

101 North Ridgeville High School Students Earn AP Scholar Awards

North Ridgeville High School is proud to recognize 101 students who earned Advanced Placement Scholar Awards and AP Capstone recognitions for their outstanding academic performance during the 2025–2026 school year.

Together, these students earned 130 honors, with several students receiving more than one distinction. The recognitions include:

- AP Capstone Diplomas: 20
- AP Scholar with Distinction: 44
- AP Scholar with Honor: 24
- AP Scholar: 33
- AP Seminar and Research Certificates: 9

AP Scholar Awards are granted by the College Board to students who demonstrate exceptional achievement on AP Exams. The AP Capstone Diploma and AP Seminar and Research Certificate recognize students who have successfully completed AP Capstone coursework and met College Board performance requirements. These honors reflect the dedication, academic curiosity, and perseverance of North Ridgeville High School students who challenged themselves through rigorous, college-level coursework.

“We are incredibly proud of these students for the commitment they have shown to their learning,” said Mrs. Meghan Hignite, Principal of North Ridgeville High School.

“Earning these recognitions is a meaningful accomplishment that reflects not only their hard work, but also the support of their families and the dedication of our teachers. Their success is something our entire Ranger community can celebrate.”

Congratulations to our AP Scholars and AP Capstone honorees. Your hard work continues to make Ranger Nation proud!

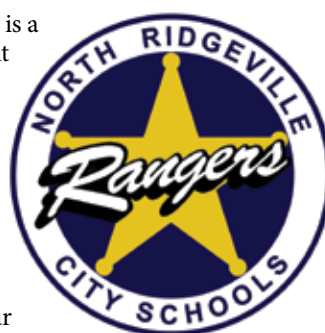
The names of the recipients are listed below.

AP Capstone Diploma Recipients

Class of 2026: Amelia Bennett • Noah Brennan • Hayleigh Cass • Brianna Christie • Alyssa Eland • Ruby Hebert • Amelia Klimchak • Kellie Riley • Gabriella Sado • Quinn Vrba • Claire Wolanski

Class of 2027: Madison Chinchar • Jackson Johnson • Julia Kudrna • Fiona Kwee • Okechukwu Mezu • Kavidh

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Mayor's Message 25 Years Later: Remembering September 11

There are certain moments in life that stay with you no matter how much time passes. September 11, 2001, is one of those moments for me.

I had dropped my son off that morning and was on my way to work when I heard on the radio that a plane had crashed into the World Trade Center. I grew up in New York, so even before we knew exactly what had happened, I knew how unusual that was. By the time I arrived at work, I watched the second plane hit the other tower.

It was very personal. I had family who worked in and around lower Manhattan, including a cousin and my brother-in-law. Another cousin was a New York City police officer. I remember trying to make phone calls and not being able to get through to anyone. There was so much uncertainty about what was happening in New York, and about what might happen next.

Eventually, we learned that one cousin had walked for hours to get home to Brooklyn, covered in soot from head to toe. My cousin who was a police officer went to Ground Zero to help search through the rubble. In the days that followed, I also learned that one of the first people I met during my freshman year of college had died in the attacks.

Those memories have never left me.

When I think about that day, I also remember what followed. We saw extraordinary courage from first responders and ordinary people helping others. People donated blood, sent supplies and stepped forward wherever they were needed. In the midst of an unimaginable tragedy, there was also compassion, service and a powerful sense that we were all pulling in the same direction.

That sense of unity is something I still think about today. We live in a time when our differences can feel more pronounced than what unites us. None of us would want another tragedy to be what brings us together again, but it reminds us that even in the most difficult circumstances, we are capable of putting differences aside. That's part of the spirit worth carrying forward today.

It is hard to believe that 25 years have passed. Certain events become fixed in a generation's memory. Our parents and grandparents could tell you where they were when they learned of the attack on Pearl Harbor or the assassination of President Kennedy. For my generation, September 11 is one of those moments. Even 25 years later, many of us can remember exactly where we were and

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Return of Friday Night Lights!



Revolutionary War Traveling Exhibit

Mark your calendar and plan a visit to the North Ridgeville Branch Library to see the Revolutionary War Experience traveling exhibit from September 15-24.

Thanks to the efforts of our America 250-Ohio Committee and the Nathan Perry Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, North Ridgeville was selected as a host community for this special traveling exhibit.



Ohio Plays: Sports & Wellness

September’s statewide theme is Ohio Plays: Sports & Wellness. Ohioans are invited to take the America 250-Ohio Walking Challenge. Participation is FREE. Just sign up and track your miles using the Pacer app with challenge code AM250OH. Upon completion, receive your choice of a medal, a pin or a certificate. <https://america250-ohio.org/walking-challenge/>

Underground Railroad Gathering

Registration is now open for the third annual Underground Railroad Gathering. This America 250-Ohio event will take place at Cleveland History Center (10825 East Boulevard) on September 27-28. This statewide gathering is dedicated to sharing, preserving and celebrating the history of the Underground Railroad in Ohio. The gathering is free and open to the public, but space is limited. <https://america250-ohio.org/underground-railroad-gathering/>

Calling Young Artists

As we continue North Ridgeville’s America 250-OH celebration, we’re inviting some of our youngest residents to help tell Ohio’s story through art. Children in grades K-8 are encouraged to submit artwork inspired by one of Ohio’s America 250 themes. Selected pieces may be featured in an upcoming community newsletter, on the city website or on city social media. Please include first name, age and title of artwork and submit by September 23.

October: Food and Farms: Draw, color or paint something that represents food or farming in Ohio. It could be your favorite Ohio-grown food, a farm, a farmers market, a family recipe or anything else that makes you think about Ohio’s agricultural traditions.

November: Ohio Serves: Just in time for Veterans Day and Thanksgiving, November’s theme celebrates the many ways Ohioans serve others. What does helping your community look like? Create something inspired by volunteering, military service, helping a neighbor or simply showing kindness to others.

December: Looking to the Future: Throughout 2026, we’ve celebrated 250 years of American history. To close out the year, we’re asking young artists to look ahead. Draw, color or paint what you imagine North Ridgeville or Ohio might look like in the future. What will our community look like? How will people live, work, travel or have fun? Let your imagination lead the way!

Submit Photo of Artwork to info@nridgeville.gov



Simple Skincare for a Busy Life

If you’re a busy person like me, consistently taking good care of your skin is even more important. I’ve always been a minimalist when it comes to getting ready, so I want a skincare and beauty routine that is **simple, effective, and doesn’t take a lot of time.**

Including my shower, I usually spend only about **30 minutes getting ready in the morning.** At night, I can get ready for bed in less than five minutes. That may sound impossible to some people, but I’ve learned that a good routine doesn’t have to be complicated to be effective.

One of the most important things you can do for your skin is to **cleanse and moisturize twice a day—morning and night.** It only takes a few minutes, but those few minutes can make a big difference in how your skin looks and feels.

And don’t forget about hydration! Your skin benefits from staying hydrated, so drinking plenty of fluids throughout the day is another simple way to support healthy-looking skin. I happen to love plain water—as long as it is **ice cold!**

I keep an insulated mug filled with ice water at my desk, in the car, and with me when I’m at meetings. I drink water throughout the day and have a glass of milk or water with meals, depending on whether I’m eating at home or at a restaurant. My goal isn’t to make drinking water another chore—it’s simply to make it convenient and part of my everyday routine.

For me, the secret to staying consistent is **keeping my routine simple enough that I’ll actually do it.** I don’t want 10 different steps in the morning or a complicated routine before I go to bed. I want products that work well together and a routine that fits into my busy lifestyle.

Taking care of your skin doesn’t have to mean spending hours in front of the mirror. A few minutes in the morning and evening, along with staying hydrated, protecting your skin from the sun, getting enough rest, and making healthy lifestyle choices can all contribute to skin that looks and feels its best.

So, now that you know what I do to keep my skin looking and feeling its best, I’d love to know — **what do you do every day to take care of your skin?**

If you’re not already using my brand of skincare, I’d love to introduce you to it! **During the month of September, I’ll give you a complimentary full-size cleanser and moisturizer** so you can experience the products for yourself and see how easily they can fit into your daily routine.

You’ll find me at many community events around town, or feel free to contact me using the information in the advertisement below.

Here’s to keeping skincare **simple, consistent, and something you can actually fit into your busy life!**

Georgia Awig, RN



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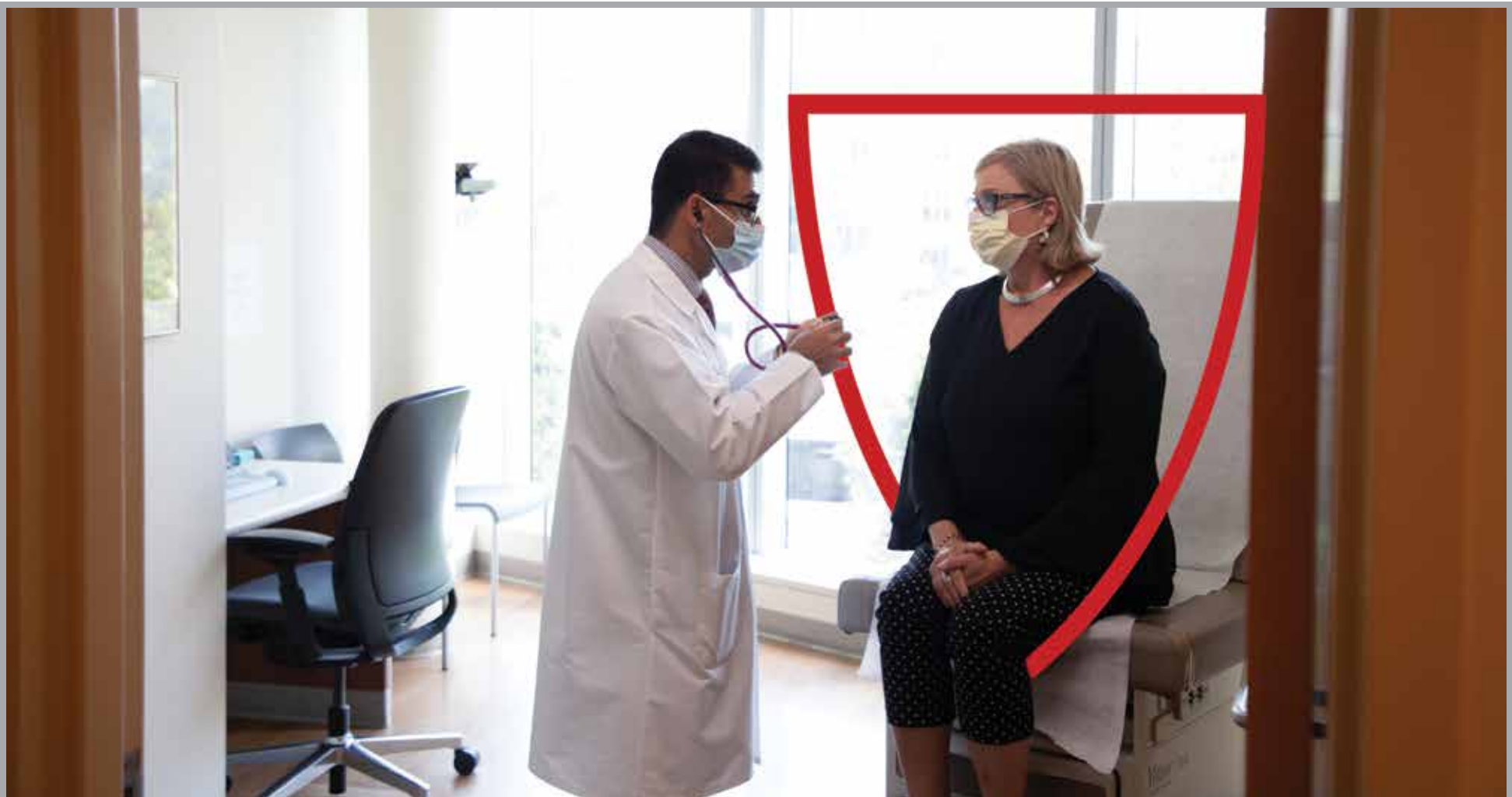
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Mayor's Message

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what we were doing, along with the horror and disbelief we felt as we began to understand what was unfolding.

My oldest child was only a baby in 2001; my other children were not yet born. Years later, I had the opportunity to chaperone their eighth-grade trips to Washington, D.C., which included stops at the Flight 93 memorial in Shanksville. I watched that memorial grow over the years from a simple tribute into the place it is today.

Those experiences reminded me that September 11 was a life event for my generation, while younger generations know it as a historical event. As the years pass, I think it becomes even more important that we help them understand not only the tragedy and tremendous loss of that day, but also the heroism, courage and compassion that followed it: the first responders who ran toward danger, the people who helped strangers and the countless Americans who asked what they could do.

That is part of what we hope to reflect in North Ridgeville's remembrance this year.

To mark the 25th anniversary, 25 American flags will be displayed in front of City Hall. The American flag be-



came such a powerful symbol in the days following the attacks. I still think about the images of the flag being raised at Ground Zero, and what it represented at that moment: resilience, unity and the determination to keep going.

Our flag display is intended to be a visible remembrance. Whether someone stops to look or simply sees the flags while passing City Hall, I hope it creates a moment to pause, remember those who were lost and reflect on why it continues to matter.

We also felt our observance should include an opportunity to act. On September 11, the city will host a community blood drive from 2 to 6 p.m. at City Hall. Donating blood is a simple but meaningful act of service, an opportunity to give something of ourselves to help someone we may never meet, and to carry forward the spirit of people helping people that was so evident in the aftermath of that day.

The flags give us a chance to reflect. The blood drive gives us a chance to serve.

Twenty-five years later, I hope we continue to remember the lives lost and the sacrifices made. I also hope we carry forward the courage, compassion and willingness to serve that emerged during one of our nation's darkest moments.

Mayor Kevin Corcoran



Blood Drive

Twenty-five years after September 11, we continue to honor those who were lost, remember the courage of the first responders who answered the call and reflect on the spirit of service that brought Americans together in the days that followed. This September 11, the City of North Ridgeville invites our community to turn remembrance into action by participating in a Community Blood Drive at City Hall from 2 to 6 p.m.

Donating blood is a simple but meaningful way to help someone in need and carry forward the spirit of service that remains such an important part of September 11.

As we mark this milestone anniversary, we hope you will join us in honoring the past by doing something that can make a difference today. Each donation can help up to three people. Appointments are encouraged. Register today to donate: <https://donors.vitalant.org/dwp/portal/dwa>

Community Care Needs Your Help

North Ridgeville Community Care provides food assistance and other basic necessities to residents in need. It's been a difficult year. The organization is currently running low on food and supplies and welcomes donations to help support neighbors in our community.

Donations of nonperishable food, personal and household items can be dropped off at 34015 Center Ridge Road on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. or Thursdays from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Every donation, large or small, helps Community Care continue providing important support to North Ridgeville families and individuals.

Those in need of assistance may call (440) 353-9716.

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tober 8 at 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. – Celebrate National Pierogi Day by enjoying a beautiful day at several favorite locations. The first stop will be food shops in Parma to pick up some treats for our picnic lunch and for yourself. Enjoy a picnic lunch in one of the nearby scenic parks, then after, we will head to Szalay's for pumpkins, bakery, farm fresh produce and seasonal homemade goods. Our final stop will be at Honey Hut for a special ice cream treat before they close for the season. Be sure to bring money for shopping, lunch and ice cream! Registration begins

Sept. 10 at 1:00 pm. 13 spots available on the bus. Cost \$5. LOCATION: Multiple locations

Outing: Mums & Pumpkins: October 9 at 10:15 a.m.-1 p.m. – Join us for a fun fall outing at a local farm that grows mums, pumpkins and beef. We will tour the barns, learn more about the farm and visit with the cows. After the tour, you will be able to shop for mums or pumpkins to decorate for the season. Bring money for shopping! Registration begins Sept. 16 at 1 p.m. 13 spots available on the bus. Cost \$5. LOCATION: Local Farm

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NEVER FORGET

25 YEARS OF REMEMBRANCE

★ | SEPTEMBER 11, 2001-2026 | ★

- 25** | 25 Flags. 25 Years of Remembrance
- September 11 Remembrance Display**
- North Ridgeville City Hall Front Lawn**
- On display September 1-25, 2026**

Each of the 25 flags represents one year since September 11, 2001. Together, they stand as a tribute to the lives lost, the bravery of first responders and the unity and resilience that followed.

We invite the community to pause, reflect and remember.

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Save the Date for the North Ridgeville Safety Fair!

Join us Saturday, October 3 between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., as we kick off Fire Prevention Week with the North Ridgeville Fire and Police Departments. This free, family-friendly event will feature food trucks, bounce houses, face painting and plenty of activities for all ages.

Informational tables will be on site, giving residents an opportunity to explore healthy living resources and learn important safety practices for home and community. Fire trucks, ambulances, police cars and Public Works vehicles will also be available to see up close and explore.

Local businesses and organizations are also invited to participate. If your organization serves the health or safety needs of our community or simply wants to support this positive community tradition, this is a great opportunity to connect with residents and showcase your services.

Road Work Update

Two roadway improvement projects are scheduled to begin Monday, September 14.

Mills Road Resurfacing Project

The City of Avon and its contractor, Specialized Construction, Inc., will resurface the entire 3.7-mile stretch of Mills Road from the City of Westlake corporation limits to the peanut roundabout.

Work will begin on the east end of Mills Road and move west in sections. The project is expected to be completed by early November.

As part of this work, Mills Road will need to temporarily close at the State Route 83/Mills Road roundabout during overnight hours. Specific closure dates and detour information will be shared in early October.

2026 Concrete Pavement Replacement Project

The City of North Ridgeville's contractor, D.L. Smith Concrete, Inc., will also begin work September 14, starting in the Steinbeck Court and Miller Drive area.

Crews will begin with saw-cutting followed by concrete removal. Additional scheduling information will be shared as it becomes available.

All street replacement work included in this project is expected to be completed by May 29, 2027.

Thank you for your patience as these roadway improvements move forward. Please use caution when traveling through active work zones and watch for future updates.

Cynthia K. Curtin Candidate for the 9th District Court of Appeals

Cynthia Curtin is a candidate for the 9th District Court of Appeals. A former judge of the Stow Municipal Court and current magistrate in the Summit County Domestic Relations Court, she has more than 35 years of legal experience. She has practiced in many courts throughout Ohio including U.S. District Court for both the Northern and Southern Districts, and the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals.

She was appointed Judge of the Stow Municipal Court by Gov. DeWine in June 2025 to fulfill an unexpired term which ended on December 31, 2025. Prior to being a judge, she was a litigation attorney for over 35 years handling jury trials, appellate arguments, mediations and arbitrations. Throughout her career, Curtin represented individuals, small businesses, national retailers and insurance companies, defending matters involving motor vehicle liability, premises liability, products liability, property damage, worker's comp, employment, SIU, insurance coverage and estate planning. Some representative clients included Home Depot, Walmart, the Cleveland Clinic, State Farm, Allstate, USAA and Met Life.

Curtin owned and managed her own law firm, a certified woman owned law firm, in Akron with her husband, Michael. Upon Michael's sudden passing, in 2017, Curtin maintained the law firm for an additional five years and then closed the practice to join Perez - Morris in Cleveland. While at Perez- Morris, Curtin assisted national coordinating counsel. In this role, she worked with attorneys around the country in various state and federal courts defending premises liability cases.

She is a 50-year resident of Hudson, OH. Has two adult children, both married, living in Virginia. She received her B.S. in Business Administration from Indiana University, and J.D. from Cleveland State University. Having lived in Colombia, South America during her pre-teen years, she speaks Spanish and is familiar with the Latin culture.

LCCC Civic Chorale Welcomes New Members

Lorain County Community College's Civic Chorale welcomes new members to the first rehearsal on September 14 at 7:30 pm in Stocker Center Room 140. Membership is open to all who love to sing, from advanced high school students to senior citizens. There are no fees, no auditions. Prior choral experience is desired. College credit is available.

For further information, contact Nancy Davis at ndavis@lorainccc.edu



America 250: Hometown Reflections

As America commemorates its 250th anniversary, we're extending the conversation with America 250: Hometown Reflections. Over the coming days, local leaders will share the traditions, people, places and pieces of history they believe help tell North Ridgeville's part of the larger American story. Some may be familiar. Others might surprise you.

What is a value or tradition in North Ridgeville that you think reflects the American Spirit?

"The North Ridgeville Corn Festival comes to mind."

Bob Holub, Ward 2 Councilman

What many residents may not know is that the Corn Festival was originally created in 1975 in connection to America's bicentennial. More than 50 years later, it has become one of North Ridgeville's most cherished traditions, bringing together residents, businesses, organizations and visitors.

What North Ridgeville tradition makes you proud to call our community home?



What does the American spirit look like right here in North Ridgeville?

"It looks like neighbors who are willing to step up and serve."

**Toni Krone, President
Kiwanis Club of North Ridgeville**

"We see this consistently with our Kiwanis Club events, where volunteers always manage to get things done despite their busy schedules. I'm certain this same spirit is reflected across our local churches and other service organizations as well. North Ridgeville has a long history of people giving their time to make the community stronger." -Toni Krone

As we continue marking America 250, we're celebrating the local values that continue to shape our story.



How did we become North Ridgeville?

"The U.S. mail played a role in giving North Ridgeville its name."

North Ridgeville Historical Society

The Ridgeville Post Office was established in 1815 with Moses Eldred serving as its first postmaster. By 1829, mail intended for our community was being confused with that of another Ridgeville near Dayton. The solution was simple: the U.S. Postmaster General requested that "North" be added to the post office name. The community continued as Ridgeville Township for many years, but the North Ridgeville name remained eventually becoming the Village of North Ridgeville in 1958 and the City of North Ridgeville in 1960.



If you could show a visitor one thing about North Ridgeville that connects to the story of America, what would it be?

"The Veterans Memorial. It was a grassroots effort to make something amazing to honor our fallen."

Cliff Winkel, Ward 4 Councilman

The Veterans Memorial stands as a lasting tribute to the men and women who served our country and a reminder of the sacrifice behind the freedoms we enjoy today.

As America commemorates 250 years, places like this help connect our national history with the stories, families and sacrifices found right here at home.



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Lorain County Public Health Shares Free Local Health Hacks

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"People are looking for practical ways to stretch household budgets, and we want to encourage the community to turn to Lorain County Public Health," said Justin Rechichar, MPH, MBA, MHHS, REHS, health commissioner at LCPH. "We have great local social service and medical providers, and public health works right alongside them by supporting the spaces where daily living happens. By using local health tools and services, residents can protect their well-being and save money along the way."

Check out these local health hacks de-

signed to protect both well-being and wallets:

- **Get help paying for prescriptions.** If high prescription costs are a struggle or if you recently lost Medicaid benefits, call LCPH at 440-284-3064. Experts will help find lower out-of-pocket costs and explore generic options through the Prescription Assistance Program, a partnership with Beacon Charitable Pharmacy, Nord Family Foundation, Community Foundation of Lorain County, and LCPH.
- **Eat local produce** to stretch food budgets and increase nutrition with fruits and vegetables. Visit a farm stand, farmer's market, or community produce co-ops, such as the Keystone Empowers You (KEY) Collaborative and the North Ridgeville Heart & Sole produce pick-up program. As one local resident noted, "The produce bag was stuffed full—it's like Christmas every time you receive one." For more details, call 440-322-6367.
- **Free period products** can be picked up at LCPH and several other locations across Lorain County. Call 211 to find a nearby pick

up site. The Change the Cycle initiative removes barriers that cause 1 in 5 women and teens to miss school or work. This effort is made possible by the Women's Fund of Lorain County, Community Foundation of Lorain County, and United Way of Greater Lorain County.

- **Use food benefit programs** like WIC, food pantries, SNAP, or Senior Farmers Market vouchers. These help to stretch your fresh produce options and make eating more fruits and vegetables affordable. Find out if you qualify for free or low-cost benefits for health/medical, food, cash, & child care, visit benefits.ohio.gov.
- **Keep active for no cost** with United We Sweat for free access to fitness events and gyms. Explore nearby trails, playgrounds, and parks by calling your parks and recreation program, senior center, Lorain County Metro Parks, or 211.
- **Visit the harm reduction vending machine for free supplies** at Family Planning Services (602 Leona Rd, Elyria). Placed in partnership with LCPH, this machine offers 24/7 access to naloxone kits, fentanyl test strips, pregnancy tests, safe sex kits, and first aid supplies.
- **Library check-outs go beyond books.** Through local public library partnerships, residents can borrow blood pressure monitoring kits. Ask your library what health resources you can borrow for no cost; select local branches, have culinary literacy programs, carry memory care sets, adult bicycles, fishing poles, and seed libraries.
- **Parents, you don't have to figure things out alone** – during pregnancy or the early weeks with a baby. LCPH's team of Community Health Workers and registered nurses can support and connect you to baby health supplies, local programs, and a free in-home visit from a nurse. Fill out a form to get started at loraincountyhealth.com/newbaby.



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For more information on how LCPH serves and supports a healthy community, call 440-322-6367 or visit LorainCountyHealth.com. Get local health updates on Facebook, Instagram, X, or YouTube.

From the Arborist: Growing a Cooler, Healthier Community

As extreme heat becomes more common, trees are an increasingly important part of creating healthy, resilient communities. In addition to providing shade and helping cool neighborhoods, trees improve air quality, protect waterways, provide wildlife habitat and contribute to our overall health and well-being.

Fall is a great time to plant a tree. Cooler temperatures and typically more consistent moisture give newly planted trees an opportunity to establish their roots before the stress of next summer's heat. If you're considering adding a tree to your property, choose a species suited to the site and remember to give it plenty of water as it becomes established.

This year also marks the 50th anniversary of Tree City USA. Since the program began in 1976 with just 42 participating communities, it has grown to include communities in every state, including North Ridgeville. The milestone is a good reminder that planting and caring for trees today is an investment that will benefit our community for generations to come.

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Baby and Me Story Time: Mondays, Sept. 21, 28; 10 to 10:30 a.m. • Thursday, Sept. 17, 24; 10 to 10:30 a.m. – Bounce, wiggle and play at this interactive story time. For infants, birth through 18 months, or early walkers, with their caregivers.

Preschool Story Time: Tuesdays, 10 to 10:30 a.m., Sept. 15, 22, 29 – Stories, movement and rhymes for 3 through 5-year-olds with their caregivers.

Toddler Story Time: Mondays, 11 to 11:30 a.m. Sept. 21, 28 • Wednesday, Sept. 16, 23; 11 to 11:30 a.m. • Thursday, Sept. 17, 24; 11 to 11:30 a.m. – Stories, movement and rhymes for active walkers through 3-year-olds with their caregivers.

Books, Beats and Bubbles Story Time: Mondays, Sept. 21, 28; 6 to 6:30 p.m. • Tuesdays, Sept. 15, 22, 29; 11 to 11:30 a.m. – A high-

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Lorain County Health & Dentistry Announces 2026 Wine Down by the Water Fundraiser

Lorain County Health & Dentistry (LCH&D) will host its annual Wine Down by the Water fundraiser on Thursday, October 1, 2026, from 5:00–8:30 p.m. at Sunset Terrace at Lakeview Park in Lorain.

As LCH&D's only fundraising event of the year, Wine Down by the Water brings together community members, local businesses, and supporters for an evening along the Lake Erie shoreline. Guests will enjoy a wine social featuring A Taste of Excellence Catering while supporting LCH&D and its mission to be “a trusted health partner, providing comprehensive, high-quality care that is accessible to all.”

“2027 will bring a significant change in the health care coverage for many of our community members. We will use funds raised at Wine Down by the Water to help offset the cost of care for those whose household may not have the means. Without support, many of these individuals would go without the care they need or turn to local emergency rooms for their health needs”, said Ben Kosewski, President & CEO of LCH&D.

Community support through Wine Down by the Water helps LCH&D continue providing high quality, affordable care to individuals and families throughout Lorain County. As the county's only federally qualified community health center, LCH&D operates six health centers across Lorain, Elyria, Oberlin, and North Ridgeville. In 2025, Lorain County Health & Dentistry provided comprehensive healthcare services to more than 17,500 patients through more than 57,000 visits.

By joining LCH&D for Wine Down by the Water, guests can enjoy an evening by Lake Erie while helping support access to healthcare for their neighbors throughout the community.

Tickets are on sale now for \$100 per individual or \$175 per pair. For tickets and more information, visit lorainhealth-dentistry.org or call 440-240-1655.



Making Sense of Stormwater Management

What's phosphorus got to do with your yard? Phosphorus is a naturally occurring nutrient that helps plants grow, but too much of it in our waterways can contribute to excessive algae growth and poor water quality. Around our homes, phosphorus can come from fertilizers, leaves, grass clippings and pet waste. When those materials are left on streets, sidewalks or near storm drains, rain can carry the nutrients they contain into the stormwater system and ultimately into local waterways.

One of the biggest culprits may surprise you: leaves. A U.S. Geological Survey study found that nearly 60% of the annual phosphorus entering stormwater in the area studied could come from fallen leaves during the fall. Timely removal of leaves from streets reduced phosphorus loads by as much as 80% under the study conditions.

Residents can help protect water quality with a few simple practices:

- Keep leaves and grass clippings off streets and away from storm drains. Mulch-mowing, running over leaves with your mower so they break down into the lawn, is one of the easiest ways to keep nutrients where

they belong. Composting is another good option.

- Use fertilizer only when needed and follow the recommended application rate. Avoid fertilizing immediately before rain or windy weather.
- Sweep up fertilizer that lands on driveways or sidewalks rather than washing it into the street.
- Don't overwater your lawn. Excess water can carry fertilizer and nutrients away from your yard and into stormwater runoff.
- Consider native plants or a rain garden. These landscaping choices can help water soak into the ground rather than run off your property.

Remember, what goes into a storm drain can eventually make its way to a stream or river. Keeping nutrients on your lawn and out of the street is one small way to help protect local water quality.

Our Engineering team will be available at the Safety Fair to answer questions, or you can learn more at U.S. EPA: What You Can Do in Your Yard, <https://www.epa.gov/nutrientpollution/what-you-can-do-your-yard>.

Lions Club One Mile Walk

Join the North Ridgeville Lions Club for its STEPS One Mile Walk on Tuesday, September 22 at 5:30 p.m. at South Central Park, Pavilion 1. The event is part of a statewide Lions Club effort to raise awareness and funds for pediatric cancer research. Registration is a \$20 donation and includes a pizza and salad dinner provided by Angelina's Pizza and Marco's Pizza of North Ridgeville.

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One Mile Walk

Tuesday, September 22, 2026

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energy musical story time for families with children of all ages, featuring stories, song, instruments, dancing and bubbles.

How Money Works: Tuesday, Sept. 15, 6 to 7:30 p.m. – Join a Primerica representative as they discuss the many ways money works. Topics include successful investing, mutual funds, reducing debt and life insurance policies.

Adapted Story Time: Pillow Fort Palooza: Tuesday, Sept. 15, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. – A story time and craft for children with varying learning styles and abilities. While content is geared for ages 3 to 7, all ages are welcome. Preregistration required.

Family Story Time: Wednesday, Sept. 16, 23; 10 to 10:30 a.m. – Children of all ages with their caregivers are invited to stories, movements, rhyme and play.

Quilters Club: Wednesday, Sept. 16, 1 to 5 p.m. – Stop on in to explore the long-arm quilter and chat with new and seasoned quilters. Preregistration required.

Fiber Arts Groups: Monday, Sept. 28; 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – For new and longtime 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! No membership or prior fiber arts skills required, we’re just a fun group that encourage, admire and enjoy each other’s company.

Laser Cutter and Engraver 101: Thursday, Sept. 17; 2 to 3 p.m. OR Friday, Sept. 25; 2 to 3 p.m. – Learn the basic procedures and safety protocols to operate this machine in the Create Space. Attendees will then be required to schedule a staff-supervised hands-on experience with the machine before using it on their own. Materials for the 101 program and hands-on session are provided. Preregistration required.

Family STEAM Night: Becoming Responsible Internet Users: Thursday, Sept. 17, 6 to 7 p.m. – Families with school-age children will

explore different science, technology, engineering, art and math topics with hands-on activities. Preregistration required.

Homeschool STEAM: Becoming Responsible Internet Users: Friday, Sept. 18, 11 a.m. to noon – Families with homeschooled children ages 5 and up will learn about the history and technology of libraries before the invention of modern computers. Explore how library materials used to be looked up, located, shelved and checked out with activities that simulate the old processes. Preregistration required.

125th Anniversary Open House: Saturday, Sept. 19, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Celebrate 125 years of discovery and learning at the library! Join this excellent shindig for awesome games, radical music, an 80s-inspired exercise class and a mini gallery celebrating our building’s history, highlighting the 1980s! Light refreshments will be served.



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SENIOR CENTER EVENTS

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Senior Center Health & Wellness Fair: October 15 at 9-11 a.m. – Our annual Health & Wellness Fair returns on October 15 from 9-11 a.m. Dozens of vendors will be on hand to answer your questions and meet your wellness needs. University Hospitals will be on hand to provide glucose and blood pressure checks and Marc's Pharmacy will be offering influenza and COVID vaccinations.

Meet Up: Fatheads Brewery: October 21 at 4:30 p.m. – Join us for dinner at Fatheads in nearby North Olmsted. Their menu features local products, seasonal specials, burgers, salads, wings, soups, flatbreads, sandwiches and more. Register by Oct. 16. LOCATION: Fatheads Brewery, 24581 Lorain Road, North Olmsted

Bistro 83 Welcomes New Executive Chef Sean Kerrigan

Bistro 83 is excited to welcome Sean Kerrigan as our new Executive Chef! Sean has been in and around the restaurant industry for almost his entire life. His Mom managed some of the best restaurants in Cleveland including Fat Fish Blues. He started working in kitchens at the age of 18 when he and his Mom moved to Pennsylvania where Sean attended culinary school.

Sean has worked for the most renowned chefs in Cleveland including Michael Symon, John Kolar, Fabio Salerno, Jonathan Bennett and Michael Tolosa. He has managed kitchens for some of the best restaurants in Cleveland including as Chef De Cuisine at Red The Steakhouse and Executive Chef at Urban Farmer. Most recently Sean was Executive Chef at Lago East Bank. Sean and his restaurants have won 13 Silver Spoon Awards most recently in 2024 and 2025 at Lago.

Sean is a homegrown chef, who likes to use local ingredients and whose career is deeply rooted in the Cleveland restaurant scene. Bistro 83 is Sean's first kitchen outside of downtown Cleveland. His goal is to bring a downtown experience to Bistro 83 that has already built a strong connection with its local community, including with Sean's parents who are regulars at the restaurant. Sean will be working

on a new menu that is unique, yet approachable for our customers, both old and new, with the goal of making Bistro 83 and North Ridgeville dining destinations for foodies across Cleveland.

Sean resides in Bay Village with his wife and 3 beautiful children. Sean's son suffers from celiac disease, which heavily influences how he creates his menus. His menu will have something for everyone while still offering a unique experience for the community that Sean cherishes.



Fall Fest

Join us for an evening of family fun at the Annual Fall Fest on October 10 at 4 – 6 PM! Celebrate the season with a lively mix of exciting games, hayrides, family photo spot, giant bounce houses and more!

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Ohio Goes to the Movies

Check the Ohio Goes to the Movies calendar of events for details: <https://ohiogoes to the movies.org/>.

September 18: AMC Westwood is showing *Superman* at 6 p.m. **September 19:** Cleveland Institute of Art is showing *As Above, So Below* at 3 p.m., *Cutting Horse* at 4:30 p.m. and *Passing Through* at 7 p.m.



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LPLS Spooky Story Contest Returns for a Third Year

Do you have a chilling tale that's dying to be told? The Lorain Public Library System invites students in grades 6 through 12 and adults who live in or attend school in Lorain County to submit their original ghost stories as part of the third annual Spooky Story Contest.

Entries will be accepted online at LorainPublicLibrary.org between Tuesday, Sept. 1 and 11:59 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 21.

Participants must upload their stories as a .doc or .docx file using the online form. Teachers or parents submitting multiple entries on behalf of students may email them directly to contest@lpls.info. Each entry must include the required contact and school information.

Submission Requirements: File format: .doc or .docx • Font: Times New Roman, Arial or Calibri, size 12 • Spacing: Double-spaced • Margins: 1 inch on all sides • Length: 500 to 2,500 words (approximately 2 to 8 pages) • Pages must be numbered • Include: legal name, pen name (if applicable), grade and school (if applicable), home address, phone number and email

All entrants will be invited to the Spooky Story Recital at the Main Library on Saturday, Oct. 24 from 2 to 4 p.m., where winning stories will be read aloud and prizes -- sponsored by the Friends of the Lorain Public Library -- will be awarded.

For full contest details and to submit your entry, visit LorainPublicLibrary.org.



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101 North Ridgeville High School Students Earn AP Scholar Awards

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AP Scholar with Distinction Recipients

Class of 2026: Amelia Bennett • Noah Brennen • Nathan Bubar • Hayleigh Cass • Brianna Christie • Carter Clark • Andrew Dyson • Alyssa Eland • David Gordon • Hawk Grimm • Ruby Hebert • Amelia Klimchak • Dylan Kramer • Ian Leszcz • Aaliyah Mergo • Diya Nirichan • Ian Olmsted • Jacob Reed • Kellie Riley • Johnathan Robertson • Michael Smolik • Paide Snyder • Ethan Stanulet • Bailey Starkey • Leah Vaughn • Quinn Vrba • Sydney Watt • Claire Wolanski

Class of 2027: Leah Boutton • Madison Chinchar • Benjamin Dornan • Jackson Johnson • Julia Kudrna • Fiona Kwee • Chen Fei Lin Shawn McElyea • Okechukwu Mezu • Antonio Mireles • Aidan Reed • Adalynn Schuster • Erin Schwiefert • Abigail Sulo • Matthew Trimbitas • Alivea Zaremba

AP Scholar with Honor Recipients

Class of 2026: Paige Bielozer • Ashton Cassetto • Mason Oliva • Matthew Pritt • Isabel Queen • Gabriella Sado • Lucas Sansone • Marisa Slack • Kailynn Spyak • Benjamin Tobin • Madison Winkler • Katherine Young

Class of 2027: Robert Bodak • Brayden Crumley • Mackenzie Lowe • Evan Lowery • Ailani Mathias • Katherine Norris • Mai Pham • Alex Salvetti • Michael Staskevich

Book Tasting

Last week, students in 4 Green experienced a fun and unique way to explore different book genres! One class enjoyed a Book Tasting, while the other had a Book Sipping experience at StarBooks.

Students spent time reading five different genres and then rated each one based on their experience. What a creative way to encourage students to step outside their usual choices, discover new genres, and build a love of reading!



• Neil Thibodeaux

Class of 2028: Achilles Taras • Maggie Wellman

AP Scholar Recipients

Class of 2026: Nadia Brailer • Hailey Browne • Sydney Crout • Hailey Czech • Sydney Dales • Elizabeth Elwin • Haley Ham • Mason Hoff • Alexander Malloy • Andrea Sabljic • Cassidie Sole • Robert Taylor • Sofia Yost

Class of 2027: Alivia Denk • Sarah Ellis • Chesney Flint • Lincoln Gates • Fiona Holland • Isabel Maldonado • Macie Miller • MiLan Nguyen • Colin Oberholzer • Jillian Palcie • Owen Powers • Kavidh Pradhan • Jason Sewell • Kimberly Sullivan • Evion Waseleski

Class of 2028: Benjamin Brennan • Craig Harvey • Mia Paukst • Kyle Prokopius • Adelyne Springer

North Ridgeville Youth Wrestling

Is your student interested in wrestling? North Ridgeville Youth Wrestling practices begin October 20!

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A Lovely Night: A Rodgers and Hammerstein Musical Review

Support the NRCS Drama Club and enjoy a wonderful production celebrating Rodgers and Hammerstein on Saturday, September 19 at 6 p.m.

This fundraiser performance is a cabaret-style dinner show! Enjoy a night filled with classic songs from the beloved musical theatre lyricist and composer team, Rodgers and Hammerstein. Several gift baskets will be raffled off, and there will also be a 50/50 raffle! Come and support the drama club as we raise funds for additional educational opportunities!

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Wind, Hail & Hidden Roof Damage: Don't Wait for the Leak

Northeast Ohio homeowners know how quickly severe weather can strike. High winds and hail may pass in minutes, but the damage they leave can quietly compromise a roof for months or even years, if not promptly addressed. As roofs age, they become more vulnerable to these forces, and much of that damage is nearly impossible to spot from the ground.

Wind can lift shingle edges, break adhesive seals, and loosen flashing around chimneys, vents, and skylights. Hail bruises asphalt shingles, knocks off protective granules, can create soft spots or fractures in the shingle mat, and dent metal surfaces. Once the protective layer on the shingles is compromised, water can find its way underneath. The result is often a slow leak, which may appear on the interior as a ceiling stain or damp attic insulation, long after the storm has passed. That's why waiting until you see a leak is one of the costliest mistakes a homeowner can make. By the time water reaches the interior, the damage has usually progressed far beyond the original storm impact. A professional inspection is the only reliable way to catch problems early.



Kent and Jaime Krivich

What to Expect During a Roof Inspection

A thorough inspection goes well beyond a quick look from the driveway. Experienced, HAAG certified inspectors from Mark 2 Roofing examine the roof surface up close for lifted or creased shingles, granule loss, soft spots, damaged flashing, and signs of prior repairs. They also check gutters for excess granules, look at the attic for moisture or daylight penetration, and document everything with photos. The process is straightforward and typically takes under an hour for most homes.



BEFORE



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Repair Costs, Claims, and Replacement Options

If the inspection turns up minor issues, many repairs are relatively affordable and can restore the roof's weather-tight integrity. When damage is more extensive, especially after significant weather events, Mark 2 Roofing can walk you through the insurance claim process, help document the damage properly, and advocate for a fair settlement. In cases where insurance is not a factor, we offer clear, competitive quotes for a full replacement so you can make an informed decision.



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If you already filed a claim after one of this year's severe weather events and the process seems stalled, you're not alone. Claims can slow down for many reasons—incomplete documentation, disagreements over scope, or simply volume. Mark 2 Roofing has extensive experience helping homeowners get stalled claims moving again. We're happy to review your situation, provide additional documentation when needed, and work with your insurance company to keep the process progressing.

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