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The 2021 North Ridgeville Corn Festival Was Poppin'!



Corn Festival Founder and Director John Butkowski and Golden Kernel Honoree Leo Hill with the Corn Festival mascots, Kernel, Poppie and Kandy.



The 2021 North Ridgeville Corn Festival was a hit! "We were very pleased that we were able to have the Fest again," said Founder and Director John Butkowski. "People really enjoyed themselves."

Indeed, after seeing the 2020 Corn Fest cancelled because of Covid and a late start to planning this summer, guests were truly appreciative to once again take part in this community tradition. Even Friday night rains didn't dampen spirits.

"I was surprised at the number of people on Bainbridge

walking in the rain without an umbrella or raincoat, just to enjoy the food," said Butkowski.

A few changes had to be made because of the Friday weather. The car show location was moved, the fireworks display was changed to Saturday night and the Friday night entertainment by Old Towne Players was shifted to a Saturday matinee performance.

Saturday turned out to be picture perfect weather day,

however, and the fair welcomed large crowds all day and evening. Old Towne Players performances drew tremendous appreciation for North Ridgeville's home-town talent, and the gala fireworks display sent one and all home happy.

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LCCC Police Academy Graduates 18 Cadets

Eighteen cadets graduated from the Lorain County Community College Police Academy on Thursday, August 18, ready to begin careers in law enforcement.

The newest group of graduates join more than 600 officers who have successfully completed the program since it began in 2002. The majority of those 600 graduates live and work in Northeast Ohio. In fact, LCCC is the number one location for first responder training – including police officers – in Lorain County.

LCCC President Marcia J. Ballinger, Ph.D., congratulated the class during the ceremony.

"I extend to you my deepest appreciation as you answer the call to protect and serve," Ballinger said to the graduates. "As you leave this academy, you will be called upon to set the standard in your community. I know that each of you will wear your badge with dignity, while bringing safety and security to the communities you serve."

To reach graduation, the cadets completed more than 700 hours of training that included arduous mental and physical challenges. The academy is one of the most rigorous in the state, and that's intentional, said Commander Richard Thomas. Only the best future officers will rise to the top.

"Collectively, you are a bright and shining example of all that is right and great with this country and its youth," Thomas said to the cadets.

While navigating the program, the cadets bonded, formed friendships and embraced the key points of the

academy, including a focus on serving others. Throughout their training, the cadets completed a variety of community service projects, including a picnic outing with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lorain County. Class president Roger Le

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Lorain County Community College Police Academy Graduates including Class President Roger Le, an officer with the North Ridgeville Police Dept.

University Hospitals Elyria Medical Center Presents the 20th Annual Foundation Classic Golf Outing

On Monday, July 26, 2021, University Hospitals Elyria Medical Center's 20th Annual Foundation Classic golf outing took place at the Elyria Country Club on Monday, July 26.

More than 100 golfers took part in the event, which was sponsored by the Kim and Jim Tweardy Family and Jim's Electric; Nick Abraham, Flanigan Industries, Ross Builders and many more local organizations.

During its 20-year history, the UH Elyria Medical Center Foundation Classic has collectively raised more than \$1.5 million to benefit UH Elyria. The funds have supported improvements in the delivery of patient care as well as the purchase of state-of-the-art medical equipment for the hospital. In 2021, funds raised through the event will support trauma and critical care at UH Elyria.

UH Elyria Foundation board member Kim Tweardy, who has chaired the event since its inception, stated, "It has been my privilege to serve my community through the UH Elyria Foundation and this golf event for the past two decades. I look forward to continuing to raise funds for programs that support the health and well-being of my fellow Lorain County residents well into the future."

Special Guest Appearance by 107-Year-Young Walt Westermann



Walt Westermann tees off.



The team from Wesleyan Village joins in with Kristi Sink, Walt Westermann and Kim Tweardy

One of the event's supporting partners – Wesleyan Senior Living – helped kick off the 20th anniversary of the golf outing with a special appearance by resident Walt Westermann. Walt turned 107 years young on June 19 and has been an avid golfer throughout his life. For his 105th birthday two years ago, the city of Elyria declared June 19, "Walt Westermann Day." UH was pleased to count on Walt to hit the first ball to signal the start of the day's events.

"We are extremely grateful to all of our sponsors, and feel especially appreciative of Mr. Westermann for agreeing to start our special 20th anniversary event by hitting the first ball," said Kristi Sink, MHA, FACHE, Chief Operating Officer, UH Elyria Medical Center. "We strive every day to provide the highest-quality health care to the people of our community, and Mr. Westermann's longevity, dedication to health and zest for life gives us all something to model ourselves after."

The Winners

Winners for the day were the Jim's Electric Team (or Team Sisson) of Kathy Sisson, Geoff Smith, Joe Denk and Todd Mealwitz with a score of 58 (-14).

Second Place: Team Bragg (Dan Bragg, Matt Meyer, Steve Wickstrom and Pat Behm) at 60 (-12)



Kim Tweardy (UH Elyria Foundation Board Member, Foundation Golf Classic Chair and Presenting Sponsor), Dan Lent (UH Elyria Medical Center Foundation Board Member), Kristi Sink (UH Elyria Medical Center President). Photo Credit: Matthew Sugerik, University Hospitals

• **Longest Drive Men** – Derek Fleming (Hole 5) • **Longest Drive Women** – Makenzie Tweardy (Hole 5) • **Closets to the Pin** – Dr. Rustom Khouri (Hole 13) • **Longest Put** – Team Jim's Electric (Sisson) (Hole 18)
Winners receive gift certificates to the ECC Pro Shop.

Manning and Corcoran Announce Office Hour

State Representative Gayle Manning and Mayor Kevin Corcoran will be holding an office hour on Monday, August 30, 2021 from 4:30-5:30 PM at the North Ridgeville Library, 35700 Bainbridge Rd.

"Office hours are a great opportunity for constituents to meet with their elected officials to share their comments and thoughts on issues most important to them," said Manning.

"I am looking forward to joining State Representative Manning at her office hour in North Ridgeville on August 30th. This is a great opportunity for our residents to ask questions or share their concerns with issues at the local, state or national levels," said Corcoran.

Fire Safety & Health Fair

Annual Fire Safety & Health Fair at Fire Station #1, 7000 Ranger Way, from 10 AM-2 PM on Saturday, October 2nd. There will be food, face painting and other fun activities for kids. Informational tables on hand with fire safety and health tips for adults and children. Fire trucks and ambulances, police cars and Service Department trucks will be on hand to tour and touch. Weather permitting; an emergency helicopter will land for tours.

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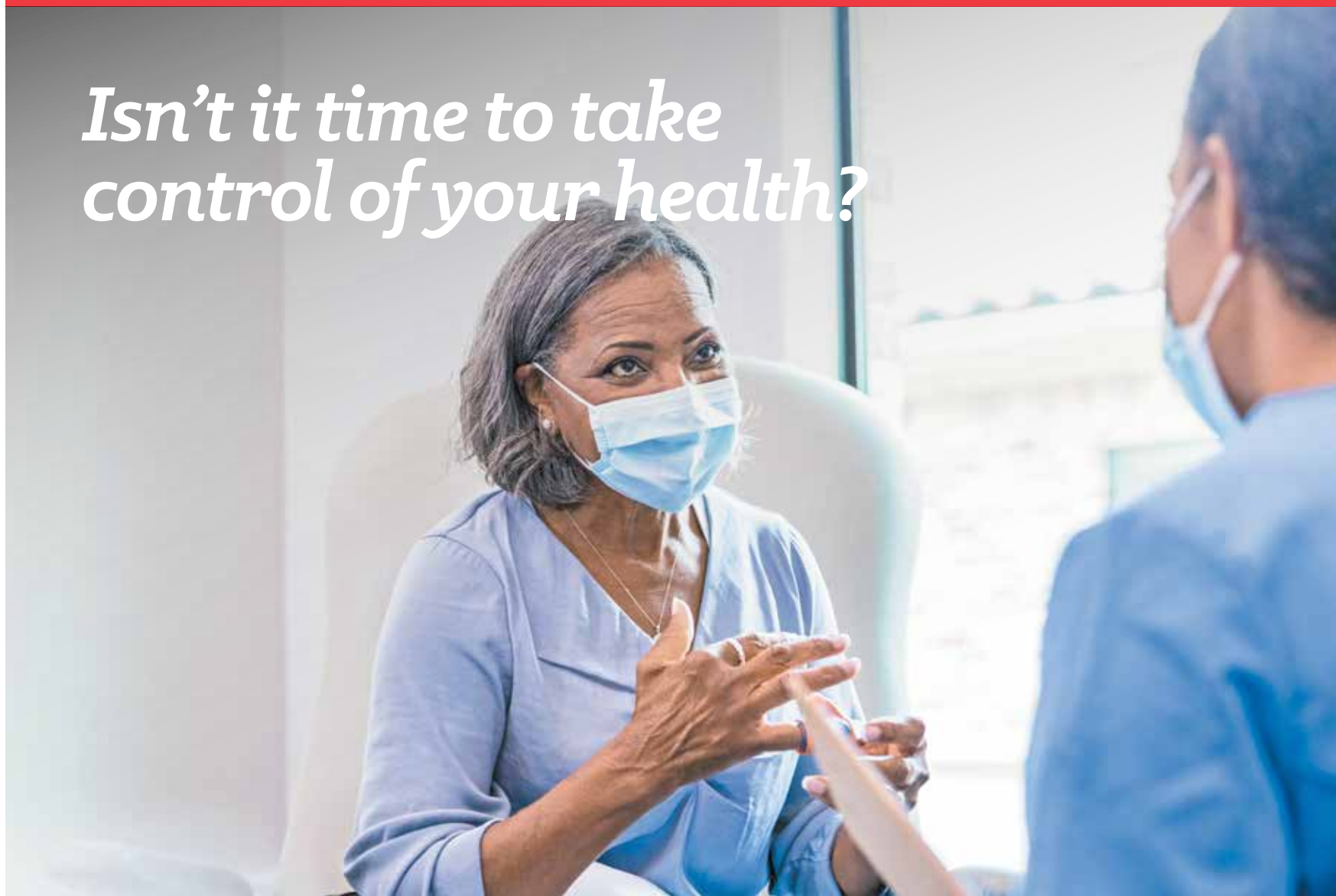
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Northridge Health Center Summer Luau

Earlier this month the Northridge Health Center hosted a Luau for their residents. "What does a hot week call for?!?! A LUAU of course!!"



Northridge Olympic Games

The Northridge held their own Olympic Games earlier this month. "Residents of The Northridge enjoyed their own Olympic Games throughout the past week...and today was the medal ceremony!"



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Butkowski joined in the chorus of praise that was expressed in support of the Old Towne Theater productions. Broadway tunes, popular music and truly talented presentations marked the shows.

"We had to move the Friday entertainment to a Saturday matinee in addition to their regularly scheduled performance," said Butkowski, who lauded the showcase performances.

"The Theater is almost like an untapped secret," said Butkowski. "A lot of people don't know about the theater, but they have great talent through



The North Ridgeville 4H Ridge Kids

all age groups and all age groups were represented. We've been going there for years. I hope these shows got people more familiar with them."

About the only thing missing from this year's show were the amusement rides, which couldn't be scheduled due to various complications. "But my kids didn't mind," said one Fest-goer. "They were just happy to have someplace to meet with their friends and hang out and have a good time."

"I think some people missed the rides, but when you're given lemons you make lemonade," said Butkowski.

Indeed, the 2021 Corn Festival was a success by every measure and the Corn Festival committee, sponsors and vendors all deserve thanks for hosting this summer highlight the weekend of Aug. 13-15. See you next year!

See page 6 for more photos.



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- Tax break for Seniors, Veterans, and larger land owners.
- Support local business growth and development, and facilitate Local Laborers constructing City Projects.

LONG TERM GOALS:

- Partner with local businesses to fund Recreation Center, without raising taxes.
- Push for larger residential parcels, to reduce traffic, diminish water run-off, and preserve city green space.



- ★ Democratic Nominee for Mayor 2019.
- ★ Eagle Scout.
- ★ Bowling Green State University Graduate, Major Psychology, Minor Economics.
- ★ Resident since 2003. Married with children.
- ★ North Ridgeville First Congregational United Church of Christ. Chairman Board of Trustees, Past Christian Education Teacher.
- ★ North Ridgeville Lions Club.
- ★ North Ridgeville Athletics Boosters.
- ★ North Ridgeville Democratic Club.

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Football Season Opens

North Ridgeville's football season opened Friday night with a loss to North Olmsted. But that did not dampen the spirits of the band, cheerleaders or fans as all enjoyed a beautiful summer's evening for a gridiron opener.



North Ridgeville Community Care Endowment Fund *Connect To A Cause, September 16th, 2021*

The Community Foundation of Lorain County can help you make a gift that may benefit you through tax savings, while benefiting your local community.

Join everyone from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. on Sept. 16 for **Connect To A Cause**. This event will raise money for the newly established **Endowment Fund**. There is an anonymous donor who will be generously matching all donations up to \$25,000. Please visit the website, NRCOMM CARE.ORG to donate directly to the endowment fund on September 16.

The Community Foundation of Lorain County creates endowment funds for individuals, families, businesses, and non-profit organizations. Endowments are permanent funds where the principle is invested, while a portion of the fund is distributed annually to a variety of causes. Endowment gifts are preserved in perpetuity, meaning they benefit the community forever.

Contact the Community Foundation for more information or to make a donation, 440-984-7390.

Annual FallFest

FallFest at South Central Park on Saturday, October 9th from 4-6 PM. This is a free event where families will experience fun games, food vendors, face and pumpkin painting, balloon animals, pumpkin bowling, photo booth and hay rides (weather permitting). Please visit the Parks and Recreation website to register in advance for this event at www.nrid-geville.org/parksandrec.

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served as the lead cadet for the event.

"The mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters aligns perfectly with what we want to do as police officers – making connections with children and being a role model," Le said.

Le, who is 34 and lives in Elyria, enrolled in the police academy as commissioned officer with the **North Ridgeville Police Department**. After more than five years of military service as a captain in the US Army, Le said he is ready to focus his service on his local community.

"I've always felt called to serve," Le said. "I was able to do that on a national level with the Army. Now that I've come back home, I'm honored to serve at the local level through the police department."

In addition to his work with Big Brothers Big Sisters, Le also started an annual fundraiser for senior services provided by Neighborhood Alliance. Le just completed the second year of the fundraiser, in which he puts on a 50-pound rucksack and runs 15 miles. Thus far, he has raised more than \$3,000 for Neighborhood Alliance.

Including Le, 10 cadets in the class are already employed by local police departments. In addition to the North Ridgeville Police Department, cadets are commissioned by Elyria Police Department, Lorain Police Department, Lakewood Police Department, Sandusky Police Department, Olmsted Falls Police Department and Mansfield Police Department. Many other cadets are currently interviewing with departments across the region. As the cadets move on to positions as police officers, Thomas encouraged them to stay true to the values that called them to law enforcement.

"I charge you now to go forward to serve your communities with passion and honor, to be consummate lifelong learners, to value compassion as much as you do valor, and to always, stay safe," Thomas said.

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The Corn Festival at a Glance

We had a big turnout for this our first post-COVID Parade there were 20 Trucks, 28 Cars, 13 Trucks with Trailers and more than 750 people. Thank you to all of you who joined the parade!

We had 18 Volunteers, the NR Jr. Committee Mascots & Members, The NR Police, Fire Department and Schools, J&P Customer Floor Covering, Worcester's Power Equipment, Trailers & Pet Feed, The All-American Judges Association along with the MANY people who lined the streets to watch and cheer. Together we made it happen! **THANK YOU ALL!**

The 2021 Grande Parade WINNERS in the (14) categories are.

If you have won a Trophy and were not at the ceremony to receive it, please contact the Parade Chairman at 440-328-7420.

Best of Parade – North Ridgeville Ranger Marching Band

Mayor's Trophy – North Ridgeville City Schools Cheer Leaders

Junior Corps – Futuristics Baton & Drum Corps

Juvenile Corps – Futuristics Baton & Drum Corps

Color Guard – VFW Post 9871 Color Guard

Bands – Lorain County 4-H Band

Antique Vehicle – Lorain County Shrine & Fire Brigade

Novelty Unit – The Wheelman

Commercial Unit – Big Frog Custom T-Shirts

Non-Commercial Unit – St. Peter Catholic School

Animal Unit – North Ridgeville Kiwanis Club

Great Corn Award – Carvana

Chamber of Commerce Business – JAM Dance Academy

Best Float – Oak Harbor Apple Festival

Danbury Country Fair

Summer fun at the Danbury Senior Living in North Ridgeville meant Country Fair time the afternoon of Friday, Aug. 20.

Music, dancing, corn dogs, cotton candy, lemonade and more made it a great day

in the sun at this premier senior living community at the corner of Lorain and Butter-nut Ridge Roads. There was even a petting zoo with a chance to feed the animals. The event was open to the community.



For more photos visit www.NorthRidgevilleReview.com

Roundabout Opens in Ridgeville



Taking part in the grand opening ceremony for the new roundabout in North Ridgeville at Atl. Route 83 and Chestnut Ridge Aug. 2 included (L-R) Kirk Gegick, GPI; Doug Hedrick, GPI; Tony Lenhart, American Structurepoint; Mike Raubenolt, American Structurepoint; North Ridgeville Mayor Kevin Corcoran; Parker Harris, Chagrin Valley Paving; Paul Phillips, Chagrin Valley Paving; and North Ridgeville Safety Service Director Jeff Armbruster.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony in the City of North Ridgeville was held on Aug. 2 celebrating the new roundabout at the heavy-travelled intersection of Alt. 83 and Chestnut Ridge Road. This is the second roundabout for Ridgeville (the other is at Rt. 83 and Mills Road).

Over 100 people - some on bikes - turned out as Mayor Kevin Corcoran welcomed one and all and invited the cyclists to take the celebratory first lap around the new traffic circle.

The Mayor thanked one and all involved in the construction, which was completed on time and on schedule. completed within the anticipated time frame. The total cost was approximately \$780,000, and the project was partially funded with a \$350,000 Ohio Public Works Commission grant.

Mayor Corcoran also thanked Don Mould's Plantation for the new roundabout planting and commended members of the Community Garden for their commitment to garden upkeep.



Cyclists take the first lap on the new roundaout.

Danbury Senior Living: Short-Term Respite or Respite Rehab Stays

As a caregiver, the daily routine of caring for a loved one with extended care needs or even Alzheimer's, can be a full-time job and can bring stress to daily life. As a senior the day-to-day tasks of meal preparation, cleaning and transportation can become rather daunting. Did you know that short-term respite or respite rehab stays at Danbury can help? As a caretaker it can be difficult to find time for your own physical and emotional needs; however, your wellbeing is just as important as your loved one's.

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- The senior wants to evaluate a community to see if it's a good fit before making the decision to permanently move in.

- The caregiver needs a break or must travel but does not feel comfortable leaving their loved one alone.
- The senior has extended care needs and would benefit from in-house physical therapy, medication management and healthy meal choices.

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NRHS Mini Cheer Camp

The NRHS cheerleading program will be hosting its annual Mini Cheer Camp on Thursday, September 9, from 6-8 p.m. The fundraising camp will take place at NRHS and is available for students in grades Pre-K-5. If you want to sign up your student for the Mini Cheer Camp, click the following link to fill out the registration form. The deadline to register is Tuesday, August 31. <https://bit.ly/3ike8Dx>



First day at Liberty Elementary! Principal Heffron and Ms. McCue were some of the many staff members who greeted our students! #RangerSTRONG



First day of school at the Academic Center! Principal King did an excellent job directing students where to go for their classes! #RangerSTRONG



Summer Reading

Last month at summer school, students read to themselves or to a partner, and Brewster was a willing partner to listen to stories! #RangerSTRONG

RANGER STRONG! Welcome Back Students



First day of school at Ranger High Tech Academy! Our students are excited and ready to learn! #RangerSTRONG



Last week featured great collaboration and project-based learning among RHTA high school students at the LCCC Ridge Campus! #RangerSTRONG



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