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Skunk Fest Returns



Did you know North Ridgeville is the skunk capital of the world? Well, not really. But one day of the year it is!

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Rangers Roll to 4-0



Zach Barnhart (36)

The North Ridgeville High football team is off to its best start in years, standing at 4-0 after last Friday's 10-3 decision at tough Olmsted Falls.

The Rangers have also defeated North

Royalton, 20-17, Valley Forge, 41-6, and North Olmsted, 41-7 this season.

They clash with 8-time SWC champ Avon (4-0) this Friday in a huge conference tilt at Ridgeville.

North Ridgeville Schools: Please VOTE FOR ISSUE 16

In July, the North Ridgeville Board of Education voted to place on the November ballot an issue to approve the construction of a new high school, an attached auditorium to support arts programming, and a transportation center for bussing and maintenance.

This differs from Issue 5 in May of this year that sought funds for both a new high

school and elementary school. The May bid fell just short, losing by a scant 23 votes.

But the need remains. The current high school is still woefully overcrowded.

So, this time around, the Board is focusing on a scaled-back request that includes a new high school.

This prudent approach makes sense. It

addresses some of the biggest needs of the district while also respecting the conservative realities of the community.

The growing North Ridgeville community has led to increased enrollment in the school district. The high school currently has approximately 1,500 students enrolled, but the building capacity is only 900 stu-

dents. Modular units and using every inch of available space is no longer sufficient for students. The current square footage of the high school is 147,000 and in order to accommodate our enrolled students, 272,000 square feet is needed.

Again, the need remains. Please VOTE FOR Issue 16 this November.

Issue 16: The Need Remains Frequently Asked Questions

Safety to thrive, Space to learn, Environment for Excellence

What is on the November ballot for North Ridgeville City Schools?

Issue 16 is a 6.26 mill bond issue levied for a period of 37 years. This will provide the funds to build a much needed 9-12 high school with an auditorium and transportation facility. The new building includes updated learning environments, modern safety and security systems, ADA accessibility, classrooms large enough and configured properly for today's education, up-to-date technology to better meet students' needs and space to accommodate future growth.

Why does North Ridgeville City Schools need a bond issue for a new school building?

The district has grown by over 100 students per year, for several years and is over capacity at the high school. Further, the State of Ohio reviewed the school buildings and found they do not meet today's standards for education. The high school is not ADA accessible and students are forced to learn in converted closets and hallways. Just this year, additional modular classrooms are being installed to accommodate the surplus of students. Meanwhile, the district is making expensive repairs to temporarily address the needs of older buildings which drain dollars from education and is not a cost effective use of funds. The State of Ohio independently determined that it will cost nearly as much money to repair, maintain and renovate the schools

than it would to build new facilities.

Why can't the District just repair or renovate the school?

North Ridgeville is one of the fastest growing districts in the state, with over 100 students being added each year. The high school building does not have the capacity to handle these increasing numbers which are projected to grow even more. Further, the buildings are beyond repair and no longer meet the standards required for today's education. The Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC) thoroughly reviewed the schools and independently determined the cost to renovate the buildings to minimum standards would be nearly equal to the cost of building new schools. They recommend replacement as it is more fiscally responsible.

How did the buildings get so bad? Did the District ignore repairs?

No, in fact, the opposite is true. District maintenance staff continue to do their best to keep the schools safe and in the best shape possible. This includes spending thousands of dollars each year on basic and "Band-Aid" repairs to expensive, outdated systems that no longer function efficiently. However, due to space shortages and the building's effective lifespan, most repairs are no longer enough. The high school is not ADA accessible and is over capacity. Students are forced to learn in



converted closets and hallways. Continuing to spend money on repairs and makeshift modifications is not the best use of District dollars. The most cost efficient, fiscally responsible, action is to build a new high school to accommodate the district for the next 75 years.

Where will the school be built and when?

The new high school will be built near the current high school. Pending voter approval of the bond issue on November 7, 2023, the District would select an architect and construction management service

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University Hospitals Elyria Medical Center Now Serving Cardiovascular Patients in New, Advanced Facility

Upgrades to cardiac catheterization laboratory expand services, facilitate more efficient experience

The recent opening of a new, upgraded cardiac catheterization laboratory at University Hospitals (UH) Elyria Medical Center provides cardiovascular patients in and around Lorain County with access to expanded services and an improved, more efficient experience close to home.

A cardiac catheterization laboratory, also referred to as a cath lab, is a specialized area in a hospital where doctors perform minimally invasive tests, as well as advanced procedures, to diagnose and treat cardiovascular issues.

The renovation to one of UH Elyria's cath labs includes cosmetic and technical upgrades. It now has new flooring, lighting, and cabinetry, as well as a new state-of-the-art ceiling-mounted Siemens system for use during coronary and peripheral vascular procedures. The control room between two of the cath lab rooms also received upgrades.

The new cath lab continues to provide cardiac and vascular services, including:

- Life-saving treatment for people with an active heart attack
- Cardiac catheterizations to see how well the heart is working, identify problems, and treat narrowed or blocked arteries
- Interventions for peripheral artery disease, which is the narrowing or blockage of the vessels that carry blood from the heart to the legs

And now, with new technology from Siemens that allows for better visualization of the lower body, physicians are enabled to perform a wider range of peripheral vascular procedures to remove plaque and improve blood circulation to the feet and legs.

"When we have higher-quality imaging guiding our procedures, we're more accurate in less time. This allows for more efficiency, less radiation exposure, and a better overall experience for our patients," said Dr. Charles O'Shaughnessy, interventional cardiologist and Medical Director of UH Harrington Heart & Vascular Institute's cardiac catheterization lab at UH Elyria.

University Hospitals enhances the patient experience by providing these advanced procedures at numerous community hospitals like UH Elyria.

"We know it takes time, money and creates stress for our patients who have to travel for essential medical care," said Cyndie Lowry, R.N., BSN, MBA, System Director of Diagnostic and Procedural Services at UH Harrington Heart & Vascular Institute. "We want patients visiting any UH facility to receive the same, superior cardiovascular care."

One of those patients is 73-year-old Robert Kubasak of Grafton, who recently experienced chest pain and discomfort. Dr. O'Shaughnessy performed a heart catheterization in the new cath lab and discovered two blockages in his left anterior descending coronary artery – one 95 percent



Dr. Charles O'Shaughnessy and Robert Kubasak

and the other about 75 percent. If not addressed, the blockages could have led to a heart attack. Dr. O'Shaughnessy placed two stents during an outpatient procedure.

"The experience was really easy and I'm pleased with my results," said Kubasak. "I had had procedures before in the old labs and when they rolled me into the room this time it looked really nice. I was impressed with the bigger screen and all the new equipment. It looked very modern."

Kubasak also appreciated traveling only 8 miles from his home to the hospital, instead of having to make the drive to downtown Cleveland.

"Providing a wider array of procedures and broadening the type of issues we treat right here in Elyria equates to faster, more comprehensive care. We believe this saves and improves lives," said Dr. O'Shaughnessy.

To contact a UH cardiologist at UH Elyria Medical Center, call 216-844-3800.



Appointment Of Council Seat For Ward 2

Ward 2 Councilman Dennis Boose passed away Wednesday, August 23, 2023, at Cleveland Clinic, Avon. According to Charter Section 3.7, "vacancies in Council shall be filled for the unexpired term by an appointment made by a majority vote of all remaining members of Council. Such appointment shall be made within thirty (30) days after the next regular meeting following receipt of official notification of such vacancy. If Council fails to fill the vacancy within said thirty (30) day period the Mayor

shall make the appointment."

The Ward 2 seat term ends on December 31, 2023. Interested parties, who must be a resident of Ward 2 in the City of North Ridgeville and a registered voter for at least one year prior to appointment, should send a cover letter and resume to the Clerk of Council's Office via email at councilclerks@nridgeville.org by Wednesday, September 13, 2023. Council will then review the applicants and appoint a replacement per the prescribed Charter timeline.

Mayoral Candidate Forum

The North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring a Mayoral Candidate Forum on Wednesday, September 27, 2023 from 6-8 PM at the North Ridgeville Academic Center, 34620 Bainbridge Road. Meet the two candidates running for Mayor in the November election - Kevin Corcoran and Paul Wolanski. If you have any questions, please contact the Chamber of Commerce at (440) 327-3737.

The North Ridgeville Review welcomes letters to the Editor as well as news items. Please send all information by e-mail or typed. You must include your name, address, phone number and signature for verification. All items should be sent to:
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NORTH RIDGEVILLE UPCOMING EVENTS

Safety Fair

North Ridgeville Safety Fair on October 7 from 10 AM-2 PM at Fire Station #1, 7000 Ranger Way. Free Event. Food, bounce houses, face painting and other fun activities for kids. Information tables with fire safety and health tips for adults and children. Tour fire trucks, ambulances, police cars, Service Dept. trucks; area medical helicopter landing for tours (weather permitting).

Fall Fest

Fall Fest on October 14 from 4-6 PM at South Central Park. Free event sponsored by Parks & Recreation. Games, food vendors, face & pumpkin painting, balloon animals, pumpkin bowling, photo booth and hay rides (weather permitting).

Holiday Food & Toy Drive

Holiday Food and Toy Drive to benefit North Ridgeville Community Care starting October 30 until December 1. Non-perishable food items and toys in original packaging may be dropped off at City Hall, Parks & Recreation Department and Senior Center.

10th Annual Stache Dash 5K/1M Fun Run-Walk

10th Annual Stache Dash, 1 Mile Fun Run-Walk at 8:45 AM and 5K Race at 9 AM on November 4 at South Central Park.

Cost: 1 Mile is \$30 pre-registration and \$35 race day; 5K Race is \$40 pre-registration and \$45 race day and ages 14 and under is \$35 pre-registration and \$40 race day.

Register online at nridgeville.org/parksandrec by October 30. Race bags provided to the first 300 that pre-register for the event.

Christmas Tree Lighting

Everyone is invited to this annual tradition on December 2 starting at 5 pm. Various girl scout troops will be decorating the tree while the North Ridgeville Choir leads us in joyful holiday songs, while Mayor Kevin Corcoran along with his close, personal friend Santa Claus light the community Christmas Tree.

If you are a scout troop leader and would like to take part in this years event please contact Kevin Fougousse at kfougousse@nridgeville.org by Monday, November 20.

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Westlake Recreation Center

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- 5K Run/Walk, Speed Walk and 1 Mile Fun Walk at 8:30 a.m. Registration/ Packet pick-up at 7:30 a.m.
- Meet the Cleveland Browns ' mascot Chomps
- Touch a Truck
- Bouncy House
- Free bike helmets and fittings for kids
- Visit hospital and community tables

ALSO VISIT:

- UH Mobile Mammo Van
- Wigs for Kids: information on how to donate hair/schedule wigsforkids.org
- Westlake Early Childhood PTA

WALK-UP HEALTH SCREENINGS:

- Balance and grip
- Blood glucose
- Blood pressure
- Cholesterol
- Hearing
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Follow the QR code for Race Information and to register online.



Preregistration is required for mammograms. To schedule an appointment, call **216-896-1768.**



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 Purchase at North Ridgeville Senior Center
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For Questions or More Information Please Call: (440) 353-0828

Lorain County Public Health Announces Flu Shots Available

Flu shots will be available starting October 2, 2023 at LCPH. LCPH will offer these flu vaccine options: flu shot for ages 6 months through 64 years, high-dose flu shot for adults 65 years and older, and nasal flumist for ages 2 years through 49 years.



Lorain County Public Health

For the Health of Us All

Call (440) 284-3206 to schedule a vaccine appointment with LCPH at their main office in Elyria, or at a satellite vaccine site in Lorain and Wellington.

LCPH is committed to making sure the flu shot stays affordable for everyone in Lorain County. No child is turned away for inability to pay for any vaccine, and LCPH will work with adults to reduce barriers to cost. LCPH will directly bill the client's insurance provider to cover the administrative fee for services and vaccines.

For more information, visit LCPH's website at: www.loraincounty-health.com/flu.

Race Road Closed for Ohio Turnpike Bridge Deck Replacement

(Revised 8-31-2023)

The Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission is replacing the bridge deck over the Ohio Turnpike on Race Road. Race Road has been closed since May 15 to perform the work.** Race Road is open to local traffic and businesses but the bridge is closed. Detour signs are posted to assist drivers around the work area.

Although most construction has been occurring during daytime hours, a number of items will need to occur overnight due to lane closure restrictions on the Ohio Turnpike below and ideal weather conditions that need to be met. Some work at night necessitate equipment that will create noise during an intermittent basis.

** Update August 28 - due to weather, the project completion date has been extended to the end of September; Update August 31 - tentative reopening date is October 2, 2023.

Senior Center Spaghetti Dinner

North Ridgeville Senior Center will host a spaghetti dinner on Friday, September 29 from 5-7 PM at the Senior Center. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$5 for children 10 and under. Dinner includes spaghetti and meatballs, side salad and bread. Pop and dessert are available for \$1 each. Dine in or take out. Proceeds benefit programs at the Senior Center. Thank you to the North Ridgeville Lions Club for sponsoring the event.

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provider, which would work with the District, including community input, on design and to provide a timeline of when the buildings would be completed. The buildings will be located on land the district already owns. ThenDesign Architecture, which is experienced in school design, reviewed the land and facility needs and will create a "site fit plan" which will be presented to the public. The new buildings will be able to be constructed on existing sites.

What is the cost of the plan and how was it determined?

The total cost of the plan would be approximately \$143,015.00. With the passage of Issue 16, the cost to taxpayers would be approximately \$18.25 monthly per \$100,000 of your home value. The Ohio Facilities Construction Commission works with schools all over the state and created a "design manual" that establishes costs per square foot based on student enrollment. This accounts for recent inflation and current construction costs.

What safeguards are in place to ensure the quality and costs of construction are maintained?

Public school districts must adhere to specific rules and regulations regarding construction projects. The District is committed to being as cost efficient as possible. It will conduct a thorough and value-based search to identify the best architect and the most capable construction management service providers. The construction costs are just estimates and each major component of the construction project will be competitively bid to ensure the District is getting the best pricing.

Is there a model of the facilities and when would they be released?

An architect will be engaged after a bond issue passes. Project design costs between 8-9% of the total cost of construction and it would

not be economically responsible to pay for these services before funds are available. This is a typical process for school districts.

When is Issue 16 on the ballot?

Issue 16 is on the November 7, 2023 ballot. On Election Day. Polls are open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Early voting in-person and by mail begins on Wednesday, October 11, 2023.

How do I register to vote?

Monday, October 10 is the deadline to register to vote and be eligible to vote in the November election. You can register to vote or check your registration status at www.myohiovote.com. You can also register to vote online: <https://olvr.sos.state.oh.us/IdentificationInformation> or in person at the Lorain County Board of Elections, 1985 N Ridge Rd. Lorain, OH 44055.

With inflation the way it is, why should we build now? Why is this the right time?

There is never a good time to ask for money. While we recognize that we can't control world conditions or inflation, we believe it is the right time because it solves a critical need for space for the district. In 2019, the district placed a similar bond issue on the ballot to create these spaces. The exact same project was \$140 million, and since then, construction costs have only risen. While in 2019, the issue didn't pass, they knew they needed to ask again because the overcrowded conditions would only get worse. This is a natural evolution of the process that started then. The district will continue to place this issue on the ballot until the overcrowding issues are addressed.

Why don't we just stop the development that's happening in North Ridgeville to slow the population growth?

When you look at the growth of the community, North Ridgeville has increased by 22,000 residents over the last 20 years. The bigger

subdivisions were approved in 2003 and those are now complete. The pace of growth will start to slow down slightly but there's still a lot of undeveloped land in the City of North Ridgeville and most of it is residential. When a property is zoned residential and a project comes to the city meeting the zoning classification, there is a legal obligation to allow the development. We work with the property owners and the developers to arrive at something that's the best for the city but we are mostly obligated to allow that development. As a municipal entity, we can't just stop the growth or development. That said, you want a community to grow. You don't want a community that shrinks. There are plenty of examples in neighboring communities that have lost residents and usually there are consequences to that exodus.

With additional housing and the additional business moving into the community, what does that do to the costs of this bond issue and the city income tax moving forward?

A bond issue is essentially a "fixed sum bond." It is not subject to House Bill 920, so your taxes are not going to go up if the value of your home goes up. We would still be dealing with the same fixed sum, regardless of how much your home is worth over time. Given the rate of growth in North Ridgeville, it's likely that the taxes associated with this levy would actually go down when new homes and businesses are added. Essentially you are taking the same fixed sum and spreading it over a larger tax base. This happens because there are more people who are helping to pay.

Do new buildings mean better education? How has the new Academic Center affected academic achievement?

As a district, student achievement has grown for the past four years. With our latest district report card, we were proud of those results. The state enacted a star system and North Ridgeville has most recently achieved the highest rating possible, 5 stars, for student academic achievement. Students are "well above," or "exceeding" what the State of Ohio expects.

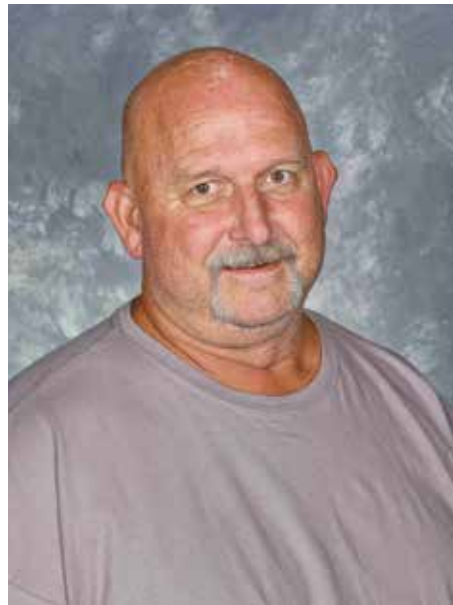
VOTE FOR 16

THE NEED REMAINS

North Ridgeville High School Honors Two Staff Members of the Year

On Monday, August 21, 2023, at the North Ridgeville City Schools staff convocation, the district honored High School Head Custodian Mr. Roger Fleming and Third Grade Teacher Mrs. Gail Rottari with awards for Staff Member of the Year for the 2022-2023 school year. We are grateful for their dedication to the district, our students, and the community.

Roger was first hired as a substitute custodian in 2013 and quickly moved into the night custodian role. By 2014, Mr. Fleming became the Head Custodian at the High School where he remains today. Before coming to the North Ridgeville City Schools, Roger retired from the Maintenance Department at Elyria City Schools. Last year, Roger was nominated for staff member of the month nearly every month by different colleagues throughout the year. Some remarks made on his behalf include "Roger goes above and beyond his daily duties greeting students with a smile and a "Have a great day!" He takes such pride in the high school, doing his best to make this building the best it can be." A first year teacher had this to say about Roger, "Since my very first day at NRHS, Roger has been so welcoming, kind and helpful when I needed it. He has become a friendly and familiar face to me very quickly and really made me feel comfortable here in North Ridgeville. He exemplifies hard work, kindness and family." Congratulations, Roger, and thank you for your dedication to your students, staff and families.



High School Head Custodian Mr. Roger Fleming



Third Grade Teacher Mrs. Gail Rottari

grade level chair, Gail has consistently demonstrated her commitment to student success and staff support. Her tireless advocacy for her students has ensured that they receive the best education possible, and her willingness to go above and beyond in supporting her colleagues has helped to create a positive and supportive work environment. One of the things that sets Gail apart is her consistent positive attitude. She approaches every challenge with optimism and a can-do spirit, inspiring those around her to do the same. She is always quick to offer words of encouragement, praise, and support, and her genuine caring and concern for others have made her a beloved figure among her students, colleagues, and community.

Gail was hired in June of 2013 as a Second Grade Teacher at Liberty Elementary. Gail moved to Third Grade at the Academic Center for the 2017-2018 school year and remains in this position today. Gail was nominated by one of her colleagues who had this to share: "I am delighted to nominate Gail Rottari for recognition as an outstanding teacher. As a

In conclusion, Gail Rottari is a true asset to our school and our community. She is an outstanding teacher who has made a lasting impact on the lives of her students and colleagues. Her dedication, hard work, and positive attitude are an inspiration to us all." Congratulations, Gail, and thank you for the energy and passion you put into your work.

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**Catch Basin Repairs to Begin
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D2 Excavating, LLC will tentatively begin catch basin repairs starting the week of September 11 with an anticipated completion date of mid-October.

The project includes concrete replacement and structural repair of 36 catch basins at various locations (Boulder Drive, Creekside Lane, Eagles Glen Court, Franklin Drive, Gatestone Road, Glenwood Court, Harvard Drive, Hazelwood Run, Kensington Drive, Kingsbury Drive, Levi Court, Pelican Lake Drive, Pepper Ridge Run, Pineview Circle, Terrell Drive, Unionville Drive, Woodstone Circle, Wren Haven Circle).

Two-way traffic will be maintained at each location; cones will be used when necessary.

CATCH BASIN REPAIRS

TO BEGIN SEPTEMBER 11

- Concrete replacement and structural repair of 36 catch basins
- Two-way traffic maintained; cones will be used when necessary
- Anticipated completion date mid-October

Contractor:
D2 Excavating, LLC

Center for LifeLong Learning: Programs for Adults 50 and Older

The Center for LifeLong Learning at Lorain County Community College is again offering live, in-person courses for adults 50 plus starting in September. We will also have a selection of online courses for those who would prefer to continue with that mode of learning.

We understand that technology can be challenging, but we are here to help. Technology instructions and assistance will take place before each online course starts to help make sure your technology is working and that you are comfortable for your classes.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact the Center for LifeLong Learning at (440) 366-7536 or email Jennifer Krupa.

The Center for Lifelong Learning offers non-credit programming that is designed especially for those who are at least 50 years old and/or retired. These programs and courses offer learning opportunities in computers, the Internet, estate planning, career enrichment, fitness and recreation, world cultures, astronomy, gardening, history genealogy, antique collecting, creative writing and much more. All courses provide adults 50 plus the opportunity to attend classes with their peers.

2023 Aging Well Senior Expo

November 2, 2023 • 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Lorain County Community College Spitzer Conference Center

Learn about valuable community services that specifically benefit seniors. The Aging Well Senior Expo is a great place to learn about local agencies, products and services available to help seniors get the most out of life.

Register and learn more about the Senior Expo.

Recreation Opportunities

The Fitness Facilities at Lorain County Community College include a Fitness Center, an indoor Field House (with interchangeable court areas for full or half-court basketball, tennis, volleyball, and indoor soccer and softball), an indoor track with floor-to-ceiling windows that provide a full view of the outdoors, a varsity-sized gymnasium, out-

door tennis courts, a soccer and softball field, and a 3.1-mile cross-country course.

Free Fitness Memberships

SilverSneakers® is the nation's leading wellbeing fitness program designed exclusively for older adults 65 and older and is currently sponsored by Medicare health plans throughout the United States. Members can check their eligibility at the SilverSneakers® website, with their individual insurance company, or at the LCCC Fitness Center.

Prime® is a program sponsored by health plans and employer groups for eligible members ages 18-64 and includes a fitness center membership. Please check eligibility with your individual insurance company, the Prime® website, or the LCCC Fitness Center.

RenewActive™ is a program designed for plan holders of eligible Medicare Advantage Plans insured by UnitedHealthCare Insurance Company in participating states. Members can check their eligibility with their health plan's Customer Service department, at the Renew Active™ website, or at the LCCC Fitness Center.

Ohio Buckeye Card Holders - free track access: Buckeye card holders receive free access to the LCCC indoor track. Present a Driver License at the HPER Program Welcome Desk to receive a participation waiver form. LCCC ID numbers are processed for each individual within two business days. Present your LCCC ID number and Driver License to receive a Fitness Facility ID card.

Membership Information: Participants that do not qualify for SilverSneakers®, Prime®, RenewActive™, or Buckeye may register to access to the LCCC Fitness Center, Field House, and, Gymnasium, and Track for \$15/month, \$30/quarter, or \$120/year (July-June).

Facility Information

The Ewing Activities Center provides facility rental to corporate and general public groups. All HPER facility rental requests can be made by contacting LCCC Conferencing at conferencingatlccc@lorainccc.edu or (440) 366-4100.

The LCCC Adventure Challenge Experience which includes team building activities, low and high ropes course elements, is also available to public and corporate groups.

Contact Information: For additional information, contact Health, Physical Education, and Recreation Programs toll-free at (800) 995-LCCC, Ext. 4028 or direct-dial at (440) 366-4028

Senior Adult Learner Tuition-Free Registration for LCCC Credit Courses (60 plus)

You may register for LCCC credit courses tuition-free if you're 60 years old or older and have lived in Ohio for at least the past 12 months. This registration is processed on select dates only for each credit semester. Check the LCCC Academic Calendar for Senior Adult Learner Tuition-Free registration dates.

Senior Adult Learners are reminded that tuition is waived but all non-tuition fees, such as special course fees, books and materials, are their responsibility.

Learn how to register for classes as a Senior Adult Learner.

Family Fall Fests at LCCC's Learning Centers

Bring the whole family to LCCC's Learning Centers for Family Fall Fest, including fun, games, food, prizes, and more.

• Costumes • Caricatures • Children's Activities • Games • Raffle • Food • Music and more!

Family Fall Fests will be held:

Thursday September 14, 2023 • 4-7 p.m. - Wellington Learning Center, 151 Commerce Drive, Wellington, OH

Thursday, September 28, 2023 • 4 - 7 p.m. - LCCC Learning Center at City Center, 201 West Erie Avenue, Lorain, Ohio 44052

Wednesday, October 11, 2023 • 4 - 7 p.m. - University Partnership Ridge Campus, 32121 Lorain Road, North Ridgeville, OH 44039

Registration is encouraged but not required at www.lorainccc.edu/fallfest.

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Health Fair for Older Adults

Our first Health Fair for Older Adults was in full swing on Monday, Sept. 11. Thank you to our partners and vendors. Marc's Pharmacy was on hand administering flu shots. There were screenings for blood pressure, glucose and vision. There were also stretching demonstrations. Mercy Health and North Ridgeville Heart and Sole were instrumental in getting this off the ground for this inaugural year. Thank you to all our wonderful vendors and supporters! - *The North Ridgeville Senior Center*



Welcome!



Lots of health and wellness info



Many community health and wellness resources were on hand



Thank you for coming



Our friends from Marc's Pharmacy



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The Senior Center was a busy place for the first Annual Health Fair



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Family & Friends® CPR

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Skills are taught in a dynamic group environment using the AHA's research-proven practice-while-watching technique, which provides students with the most hands-on CPR practice time possible.

Instructor: North Ridgeville Fire Department
 Ages: 13 years old & up
 Class Size: 04 minimum / 20 maximum
 Fee: \$3 Res. / \$5 Non-Res.
 Location: NR Fire Station 17000 Ranger Way
 Session Day: SAT Oct. 28, 9:00-11:00 a.m.



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Skunk Fest Returns

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That day this year was last Saturday, Sept. 9, when South Central Park played host to the 21st annual Skunk Fest!

Folks, as many as a thousand, attend this event to see all manner of skunk. There were short ones, tall ones, black and white ones and even albino ones. There was even a ferret in there! One thing they all had in common - all were de-scented and serve as pets. Are they cute? Well, beauty is in the eye of the beholder, as they say, especially when it

comes to 'ole one eye!

Vendors were on hand as were food stations and there was even a raffle - all proceeds to benefit Skunk Haven, an organization started years ago by Deborah Cipriani and Cathy Dagleish to care for domesticated skunks. The two have 40 combined years of experience caring for skunks. Both have made helping skunks live a longer, healthier and happier life.

Their life-long mission is helping any skunk owner in need of assistance with their pet. That assistance can be in the form of answering questions on diet, health or

behavioral issues; as new, or even seasoned skunk parents, deal with parenting questions. SkunkHaven is available to help 24/7/365.

In addition, these gals welcome any veterinarian to contact them to help their skunk patient(s). Over the years, SkunkHaven has worked with their veterinarians to collect data on health statistics and blood norms that have been instrumental in saving the lives of many skunks throughout the years. This database continues to evolve as they collect more data.

SkunkHaven is a sanctuary for pet skunks. There have been numerous occasions when SkunkHaven has been asked to take in the pet skunk of a person who has fallen ill or of a family member who has passed away. Skunks in this situation are brought to SkunkHaven to live a quiet, peaceful life in a home where they will be cared for and loved.

Visit Skunkhaven.net to learn more.



Did you know skunks make good pets? Learn more at skunkhaven.net



Ranger Strong! North Ridgeville Football Team Hits the Field in 2023

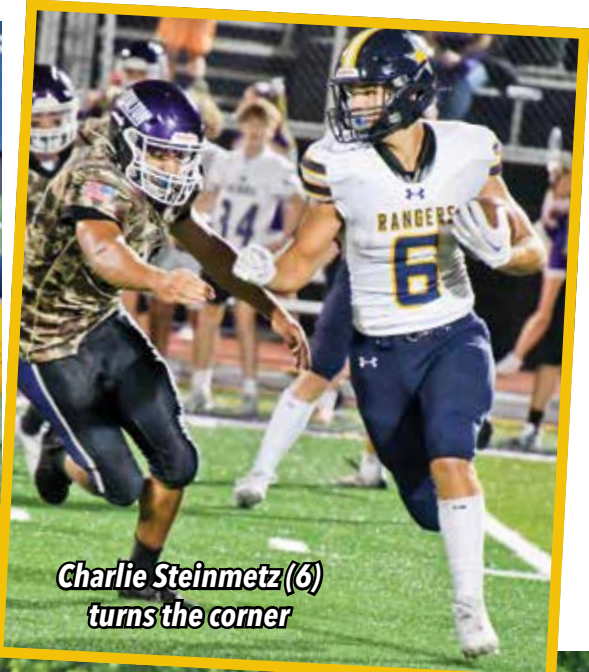
The Rangers are off to a great start in 2023 posting a 4-0 record over the first month of the season. Now heading into SWC play Ridgeville is looking to do some damage. *Photos courtesy of the North Ridgeville Athletic Department.*



**Quarterback
Cole Miller (10)**



The rough and ready front five



**Charlie Steinmetz (6)
turns the corner**



Starting the season with military honors.



RANGER STRONG!



Getting ready to roll over Royalton



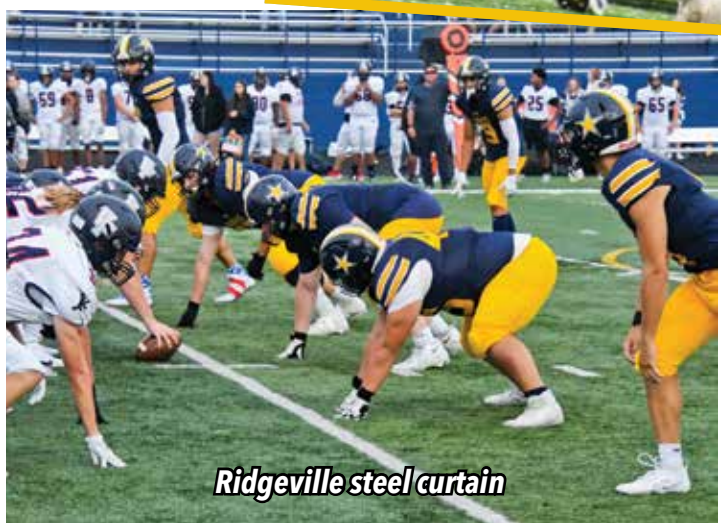
Zach Barnhart (36)



**Andrew Fisher (58)
anchors the o-line**



**Hitting
the line**



Ridgeville steel curtain



Offense in motion



North Ridgeville Schools Ranger Round-Up

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CONGRATULATIONS

#FeelGoodFriday CONGRATULATIONS to Joseph Robson on being selected for the All State Choir. He was chosen out of 1,200 applicants to participate in the 150-person choir. They will perform at a 3-day Music Education conference in Columbus this February.



First Day Shenanigans

First day shenanigans at ECLC included greeting students with Flip Flop and bubbles. We hope our littlest Rangers had a great morning. It was so fun the first time, we get to do it again with our afternoon friends.



#FeelGoodFriday

#FeelGoodFriday kicked off this morning with football players from NRHS greeting students at NRAC with giant smiles and high-fives. These team players set the alarm a little early this morning to help spread joy. Way to be #RangerSTRONG

Remembering 9/11

Today, Mrs. Comerford's 5th grade social studies classes commemorated the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks in a meaningful way. They discussed the tragedy, watched a documentary about the design and construction of the memorial, and participated in a class coloring activity. The artwork will hang outside of 5Yellow as a reminder to #NeverForget.



Friday's Vibe: 1K

At last night's volleyball match against Berea-Midpark, senior Hailey Miller tallied her 1,000th dig. Congrats to Hailey on the accomplishment and to the Lady Rangers for the win!

North Ridgeville High School Academic Recognition Committee

Please consider joining the NRHS Academic Recognition Committee for the 2023-2024 school year. It's a minimal time commitment (if any) but your support can help in growing our scholarship fund to academically talented seniors.

Last year we awarded two \$750 scholarships and we hope to double that this year! For more information and to join please visit: <https://www.locallevelvents.com/events/details/28334>



FUTBOL

Last night, NRHS boys soccer partnered with Coach Muck's 5/6 grade Spanish classes at RHTA as part of their PBL unit on "futbol". Learners created a human spirit tunnel to wish them luck and cheered them to victory in the 3-0 win over Akron North to remain undefeated. Keep up the great work, Rangers! Congrats to Aiden Brookbank for winning the raffle basket.



Academic Inclusion and Related Arts

#TBT to last week when students in Ms. Doubrava's/Mrs. Thai's class partnered with Ms. Healy's students for academic inclusion and related arts. #RangerSTRONG #TisforTeamwork

Drive-thru
SPAGHETTI DINNER
AT THE NRCS TRANSPORTATION GARAGE*
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SATURDAY, SEPT 23
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<https://bit.ly/3QdluJm>
Contact Renee (440)387-2716 or Becky (440)539-7205 with questions.
*ENTER LOT FROM THE WEST SIDE (RANGER WAY OR BAINBRIDGE RD)

North Ridgeville Community Care

The boys soccer program at NRHS is partnering with the community to provide needed items for North Ridgeville Community Care. Bring any of the following suggested items to one of the remaining home games for a chance to win a \$350 Costco gift card. Many thanks to Drego, Inc. for sponsoring this worthy drive! Community Care list of items: Kids Cereal, Instant Oatmeal, Syrup, Soup, Jelly, Canned Chili, Canned Tomatoes, Spaghettios, Ravioli, Canned Carrots, Baked Beans, Snacks, Laundry Detergent, Dish Soap, Shampoo, Kleenex. Collection will be at all HOME Games: 09/09, 09/11, 09/16, 09/27, 09/30, & 10/11. WINNER will be drawn at HALFTIME of the VARSITY Game on 10/11

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Your Home Could Have Suffered Damage from Recent Weather: Here's What You Need to Know

As homeowners, we often underestimate the potential damage that hail and windstorms can inflict on our roofs. While some damage may be visible from the ground, there are often hidden issues that require a professional inspection to identify. Your home is one of your most significant investments, and the roof is its first line of defense against the elements. By promptly addressing storm damage, you protect your investment from further deterioration. Professional roofing inspections can detect problems in their early stages, allowing for timely repairs that prevent small issues from escalating into major headaches. In these cases, it is highly recommended to go with a local and reputable company.

Mark 2 Roofing services all of Northeast Ohio. It is led by a husband-and-wife team – Kent and Jaime Krivich – who are committed to delivering the best in quality roofs and customer service. Mark 2 Roofing has extensive experience in identifying storm related damages and coordinating with insurance companies to relay that information.

Dealing with the stress of storm damage to your property can be overwhelming. “We want to minimize the stress for our clients and maximize the value of their home,” says Kent. “We come to our community as a strong team with proficiency in efficient diagnosis, quality installation, and expertise

in restoration,” he adds.

Mark 2 Roofing: Anchored in Community Support, Inspired by the Scriptures.

“We understand the power of community, and that is why we prioritize serving our local neighborhoods with exceptional roofing services,” says Jaime. “Our name, inspired by the book of Mark chapters 2-12 in the Bible, holds a special significance that drives our mission to support and uplift the community we call home”, adds Kent. Just as the chapter in Mark 2 tells the story of a paralyzed man being healed by the compassion and collective effort of a group of individuals, they strive to embody that same spirit of unity and caring in their roofing services. The company was founded on the principles of lending a helping hand, offering support, and spreading hope to those facing roofing challenges in the aftermath of extreme weather events.

“At Mark 2 Roofing, we are more than just a roofing company – we are a family united by a shared purpose of making a difference”, reports Kent. “Mark



Kent and Jaime Krivich

2 Roofing stands firm on the belief that by coming together, we can weather any storm, overcome any obstacle, and build a stronger, more resilient community for everyone we serve”.

If you would like to know the health of your roof and/or exterior, please call or email Mark 2 Roofing today to schedule your free inspection!



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