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North Ridgeville Branch Library Bike Share Program



Georgia and Don Awig checked out bikes from the North Ridgeville Branch Library.

The North Ridgeville Branch Library has started the bike share program! The bike share is made possible by the Heart and Sole Collaborative, coordinated through Lorain County Public Health and powered by the United Way of Greater Lorain County, in partnership with the Lorain Public Library System.

Beginning today, the North Ridgeville Branch Library has two Adult Electra Townies 7D available for check out with an LPLS library card. Adults can check out a bike for a day to enjoy a scenic ride. Townies are recreational ride-around-town bikes that are ideal for paved paths. The Library has both a step-over bike in nickel and a step-through bike in palm green. A step-through frame (also known as open frame or low-step frame) is a type of bicycle frame with a low or absent top tube or cross-bar. It can accommodate a variety of height levels. In addition to the adult bicycles, the North Ridgeville Branch Library will also circulate adult bike helmets, bike locks, and bike lights. The bikes will circulate during warmer weather months. This year, we hope to circulate them through September and early to mid-October weather permitting.

Adults, 18 and over, will need a valid library card and photo ID to check out a bike.

North Ridgeville Parks & Recreation Facebook, www.facebook.com/northridgevilleparksandrec



Sophia and Zoe find the gourds and pumpkins to their liking at the Krone family farm in North Ridgeville.

It's pumpkin time! If you're looking for a scenic, close-to-home stop to get your annual pumpkins, gourds, cornstalks and more, stop by the Krone family farm on Root Road (just north of the turnpike overpass). The bucolic setting is perfect for an autumn outing!

Community Care Update

By Heather Kaesgen

Since the shut down in March, North Ridgeville Community Care has managed to stay open, serving our clients throughout the pandemic. The increase in new families each week keeps rising, most never receiving food from a pantry before. We are serving approximately 60 families a week. Since the shutdown, we have served over 2,500 people and distributed over 100,000 pounds of food.

Many of our clients are senior citizens, and they are nervous about shopping. They have health problems, along with physical constraints. We have managed to keep most of them out of the stores by providing them with two weeks of groceries and household items each time they visit us.

Thanks to our sewing volunteers, ALL of the kids are masked up for school. Mary Elchlinger, Bev Behrns, Barbara Kramer, and Jean Beckner have been sewing up a storm. They have been making masks for our clients and all of you since the pandemic has started. With all their donations from the masks, they have donated over \$3,800. We can't thank these ladies enough and all of you for generously giving to this great cause.

We are so fortunate to have such a wonderful group of volunteers that run our Community



Care Garden. They will have planted, cultivated and harvested over 4,000 pounds of food for our clients.

We are already thinking Christmas, so if you would like to adopt a family or donate an unwrapped toy to brighten a child's Christmas, let us know. Contact us at the center (440-353-9716) or via email (heather@nrcommcare.org).

Our most significant need right now continues to be monetary. We are purchasing food from Second Harvest, which not only allows us to get exactly what we need but is already sorted and ready to go out to our clients.

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Stuff the Bus Event Helps Support Students in Time of Need

On Tuesday, August 25th, The Northridge Health Center and North Ridgeville Schools sponsored a drive-thru contactless *Stuff the Bus* event. Over 100 cars drove through the parking lot of The Northridge dropping off school supplies, snacks and easy to eat meals for students in the North Ridgeville school system.

Chelsea Freeman, school social worker and Heather Johnson, marketing director for The Northridge worked to coordinate the event to help support the students in this unprecedented time of need.

Ms. Freeman shared that many students face



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needs that teachers and staff can identify and as the school social worker, she is able to immediately fill the gap while working to find help in the community for the larger issue as a whole.

Johnson, who is involved throughout the community to see how the skilled nursing facility can work to meet the needs of not only the seniors, but the community as a whole feels that the event was a huge success!

“We LITERALLY stuffed a bus! The generosity that the community showed amazed us all. We cannot say thank you enough.”

Ms. Freeman shared that many of the supplies have already been handed out now that the new school year has begun.

Personal hygiene items, snacks, meal items such as macaroni and cheese cups, etc. can still be dropped off at The Northridge and Heather Johnson will be happy to make sure they get to Ms. Freeman at the school.

Thank you again to all who donated!



Fruit Sale - Community Care

This fall, Community Care will again be selling fruit from Florida as a fundraiser. You will be able to order the fruit beginning in October and it will be delivered the beginning of December.

Various size boxes of navel & juice oranges, pink grapefruit, mandarins, and apples will be available as well as gift cartons for the holidays.

A North Ridgeville pick up location and date will be announced once the order is placed with the company in November. We sold over 100 boxes last year and the fruit was absolutely delicious. This year the company is also offering to deliver the fruit directly to a residence for an additional small fee so that you can order fruit to be delivered to friends and relatives in other states. Fruit makes a great holiday gift for friends, relatives or employees!

More information will be on North Ridgeville Community Care Facebook Page in October so you might want to like that page. For more details or to help with the sale, contact Georgia Awig at 440-724-7246 or georgia.awig@gmail.com



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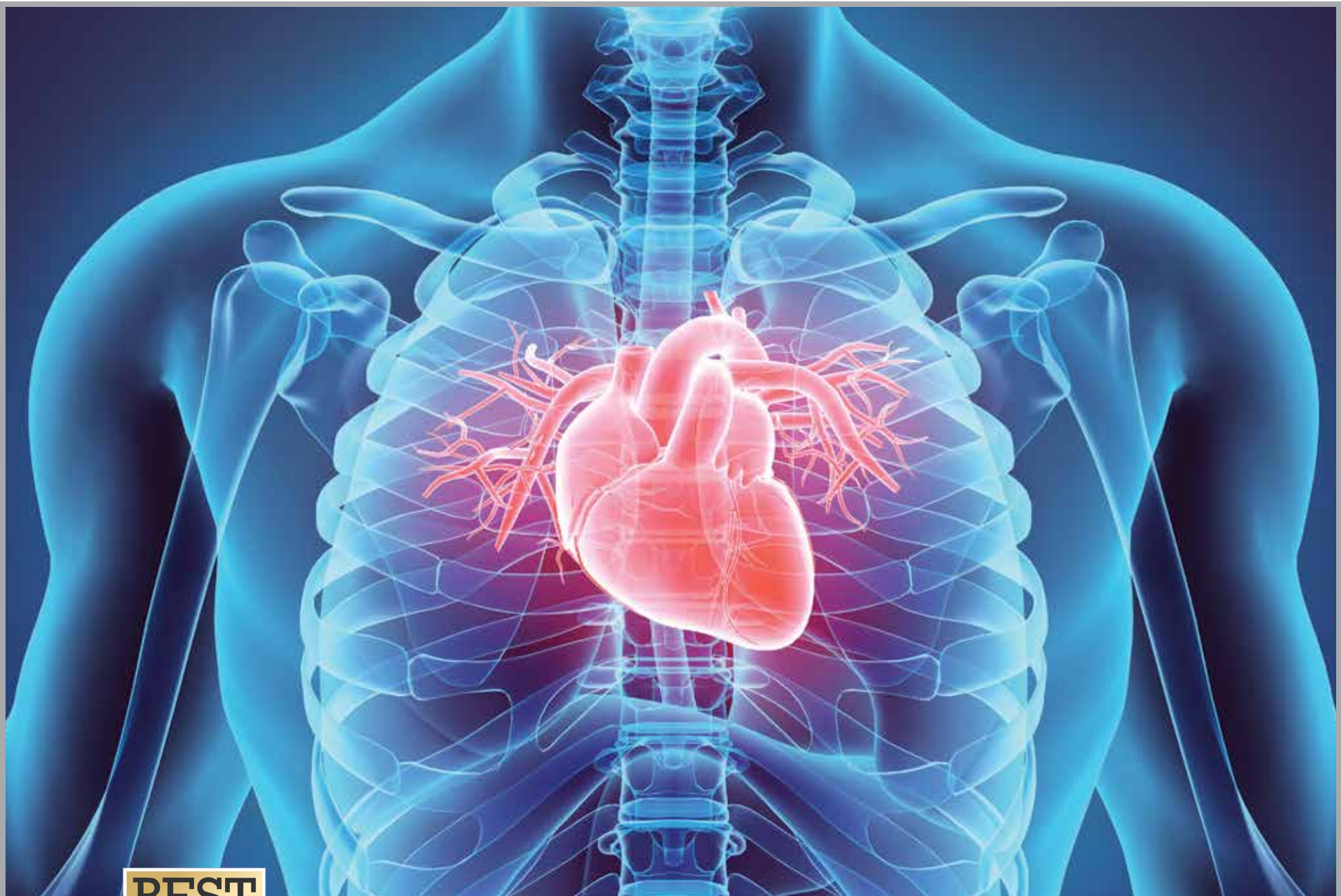
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O'Neill Healthcare: Drive-Thru Lunch & Learn

O'Neill Healthcare North Ridgeville hosted a Drive Thru Lunch & Learn earlier this month that brought almost 100 guests to learn about the importance of getting an influenza vaccination.

Presented by John J. Wolf, DO, guests received information on the types of vaccinations available for older adults as well as those younger than 65. There is no preference to getting high-dose or lower dose vaccines - just get a vaccine! The high dose vaccine is reported to be more effective than standard dose in older adults.

Info was also shared on other important vaccines like pneumonia and shingles. Those who have had a shingles shot are urged to also receive the newer two-dose shot now available.



Kristen Gillespie, Director of Marketing O'Neill Healthcare & Jenna Elliott, LNHA O'Neill Healthcare North Ridgeville hand out lunch and informational flyers.



John Wolf, DO, provided information about the importance of getting vaccinations.



Almost 100 guests attended the Drive Thru Lunch and Learn presented by O'Neill Healthcare North Ridgeville.

Community Care Update

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The thing we miss the most is our volunteers. One of our volunteers, Margaret Brooks-Terry, had an ingenious idea to transfer the calls daily to a volunteer's home. Margaret, along with Donna Phelan and Pat Kyle continue to do this allowing us to concentrate on distribution to our clients. This has worked out well the past few months! We look forward to the day our volunteers are able to come back into the building. We are taking this unique opportunity to rearrange, clean, and paint the center. We can't thank John Kolb enough for his hard work in making this happen. He is volunteering his time and talent to make sure the center looks meticulously brand new! He also was able to help us secure the paint from Sherwin Williams as a donation!

We look forward to a new 2021 where (hopefully) our doors will be open, and we can welcome everyone inside to our new and improved building. Please stay safe and well!

Thank you for always being a community that CARES!



North Ridgeville Senior Center - Upcoming Events

7327 Avon Belden Rd. 440-353-0828

Closings: Labor Day-September 7, Veteran's Day-November 11, Thanksgiving Day/Day After-November 26 & 27, Christmas Eve & Christmas Day-December 24 & 25

Please note, as of this printing the Senior Center is still closed to the public. The events listed below are outdoors only.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Pre-Order Drive Thru Spaghetti Dinners - Oct. 30

Spaghetti Dinner drive thru distribution from 5-7 PM at the Senior Center. Cost is \$6 per dinner and includes spaghetti and meatballs and garlic bread. Please include your name and address along with payment to North Ridgeville Senior Center, 7327 Avon Belden Road, North Ridgeville, OH 44039. Tickets will be mailed to you to redeem the day of the dinner. Friday, October 30: Thank you to our sponsor: VFW Post 9871. Your pre-order and payment must be received by mail no later than October 16.

Lawn Chair BINGO

Grab your lawn chair and join us for some socially distanced BINGO! The program will take place on the following Thursdays at 10:30AM: September 3, 10, 17 and 24. Bring your own lawn chair and your good luck marker (or we will provide a marker for you!). Meet us in the grass along Bainbridge Rd near the intersection of Bainbridge and Rt 83, weather permitting. Please call (440) 353-0828 to register.

Walk in the Park

Join the Senior Center Director for a socially distanced walk in the park on Tuesday's and Friday's at 10:30AM starting on Friday, August 14 through Friday, October 9, 2020. Walking will start in the Senior Center parking lot and head to the South Central park trail. Please remember, we will need to stay 6 feet apart. Weather permitting. Please call (440) 353-0828 to register.



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Michelle Hung

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In 2016, my opponent ran her campaign (4th term) promising **NOT** to impose a sales tax increase if the residents voted against it. Yet, **ignoring** the voice of the voters who turned it down by a huge 74% margin, 5 weeks later she voted to impose the tax increase. My opponent **DOES NOT** keep her promises and she wants a 5th term on the backs of taxpayers to pad her retirement.

The opportunity for a change in leadership at the Lorain County Board of Commissioners is now!

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David J. Moore

"After serving a successful 4-year term as your County Commissioner, I went back to the private sector and helped my wife raise our children. They are now grown, independent, and making their own success stories. I want this for all families in Lorain County.

It's time for me to serve again.

National politics dominate our daily news, but local elections are what matter to you and me.

In Lorain County, we can all agree the current County Commissioners don't represent US!"

***Elected (not appointed)
Lorain County Commissioner 2001-2005.***

Budget Authority Experience:

- **David J. Moore** kept spending in check on a half a billion dollar budget, rather than imposing a tax increase to balance a budget.
- **David J. Moore** will demand fiscal responsibility from all county departments again!

Justice Center Project:

- **David J. Moore** managed the project saving over 15 million dollars, coming in on time and on budget.
- **David J. Moore** ran transparent government which resulted in the prosecution of corrupt individuals.

The Current County Commissioners:

- **Today**, county taxes and spending are at record highs; they hire their friends; projects are over budget and behind schedule. In 2016, 73% of the voters rejected a sales tax increase - commissioners imposed anyway. This reckless spending has drawn me back to public service as we campaign against those who are self serving for personal gain. Cronyism and reckless spending must end!

***Re-Elect David J. Moore for
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North Ridgeville Schools Ranger Round-Up

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North Ridgeville Schools: Back to School

North Ridgeville students are back to school. Here's a look at the start of the school year:



American Sign Language class is off and running with Mr. Green #RangerStrong - Paul Hieronymus, @NR_TechRanger



What a great start @NRCSRangers! So wonderful to welcome students back in the building! Students and staff are safe and ready to learn together. Despite the challenges of this new school year, we will continue to be #RangerSTRONG! - Amy Franklin, @MrsF_Counselor



NRHS science teacher Ms. Villaire held an anatomy lesson during her online class by having students use food from home. No food went to waste after the lesson. #NRCSTogether #RangerSTRONG



ASL is off and running in the NRAC Media center #RangerStrong - Paul Hieronymus, @NR_TechRanger



Ranger Run for Rachel

Take part in a great initiative by registering for the Ranger Run for Rachel to help raise money for the North Ridgeville City Schools' Rachel's Closet! This will be a virtual 5K race and 1-mile fun walk held between September 20-30. All proceeds will benefit the operation of Rachel's Closet. Click e link for the registration form and for information. <https://bit.ly/2Diej00>

About Ranger Run for Rachel: "I have this theory that if one person can go out of their way to show compassion, then it start a chain reaction of the same." - Rachel Joy Scott. On April 20, 1999 while enjoying lunch on the front steps of Columbine School, Rachel Joy Scott became the first victim in the school shooting that rocked our nation. Several months after the incident rents found six journals that Rachel had kept during her short life including the quote above. This thought became what is Rachel's Challenge. It inspired our very own North Ridgeville Academic Center students who started Rachel's Closet when they observed their classmates in need of supplies, clothes, and lunch money. The closet accepts donations and allows students to select what they need anonymously. They hope to start a CHAIN REACTION, and we at the North Ridgeville Democratic Party want to help them do it.

Healthier Lifestyles Promoted in North Ridgeville by Heart & Sole

Heart & Sole, an offshoot of the United Way of Greater Lorain County, with a budget of about \$30,000, promotes a healthy lifestyle in North Ridgeville through exercise and good nutrition. The group consisting of members of the community, schools, and city meets every 3 weeks (currently via zoom) to discuss ways to promote healthy living in our awesome community.

Helping to fund a walking and exercise trail at Shady Ridge Reservation is one of Heart & Sole's latest and most visible efforts. During the winter months, they have arranged indoor walking at the schools and now are coordinating a bike share program with the library. They also work with Community Care to provide additional resources including Salad Wednesdays.

For 6 weeks beginning August 6 and ending September 5, they have sponsored Fresh Produce Pick-Ups at North Ridgeville Public Library and Sandy Ridge Metroparks. After reserving a spot at one of those locations, for \$10 residents of North Ridgeville could pick up a bag of fresh fruits and vegetables provided by Gerhart's, Red Barn, or Willie's. To keep in touch with North Ridgeville Heart & Sole and sign up for any programs, you will want to like their Facebook page.

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Avenue at North Ridgeville Grand Opening

All were invited to a gala grand opening 'Covid Style' at Avenue at North Ridgeville Care & Rehabilitation Center at 6200 Lear Road the afternoon of Sept. 17.

Mayor Kevin Corcoran joined with Avenue and other dignitaries to a front yard fiesta. Guests took a drive through a TV tour of the brand new facility, entered to win some amazing raffle baskets, and took home a complimentary dinner for 2 catered by friendly neighbor, Fiesta Jalepenos! They also offered festive drinks and live entertainment. Staff was available to answer any questions and provide more information on the facility and the care offered to the community. Questions? Please phone the Avenue at (440) 412-7100.

North Ridgeville Police Department: Shoe Drive Success



North Ridgeville Police Department report that their recent Shoe Drive was a huge success!

"Y'all," they report on their Facebook site. "Can we talk about this for a second?"

"You guys came through in an unbelievable way. When we put that call to action out with a little more than 24 hours left in the drive, Avon was winning at 1,402 pairs. We were only at 486.

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Absentee Ballot Request forms can be printed from the Lorain County Board of Elections site. FYI, absentee ballot request forms have been sent to all registered Ohio voters by the Secretary as well as some other organizations have sent them. You will need to complete the form and return to Lorain County Board of Elections, 1985 North Ridge Rd., East, Lorain, OH 44055.

Once you submit your absentee ballot request, you can track your absentee form as well as the mailing of your ballot by the Board of Elections on their website. They are not permitted to begin mailing of ballots until October 6th for the November 3rd election.

The United States Postal Service estimates first class mail may take 2 - 5 days for delivery so you will not want to delay in sending or requesting your form or ballot. You can also deliver absentee ballot form or ballot directly to the Lorain County Board of Elections. (Drop box is available at the site 24/7 & is monitored by video surveillance.)

The plan right now is to have polling places open for voting on Tuesday, November 3 but as you know with COVID, things change daily. The normal hours for voting are 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. on that day. In person voting begins on October 6 at the Lorain County Board of Elections office. Hours and additional information can be found on their website.

Please do not request an absen-

tee ballot if you plan to vote in person as you would have to complete a provisional ballot at the polls which may or may not be counted.

Poll workers are greatly needed throughout Lorain County in order to staff polling places. They get paid for their time, defend democracy, and help make this November a successful election. You can apply to be a poll worker on the Lorain County Board of Elections website.

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