Ranger High-Tech Academy, and a recreation and community center that includes an indoor aquatics facility, a field house with an indoor walking track and a senior center.

"The construction of these community facilities would be a monumental step for the City of North Ridgeville," said Mayor Corcoran. "As the city continues to grow, it's critical that we ensure our recreational facilities and community services keep pace with the needs of our residents. For years, we've heard input from the public that we need a recreation center with an aquatics facility and better activity spaces for our seniors. We've seen examples of how other communities have combined city and school facilities to meet community

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# 47th Annual North Ridgeville Corn Festival



Courtesy North Ridgeville Historical Society



The 2022 North Ridgeville Corn Fest promises to bring plenty of fun to the community over the weekend of Aug. 12-14.

"We're excited about presenting the 47th festival this year and we are looking forward to seeing many smiling faces. Plus we are hoping for great weather. Unfortunately we will not have amusement rides due to worker shortage with the amusement company. When the ride company notified us about their worker shortage it was too late to hire another ride company," said John Butkowski, North Ridgeville Corn Festival Committee President.

A highlight of the festival is the return of the Corn Eating Contest on Saturday after a two year hiatus. See if you can slam more ears of corn than anyone else in your age division!

Opening ceremonies will begin on Friday including the Golden Kernal Award, Kiwanis Club Cutest Dog Contest Winner. The night concludes with high energy country rock music by Adam Calvert and ends with fireworks.

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Courtesy North Ridgeville Historical Society



"This week the whole town is getting ready for the CORN FESTIVAL!! Let's look back a few years and see how we celebrated this event in the past. Shown here are a couple of photos we found in a recent donation from the Women's Club." Courtesy North Ridgeville Historical Society

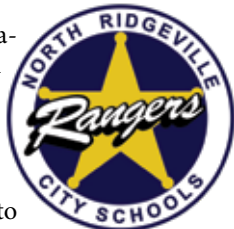
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center is \$190,025,000: the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission will contribute \$32 million in construction costs toward the project. The bond is set at 8.65 mills for a period of 37 years.

“Our students and staff deserve to be in school buildings that are accommodating, which includes having new technology and more room for student and teacher collaboration,” NRCS Board of Education President Frank Vacha said. “As the district and city continue to grow, now is the time to place a bond on the ballot to ensure facilities are constructed to meet all of our needs at the lowest cost to our community.”



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needs in a more cost-effective manner.”

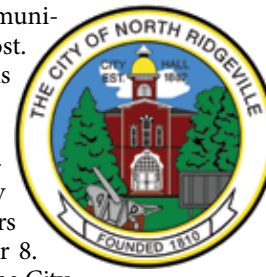
The North Ridgeville Board of Education will have for its consideration, a first reading to place a bond issue on the November ballot at their July 19 meeting to provide for the educational component of the project. In order for the recreational facility to be constructed, the school bond issue will need to pass.

“The district is excited to partner with the City of North Ridgeville on this project. We look forward to providing the residents with the resources and facilities that will benefit the entire community,” said Superintendent Roxann Ramsey-Caserio.

“Our collaborative effort can help us to achieve One vision. One North Ridgeville,” said Mayor Corcoran. “We have a partner in the North Ridgeville City Schools who

can help us provide needed community facilities while sharing the cost. We must take advantage of this opportunity.”

If City Council and the Board of Education approve legislation for the income tax levy and bond issue, respectively, voters will have their say on November 8. According to Mayor Corcoran, the City and Schools are planning numerous events and informational meetings starting later this summer. “This is an exciting time for North Ridgeville. I’ll be out in the community over the coming months having many conversations and hosting meetings,” said Mayor Corcoran. “I’d encourage anyone who wants to get involved to reach out to me.”



## North Ridgeville Library Reels in Donation From Cabela's

The Lorain Public Library System was honored to receive a donation of over 50 refurbished fishing poles from Cabela's.

North Ridgeville Branch Manager Jennifer Winkler contacted the Avon store about purchasing fishing equipment to be loaned to patrons. Their knowledgeable staff assisted by suggesting the most durable and age-appropriate equipment.

The purchased fishing poles will be available for checkout at the North Ridgeville Branch in Fall and include two Bass Pro Shops Fish Stiks Spincast Rod and Reel Combos for preschool-age children, two ProFISHiency Splattered Micro Spincast Combos for young school-age children, two Zebco 33 Spincast Combos for tweens and four Ugly Stik GX2 Spinning Rod and Reel Combo for teens and adults. In addition, families can also checkout tackle boxes, lures and life jackets.

Adults ages 18 and older can check out a family set of fishing poles for the day with their CLEVNET library card.

Circulating fishing poles help the library fulfill its mission to connect our communities to experiences that enrich and inspire. This service will allow families to fish freely, build lasting memories without the need to purchase expensive equipment and introduce a new generation to the joys of fishing.

“Fishing allows caregivers to model patience, communication, problem-solving and healthy lifestyle choices,” Winkler said. “It is a sport that provides an opportunity to have



conversations about the importance of getting outdoors, actively communicating and understanding the importance of taking care of the environment.”

South Central Park is located directly across the street from the North Ridgeville Branch and features a catch and release fishing pond, which the city owns and maintains so no fishing license is needed. This is one of the few public locations



Mary Morris, Cabela's Manager, Jennifer Winkler, North Ridgeville Library Branch Manager and Jennifer Black, Director of Marketing & Public Relations for Lorain Public Library System

in Lorain County where a fishing license is not required. Before the first check-out, patrons must present a valid photo ID and complete a Circulating Fishing Pole Waiver. Fishing poles must be returned by closing time each day. Replacement costs for fishing poles are \$50 and \$25 for tackle boxes.

As a result of the additional equipment provided by Cabela's generation donation, the library will host a Family Fishing Fun event where participants will rotate through stations to learn basic fishing skills through interactive, hands-on activities; and families will receive one of the refurbished fishing poles while supplies last.

Cabela's website says the company “proudly champions local causes close to the hearts of our customers and team members, supporting the people, places and organizations that make our communities stronger and more vibrant.”

The Family Fishing Fun event will be held this fall or next spring. Once finalized, it will be included in the online calendar. To register for this or any program, visit [LorainPublicLibrary.org/Events](http://LorainPublicLibrary.org/Events). For questions or more information, please visit or call the North Ridgeville Branch at 440-327-8326.

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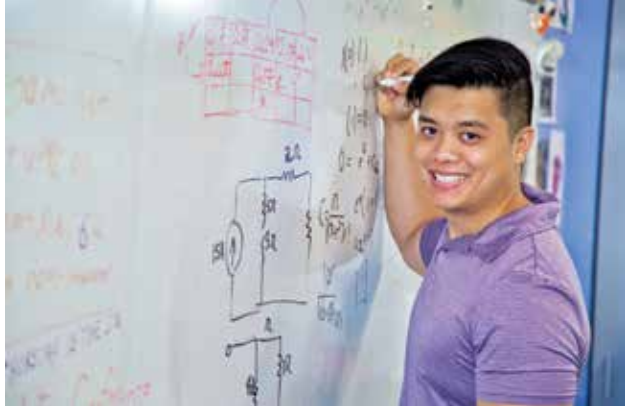
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# Randy Cheng Found a New Career Path in LCCC's University Partnership

by Leigh Keeton

Randy Cheng's family always told him he had an engineering mindset. So, at 23, when he left a four-year university after a pathway toward pre-dentistry didn't work out, he decided to take his family's insights seriously.

Cheng enrolled in The University of Toledo's Computer Science and Engineering program through Lorain County Community College's University Partnership. Beyond affordability, the North Ridgeville High School graduate, who had taken several College Credit Plus courses at



LCCC, knew he would get a quality education.

"I chose LCCC and UP because it had a great reputation for the Computer Science and Engineering program," Cheng says. "And a high rating for the professors who taught the classes."

While Cheng says the transition from high school to four-year university was rough, he had a completely different experience at LCCC and in the CSE program. Adrienne Aguilar, associate director of the program, noticed a change in his demeanor, which helped lead Cheng to academic success.

"Randy definitely found the right major," Aguilar says. "And I think that being back home, having the support of his family and the close-knit environment that the CSE University Partnership offers, he was able to thrive."

Cheng didn't just thrive in the classroom. He landed co-op opportunities at Green Circle Growers in Oberlin and, after graduating in May 2022 with his Bachelor of Science degree, was offered a full-time position as a System Integration Analyst. He's now helping transmit files to and from the business and its vendors. Cheng has long-term goals with the company.

"As technology continues to evolve, I plan to keep up with the ever-growing world of computer science and pro-



gramming," Cheng says. "I am hoping to transition into a software development role."

It turns out Aguilar was right about the positive impact family has had on Cheng's academic accomplishments. And that idea of family has extended to include an academic one at LCCC.

"I would have to attribute most of my educational success to my supportive family and the supportive staff at LCCC and the University Partnership," Cheng says.

## Garden Club of North Ridgeville September Meeting

The Garden Club of North Ridgeville will meet September 13, 2022 at 6:00 pm at the Sandy Ridge Reservation, 6195 Otten Road, North Ridgeville. Our speaker for the evening will be Noelle Akin from Petitti Garden Center and the program will be about Gardening in the Shade.

We welcome visitors that are interested in gardening to our very active garden club. For information, please call 440-365-8522.

## Calendar Winners

The 2022 Lorain County Solid Waste District Calendar Contest winners have been selected for the District's 2023 calendar! The contest winners were invited to attend the Lorain County Board of Commissioners meeting on Wednesday, June 29th.

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**Feel~Felt~Found in North Ridgeville**

By Dr. Ron Arndt

I've been an active resident and small business entrepreneur in our town for nearly fifty years. I've been involved in Kiwanis; Chamber of Commerce; President of City Council; participated in advancing the treasure of our city schools; served on boards and committees dedicated to the betterment of our community; bla, bla, bla.



**FEEL:** However, when I look back over all these years, I feel like my contribution to my community has been inadequate. I feel like I should be doing even more to make North Ridgeville more appealing and purposeful to all of us who live, recreate, and have retired here. I feel there is more to do to make our city an enviable standout City, but to do so will involve spending a lot of money. I know many others feel the same because I have heard for nearly five decades the clamor for the best schools; clamor for a recreation facility; clamoring for a safe, active, and functional senior center; and facilities that can be multi-use for both young and old.

I have also come to feel that stepping onto a brand-new path is difficult, but not more difficult than remaining in a situation that no longer fits, or no longer serves us well.

I was recently invited, along with probably forty other North Ridgeville residents, school and city government officials, including our Mayor and school Superintendent, to be a part of a group that traveled to investigate the Willoughby-Eastlake city/school partnership project that has the potential to address all the years of clamoring for more in our city. This approach to coordinating a massive community project that integrates schools; government; community-shared conveniences; senior center activities; recreational facilities for all ages piqued not only my interest but all the others on this journey out east. Both our school Superintendent, Mrs. Roxanne Ramsey-Caserio and Mayor Kevin Corcoran, in their remarkably visionary approach to leading our community, wanted feedback from all of us as to how such an undertaking might work in North Ridgeville. They realize that to be a good leader you must be a great listener. They know that no one has a monopoly on

good ideas or good advice. I believe they recognize that to approach a project like this they must start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible.

**FELT:** I, like many others in this group, felt uncertain; unclear; and unable to grasp the importance of a project so imaginative and future-focused in our community. I also felt concerned about the investment to make this a reality. Because leadership is not only about bringing out and mobilizing the best in the people around you, but also about engaging others to work towards a shared goal. Superintendent Caserio and Mayor Corcoran engaged us all, with no bias, but with an open heart and clear details while on the tour of this amazing facility. I wanted to see, with my own eyes and in person, how a project like this would benefit my city. Every person on this group tour told me they felt exactly as I did...unclear, yet eager to learn more. Leaders Corcoran and Caserio informed us that the City of North Ridgeville and the North Ridgeville City Schools are now in a unique position to create a partnership of collaboration for the construction of new educational and recreational facilities that will touch all of us for generations to come. By creating this cooperative coalition, we can reduce costs substantially; meet our ever-growing school population requirements while supporting our continually increasing city's facility needs. They also educated us that the successful outcome of this partnership will require the passage of two tax levies that will appear on the ballot this November. However, opportunity is not a lengthy visitor and if you believe you can then you're halfway there.

**FOUND:** What we all witnessed was astounding! The campus we saw and walked through would answer all the needs, all the clamoring for adequate space to house our 4,000 plus school population with a contemporary, leading-edge learning complex; a highly versatile senior complex; year-round recreational facility; performing arts center; and multi-use buildings that can be enjoyed by our entire community for both young and old. What we found was WOW! This, designed for North Ridgeville's specific requirements, could be something magnetic; something to appeal to all needs and desires in our community; something to be proud of for decades. What I found was amazement, delight, and excitement in every person in our traveling group of investigators. The excitement among this curious group of engaged citizens and officials was palpa-

ble. I wish every resident could have experienced what we all experienced.

**If you're like me and you FEEL like:** What is this crazy idea? I'd love to have all these things for my kids or for my senior parents but how much is it going to cost? Do we really need this? C'mon, you're asking me to support this at this time with our lousy economy. How long will this take to plan and build? **I FELT** the same way. And so did everyone in this exploratory group. But what **I and the others FOUND** was a way to appeal to all groups of our rapidly growing city and to do it with community engagement and pride. We found ourselves energized; wanting to share this goal with family and neighbors. Clearly there was an optimistic sense of pride for the remarkable-ness of our City of North Ridgeville. I realize that staying the course, avoiding the inevitable feels comfortable but this feeling of comfortableness can be dangerous. Comfort provides a floor but also a ceiling. If we believe that tomorrow will be better, we can bear a hardship today. It is my hope that we can energize our residents along with our city and school employees to join in solidarity to positively consider implementing the vision of our Mayor and Superintendent. It is also my hope that we can turn to each other and not on each other. Once we replace negative thoughts with positive ones, we'll start having positive results. Finally, I believe exceptional communities and people do things before they feel they are 'perfectly' ready. Those who say it can't be done are usually interrupted by others doing it. Apathy is not becoming of North Ridgeville. **"One vision, one North Ridgeville."**

*(Dr. Arndt is a long-time North Ridgeville resident, dentist and community activist in support of the coming Bond Issue to improve the city's educational facilities, add a performing arts center and a community center to be funded under a separate ballot question).*

**Back-to-School Kick-Off**

A Family-friendly event that will include touch-a-truck, bounce houses, food trucks and more will be the scene at North Ridgeville High on Aug. 21 from 1-4 p.m. It will be an interactive event with stations provided by Parks and Rec, the Senior Center, Boy Scouts and the schools. Tours of the high school will run throughout the event. Guests who take the tour will be entered for a chance to win a prize.

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### Mayor Corcoran Hosts Monthly Coffee & Conversation

The City of North Ridgeville is pleased to announce monthly Coffee & Conversation with Mayor Kevin Corcoran. Stop in to enjoy a cup of coffee and casual conversation in Council Chambers at City Hall from 8:30-9:30 AM. What a great way to get your questions answered or to learn more about current and upcoming projects.

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## 47th Annual North Ridgeville Corn Festival

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Saturday kicks off with the Corn Festival Car Show at South Central Park. Along with

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### Friday, August 12

- 6 pm Grounds Open
- 6-8pm Kids' Games at Poppee's Kids' Corner
- 6-9pm Keith The Magic Man, Magic & Balloon Art
- 7pm Opening Ceremonies at Gazebo
- 7:15pm Golden Kernel Award
- 7:30pm Kiwanis Club Cutest Dog Contest Winner Announcement\*
- 8:30-10:30pm Adam Calvert- High energy country rock at the gazebo
- 10:30pm Fireworks
- 11pm Grounds close

#### Saturday, August 13th

- 9am-Noon Car Show Registration - South Central Park
- 9am-3pm Corn Festival Car Show- South Central Park
- 11am Grounds open
- 11am-3pm Child Fingerprint Identification Cards at Lorain County Prosecutor Booth\*
- 11am-4pm Corn Eating Contest Registration at the NRCF Souvenir Tent
- Noon-2pm Car Show Voting- South Central Park
- Noon-3pm Keith The Magic Man, Magic & Balloon Art
- 1:30-3:30pm Kids' Games at Poppee's Kids' Corner
- 4:30pm Corn Eating Contest
- 5-6pm Keith The Magic Man, Magic & Balloon Art
- 7-11pm Tony Shultz in the Beer Garden
- 8:30-10:30pm Chris Higbee Band at the gazebo  
- Chris' extraordinary fiddle playing has delivered energetic concerts across the country
- 11pm Grounds close

#### Sunday, August 14th

- Noon Grounds open
- Noon-6pm Keith The Magic Man, Magic & Balloon Art
- 1-4pm DJ Guy at the Gazebo
- 1:30pm Grande Parade  
(High School->Ranger Way->Center Ridge West ->Root Rd ->Bainbridge->High School)
- 2-6pm Tony Shultz in the Beer Garden
- 2:30-4:30pm Kids' Games at Poppee's Kids' Corner
- 4pm Visiting Queens Introduction at Gazebo
- 4:30pm Grande Parade Trophies at Gazebo
- 6pm Grounds close

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the Corn Eating Contest, Saturday will feature Chris Higbee Band to close the night.

The Grande Parade will take place on Sunday, beginning at the High School, and head down Ranger Way, Center Ridge Road, Root Road, Bainbridge Road and back to the High School. Music provided by DJ Guy will be at the gazebo followed by visiting Queens introductions and Grande Parade trophies.

Tony Schultz will be playing in the beer garden Saturday night and Sunday afternoon.

There will be an Arts Council Craft Show, organized by the Senior Center.

Keith, the Roving Magician/Balloon Man, will be there all three days.

The Lorain County Prosecutor's office will do children's fingerprinting on Saturday.

The Fest promises to once again bring a summer highlight to the community.

The Grande Parade is set to start at 1:30 p.m. sharp on Aug. 14 from North Ridgeville High School, 34600 Bainbridge Road.

For more information on the festival, go to nrcornfest.org.

## LORAIN PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS

**Nature Story Time:** Tuesday, Aug. 16; 10:30 to 11:15 a.m., Miller Nature Preserve - Join Avon Branch staff for a special story time at the Miller Nature Preserve, then take a short discovery hike. If there is inclement weather we will do an alternate activity. Register both caregiver and child at <https://reservations.metroparks.cc/programs/>.

**Heart and Sole Fresh Produce Pick Ups:** Tuesdays, Aug. 16, 23, 30; Sept. 6; 2 to 3 p.m., North Ridgeville Branch - Support North Ridgeville farmers by reserving a fresh produce bag for pick up at the North Ridgeville Branch. For more information and to view other produce pickup locations, visit [facebook.com/nrheartandsole](https://facebook.com/nrheartandsole)

**Maker in Residence:** Open Studio Hours: Tuesdays, Aug. 16, 23, 30; 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., North Ridgeville Branch - Stop in and visit with our current Maker in Residence, music producer Fayaven Barbee Jr, and learn about his techniques and methods as he works on songwriting, recording and much more.

**Book Discussions:** Tuesday, Aug. 16; 6:30 p.m.

at the South Lorain Branch "A History of Wild Places" by Shea Ernschaw; Wednesdays, Aug. 17; 2:30 p.m. at the Miller Nature Preserve "Anxious People" by Fredrik Backman; Wednesdays, Aug. 17; 6:30 p.m. at the North Ridgeville Branch "Still Life" by Louise Penny; Monday, Aug. 29; 2 p.m. at the Columbia Branch "Writers & Lovers" by Lily King; Monday, Aug. 29; 6:30 p.m. at the Domonkas Branch - call branch for title - Spend time each month discussing a great book and making new friends. Copies of the books are available at the library. New members are welcome. Preregistration required.

**Maker in Residence Workshop:** Tune Talk for Adults: Wednesday, Aug. 17; 6 to 7 p.m., North Ridgeville Branch - Join local music producer Fayaven Barbee Jr. to learn about Auto Tune, one of music production's biggest tools. Learn how scales work and explore how plug in manipulates keep vocals in tune at all times. Follow a prompt to write part of a song, and the entire group will leave with an original piece. Preregistration required.

**Fiber Arts Groups:** Thursdays, Aug. 18, 25;

Noon to 4 p.m. at the Columbia Branch; Fridays, Aug. 26; 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Domonkas Branch; Monday, Aug. 22; 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the North Ridgeville Branch - For new and long time knitters and crocheters. If you have a "UFO" (an Unfinished Object) that you would like to work on with us, bring it or start something new!

**Story Stroll:** Friday, Aug. 19; 10 to 11 a.m., Black River Landing 319 Black River Lane, Lorain - Stroll along with us for a unique story time. Walks will follow a paved path and total distance walked will not exceed 1/2 mile. Weather permitting. Library staff will be on site by 9:50am. Preregistration required.

**Story Time in the Woods:** Friday, Aug. 19; 10:30 to 11 a.m., Every Child's Playground, 36265 Detroit Road, Avon - Music, movement activities and play will accompany nature themed stories. Dress for the weather and bring a blanket. Weather permitting.

**Adapted Story Time:** Saturday, Aug. 20; 10:30 to 11:15 a.m., North Ridgeville Branch - Children with varying learning styles and abilities enjoy a program

with stories, songs, games and a social time. While content is geared for ages 3 to 7, all ages are welcome. Preregistration required.

**North Ridgeville Writers Group:** Saturday, Aug. 20; 2 to 3:30 p.m., North Ridgeville Branch - Join us in this pressure free and friendly writing group. Engage in writing exercises and peer critiques, as well as support for whatever project you are working on. Preregistration required. Hybrid

**eLibrary Newspaper Resources:** Monday, Aug. 22; 2 to 3 p.m., North Ridgeville Branch - Learn how to read current and back issues of newspapers such as Morning Journal, New York Times, Wall Street Journal and more on the library's eLibrary page. Preregistration required. Hybrid

**American Red Cross Blood Drive:** Thursday, Aug. 25; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., North Ridgeville Branch - Make an appointment to donate blood during our blood drive! Appointments are needed and can be scheduled online at [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org) or by calling 1 800 RED CROSS.

## Lorain County Community College Named in Top 10% Most Affordable Schools in the Nation

Lorain County Community College is among the top 10% of most affordable schools in the nation, according to a new report from the U.S. Department of Education's College Affordability and Transparency Center.

According to the report, LCCC's low net cost lands the college in the top two most affordable bachelor's degree granting institutions in Ohio and 14th in the country. While categorized as a community college, LCCC is included in the four-year institution list due to its bachelor of applied science in microelectronic manufacturing.

LCCC's net price is calculated at \$2,952, which includes tuition, books, fees, supplies and living expenses, minus grants and scholarships. The national average of net price is \$7,663 for two-year public institutions and \$12,601 for four-year public institutions.

"High quality education must be affordable and accessible for everyone in our region," LCCC President Marcia J. Ballinger, Ph.D., said. "LCCC's low tuition rate and wrap-around support services ensure that everyone has the opportunity to access the life-changing power of higher education."

Financial aid and scholarships help students reduce the already low price of LCCC. In fact, 78% of LCCC students receive some form of financial aid or scholarships to help them complete their degrees, Ballinger noted.

In addition to financial aid, scholarships and a commitment to affordable tuition rates, LCCC's College Credit Plus program enables high school students the ability to earn college credit while in high school. This year, more than 45% of Lorain County High School graduates have earned LCCC credits - saving their families \$4.4 million in tuition costs.

Once students are ready to take their education to the next level, LCCC's University Partnership offers more than 100 bachelor's and master's degree programs from 14 colleges and universities - a model that saves students an average of \$74,000 on a bachelor's degree. The University Partnership lets students take two to three years of coursework at LCCC and then finish upper-level courses through one of the 14 partner institutions right on the LCCC campus.

The College Affordability and Transparency Center was established to help prospective college students understand the true cost of higher education. Lists updated annually from Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS). In addition to the successful bachelor of applied science in micro-

electronic manufacturing, the college has been approved to move forward with plans to deliver a second applied bachelor's degree, this one in Smart Industrial Automated Systems Engineering Technology.

"At LCCC, we have taken the affordable community college model to the next level with our University Partnership and now by delivering our own applied bachelor's degree," Ballinger said. "Getting a quality education for a fulfilling career should never break the bank, and we make sure of that at LCCC."

For more information on the tuition and affordability listings, visit <http://collegecost.ed.gov/>.

Fall classes start Monday, August 22. To register visit [www.lorainccc.edu/enroll](http://www.lorainccc.edu/enroll).



## Blessing House Donation

Blessing House Executive Director Sr. Mary Berigan, SND and Director of Development Donna Humphrey, visited Lorain County Commissioners recently to show off the new van purchased in a joint venture between the Lorain County Commissioners and the Community West Foundation in Westlake.

Blessing House, a 24-hour children's crisis center based in Elyria, that provides housing, services and also transportation to children up to 12 years of age.

Blessing House moved into a new building last year, doubling its capacity from 10 to 20. That means potentially 10 more children to take to the doctor or dentist, counseling appointments or on field trips.



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**WHEN:** Thursday September 22nd

**TIME:** 10:00AM - 12:00PM

**WHERE:** 36625 Center Ridge Road, North Ridgeville

Refreshments will be served

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# North Ridgeville Schools Ranger Round-Up

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## School Supporters Visit Willoughby-Eastlake City-School Partnership

On Wednesday, July 27, a group of 34 school and city employees, including Mayor Corcoran and school Superintendent Ramsey-Caserio, and other North Ridgeville residents traveled to Willoughby-Eastlake to tour a relatively new construction of a complex made possible by a city-school partnership. This facility includes a high school, community center complete with elevated walking track, 4 basketball courts, an indoor competition pool, recreation pool and splash pad, weight room and senior center. A new performing arts center was also built as part of this project.

The tour was spearheaded and sponsored by Georgia Awig, a member of Citizens for Better Schools, in an effort to help stakeholders conceptualize what the City of North Ridgeville and the North Ridgeville City Schools plan to put on the ballot in November. The state-of-the-art facility boasted many safety and technological features, with a focus on functionality for the many multi-generational guests.

The tour, which started with a short presentation by W-E Superintendent Steve Thompson, took about 1 1/2 hours and concluded back in North Ridgeville with lunch and a discussion of the experience.



Group participants standing inside the high school, near the snack bar powered by a partnership with Mitchell's Ice Cream.

## Fill the Bus

The Northridge held a school supplies drive for North Ridgeville City School students Tuesday, Aug 9 from 2-5pm.

A school bus parked there was available for donors to drive thru and drop off school supplies. Helping collect were Nicole Roth and Supt. Roxann Ramsey-Caserio as well as Heather Johnson, the executive director at Northridge. Heather was responsible for coordinating these efforts.

One and all were welcome to drop by with a donation, big or small. "Being a part of the North Ridgeville Community and supporting our local school system is HUGE for us" says Heather. "We are proud of our community and our school system! We take pride in being able to help our community, especially the schools!"



## FUNdRAISE Around the 'Ridge



Don & Georgia Awig & Debbie and Bob Meeker participating in the opening challenge: find 50 pennies that were buried in a bucket of sand and roll them into a penny roll.



Mayor Corcoran attempting to rack up 21 points at the corn hole challenge stationed outside of Worcester's on Lorain Road.

On Saturday, July 30, 12 teams, each comprised of 2-4 participants, embraced the spirit of friendly competition as they participated in a driving scavenger hunt around North Ridgeville, in search of 8 stations that largely paid homage to the history of the city. At each station, team members were given a challenge, and, at several stations, an optional challenge, to complete in order to earn rights to the clue for the next station location.

The "Amazing Race Type" Event was spearheaded by Kathy Winkel, member of Citizens for Better Schools, as not only a fundraiser, but also to create excitement for the upcoming joint facilities project between the city and the schools. Even the end location was unknown to the competitors until they had completed all 8 stations, at which time they received the final clue.

Participants included Mayor Corcoran, Superintendent Ramsey-Caserio, Board of Education members, City Council members, North Ridgeville residents and employees from both the city and schools. Students, staff and parents of NRCS volunteered at each station to read the challenge and verify its completion. The event raised over \$2000 for Citizens for Better Schools.

## Strong Showing for NR Golfers

Girls Golf has strong showing at SWC Preview. The Rangers Girls Golf team finished tied for 3rd on Monday, Aug. 8 in the SWC girls golf preview.

Leading the way for the Rangers was Kamryn Leinerth with a 45; Aryanna Edgell with a 46; Gianna Betonte with a 47; Paige Bell with a 53; AJ Jacovetti with a 56; Alyssa Prince with a 56. A photo gallery has been posted.



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