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Sagamore Hills resident and sports broadcaster Al Pawlowski is gearing up for another season of covering the Cleveland Indians. Read more about him on Page 4. Photo by E. Peterson

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Rockin' Frocks operators helping girls to shine at prom

by Gina Mace

Want to help a girl get ready for prom night who otherwise couldn't afford to go? Linda Imrie is looking for you. Imrie, director of Rockin' Frocks, 138 E. Aurora Rd., Northfield Center, is looking for people willing to donate $50 to dress a teen for that all-important last dance before graduating.

Rockin' Frocks, operating under the Emergency Assistance Center, sells and gives away special occasion dresses, shoes and other accessories. The inventory is a mixture of new and gently used, freshly cleaned dresses. Everyone who shops in the store is treated to a fun, high-end boutique shopping experience – courtesy of Imrie and fellow volunteer, Cherie Jacofsky – that is meant to leave a customer feeling she is perfect the way she is.

Birthday party attendees rock some dresses they found at Rockin' Frocks. Photo courtesy Rockin' Frocks

There are coupons in plain sight that a customer can discreetly hand to one of the volunteers if she cannot afford the sale price of $20 for a short dress or $40 for a full-length gown. Those who use the coupons are also treated to shoes and other accessories, Imrie said.

"In 2016, we went through 2,100 dresses," Imrie said. "About half were free, and the other half sold for between $1 and $40."

The shop survives on what it earns in sales. All of the money goes back into the store, either to pay the rent or buy dresses and accessories. When a shopper comes in and can't find her size, the women have been known to use their own money to shop department and thrift stores to fill the need.

Anyone who would like to become a sponsor, or donate money or dresses, should stop in or call the store at 216-496-4727.

"Our shop is not about society's standards of beauty, but instead a space where every girl is encouraged to embrace her own uniqueness," Imrie said. ∞

Hospice seeks volunteers

Hospice of the Western Reserve is seeking volunteers to assist in private residences, nursing homes, assisted living communities, the three Hospice House locations and hospital settings.

Opportunities to serve are diverse: Visit patients and families to provide companionship, to socialize and provide comfort; help with legacy work, transportation, light housework and meal preparation; run errands; make phone calls; help with clerical work; attend health fairs or make presentations. Volunteers with specialized professional qualifications and training are also needed, including attorneys, licensed hairdressers, massotherapists and pet therapy dogs and handlers.

The next series of volunteer classes will be held at Hospice of the Western Reserve, 5786 Heisley Rd., Mentor, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 25 and 27, and May 2 and 4, from 5:30-9:30 p.m. Non-clinical volunteers attend only the first four hours on April 25, while other volunteers attend all classes. Registration is required.

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Sagamore Hills broadcaster ready for another Indians summer

by Laura Straub

After 2016's unforgettable playoff run, Cleveland Indians fans are on the edge of their stadium seats, awaiting this season's first pitch – especially Sagamore Hills resident Al Pawlowski, the host of "Indians Live" on Fox Sports "SportsTime Ohio."

"It seems like this offseason, everyone is talking about the Tribe," Pawlowski said. "It's kind of like the '90s again. Everyone was wondering if that would ever happen again, and it is, which is great."

He recognizes the magic, especially after 11 years covering the Tribe on "SportsTime Ohio." He began hosting "Indians Live" in 2007, back when the show was called "Indians on Deck." Larry Dolan and his son Paul, who own a majority share of the Indians, also owned the TV network, which was just beginning to run 24/7.

Even before that, Pawlowski did Indians broadcasts as an in-park host. He also covered games on AM radio.

Love of sports started early

Pawlowski, a Twinsburg native, says that from a young age, it was always his dream to work in sports.

Al Pawlowski hosts "Indians Live" on SportsTime Ohio. Photo courtesy FoxSportsOhio.com

"My first plan was to become a major league baseball player, but I fell short on that," he joked. "Ever since I was 8 years old and I realized that I could get paid to go to a sporting event and talk about it, I knew that was what I wanted to do."

Pawlowski first broke into the broadcasting business as a 19-year-old communications major at John Carroll University, when he landed a job with radio station 107.3 The Wave.

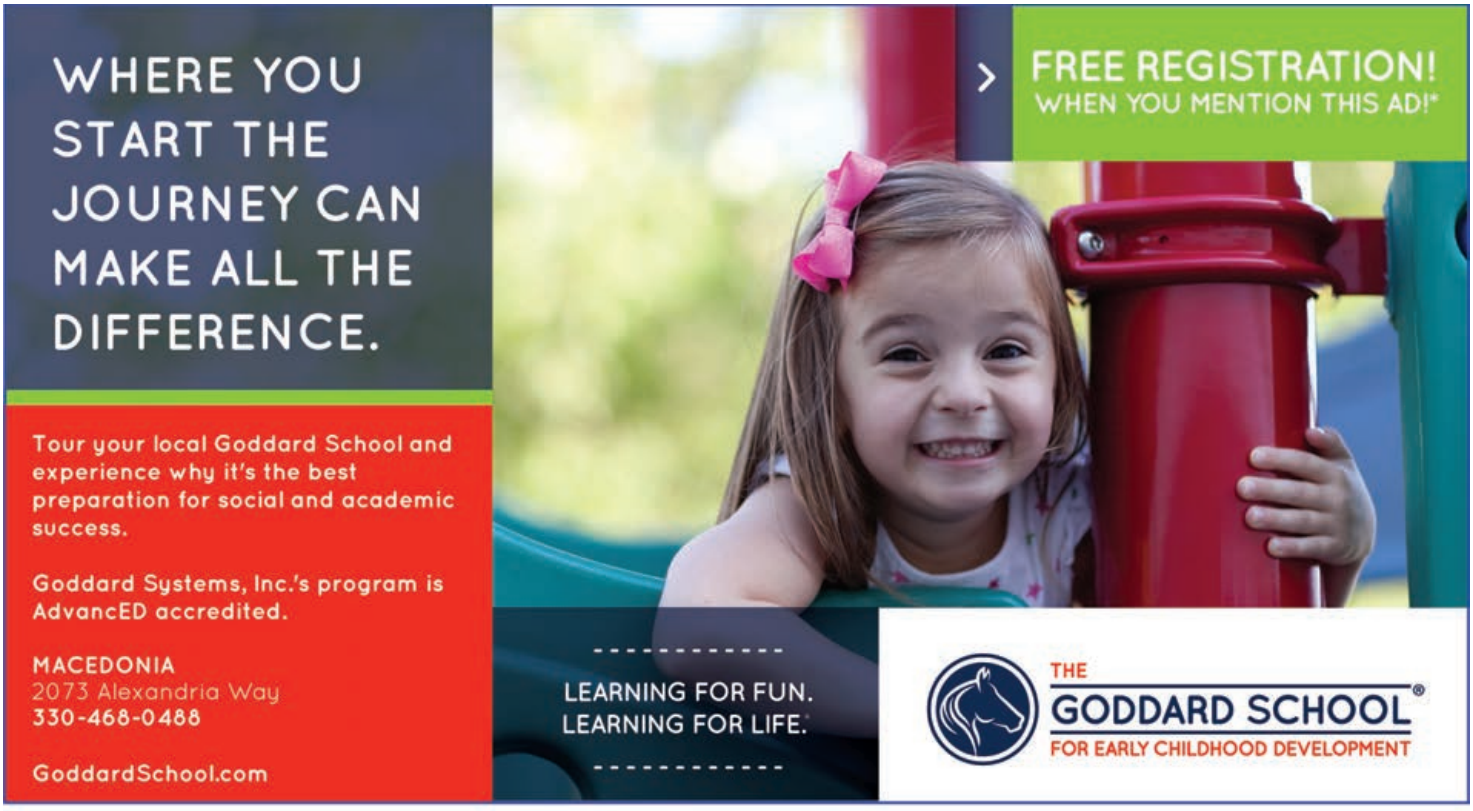
By 22, he was hosting the morning show but decided to hone in on his love of sports. He announced for the Cleveland Crunch and the Cleveland Force soccer teams and really enjoyed it.

A baseball and basketball player in his youth, Pawlowski spends the Indians off-season doing radio play-by-play for Cleveland State University basketball team. He's done that for the past 12 years. He also guests as a sports anchor on WKYC-TV 3.

Although he loves covering all sports, Pawlowski said there is something special about reporting on the team he grew up watching.

When he covers a game for "Indians Live," Pawlowski gets to Progressive Field around 3 p.m. He said he gets most of his information simply from the sheer amount of time he spends at the ballpark.

He heads to the clubhouse when it opens to chat with the players about practice, the game and just to catch up. Manager Terry "Tito" Francona's pregame



press conference follows around 4 p.m.

At that point, Pawlowski and his co-host Jensen Lewis have enough material to create an outline for the show. They often watch the game together in the press box and then are ready to hit the air for the postgame show.

"It's not completely scripted. We have an outline, but there's not a specific way to get from point A to point B," said Pawlowski. "That's what makes the show fun — it's not scripted, there's no teleprompter, and you just get up and go and start talking baseball."

Can the Indians do it again?

Pawlowski thinks the Tribe is in for another special season.

"As long as they stay healthy, I would be surprised if they didn't make the post season," he said. "Their pitching is strong, and they're adding to a team that already came as close as they could to winning it all without winning it all. I fully expect them to be playing in October."

He believes that Francona is one of the best managers in the game, and that his X factor is key to the team's success.

But considering the caliber of teams that make it to the playoffs, Pawlowski admits that unexpected teams can make it to the World Series, much like the Cinderella story of the Indians last fall.

"This past year, obviously it was great to host a World Series, but to have a Game Seven, we've never had a Game Seven in Cleveland before," he said.

Although the Tribe's historic seven-game series came as a shock to most of the nation, Pawlowski said people close to the team saw the spark. "Getting there, that was a lot of fun. I knew once they won 14 games in a row," he said. "The thing that was most fun was that no one gave them a chance. That was a lot of the fun, too, proving everyone wrong."

Cleveland fans agreed and began to flock to Progressive Field in late summer.

As the Tribe rolled on, Pawlowski said he continued to see bigger, more excited crowds, especially on weekends but even at some midweek games. That trend is expected to continue this season.

"Ticket sales are going great, and there will be a lot more days with that vibe," he said. ∞

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Trustees Corner

by Trustee David DePasquale

Dear residents:

As trustee representative to the Sagamore Hills Police Department, most of my interaction with township law enforcement involves the budgeting of the police department. Our expenditures for 2016 were $1.6 million. In 2016, we had 11 full-time officers, including the police chief, and five part-time officers.

Since regionalizing dispatch services with the city of Macedonia 20 months ago, we have not received one complaint.

Last year, the police department answered 6,545 calls for service. Our officers distributed 6,285 "Patrolled Your Area" cards. This lets taxpayers know that officers are patrolling their neighborhoods at night.

The investigations division responded to 310 cases. Of these, eight remain open; 302 others were closed by restitution, insufficient evidence, lack of cooperation from the victim or referral to another agency. The department made 88 arrests in 2016, and 56 misdemeanor offense citations were issued. Traffic citations issued numbered 203, and an additional 430 written warnings were issued.

The department completed about 422 hours of training, and all officers completed online-mandated training by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy.

Last year was the first year body cameras were utilized. The cameras were effective in lowering complaints against officers. In addition, Sagamore Hills Police achieved law enforcement agency certification with Ohio Collaborative Law Enforcement. This certification deals with the use of force/deadly force and recruitment of hiring. The department's policy in these areas is in compliance.

The department will replace two patrol vehicles this year. In 2016, the department received two new vehicles. In 2015, no new vehicles were purchased. Updating patrol vehicles is a necessary cost in order to ensure the safety of the public and our officers and to keep up with our exceptional response times. Our goal is to have an officer on scene in three minutes or less for first-level emergencies.

Police Chief David Hayes encourages everyone who sees suspicious behavior to report it. The entire department thanks you for your continued support.

The trustees passed a resolution to limit solicitation by transient vendors. The purpose of limiting solicitation by vendors is to prevent crime, fraud and door-to-door harassment of residents. Chief Hayes has fielded a number of concerns from residents about this problem.

An abbreviated version of the resolution is as follows: A "transient vendor" means any person who opens a temporary place of business for the sale of goods and wants payment in advance. This resolution will allow our police department to charge transient vendors with a minor misdemeanor. If you have any problems this spring or summer, call the police at 330-468-0900.

In 2016, there were 63 burials at the Macedonia/ Northfield Cemetery on the corner of Olde Eight and Valley View roads. There has been no determination made yet on the replacement of the fence. The Cemetery Board hopes to have the fence issue resolved by the end of 2017.

Please use extra care in driving the area, as children will be on spring break (the week of March 27 for Nordonia Schools and the week of April 17 for St. Barnabas). ∞

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QUALITY BUILT 5BR/4.2BA ESTATE
Private park like 3.48 acres. Open flr plan, 8' solid wood doors, arched doorways, silent TJI floor system, more. Marble floors in grand foyer, formal din rm & 2-story liv rm/custom windows, FP. Gourmet kit. Fam rm/FP, beamed ceiling. FP in study. Mstr ste/glam BA, walk-in closet. Exquisite fin'd bsmt. 3+car side load. Landscapd, covered patio, waterfall, pond. Great value! **$950,000.**

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5BR/3.2BA BRICK MANOR BUILT IN '05
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INDEPENDENCE

4BR/4.1BA ESTATE, PRIVATE DOUBLE LOT
Luxury foyer. Fam rm/cathedrl ceil/wd beams, FP, wet bar. Formal din rm. Kit/custm cabs, island/seats, appls, lg pantry; dinette opens to liv rm/wet bar, bay windw. Den/blt-ins. Cathedrl ceil MBR & glam BA, walk-in closet. 3-season sun rm, wd planking/beams, FP. FLR 2: 2 BAs, 3 lg BRs. Gorgeous fin'd 13-course walkout LL. Circular drv, deck, more. **$799,000.**

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4-SEASONS 4BR/4.1BA COL. BLT '03
Open flr plan; 2-story foyer & fam rm/windw wall, stone FP. Formal din rm. Liv rm off kit/raised panel cabints, granite, 2 islands, wet bar area, SS appls, pantry. Office, laundry & half BA on 1. 4 BRs/3BAs up. MBR/walk-in closet, glam BA. 2 BRs share Jack/Jill BA. Fin bsmt; grt rm/FP, kit/bar, rec & exercs rms, BA. 3+car side load. Treed 1+ acre, paved patio. **$679,900.**

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BROADVIEW HEIGHTS

QUALITY BUILT 4-6BR/4.2BA COL
Solid-oak millwork, 9' ceilings on 1st. Foyer's 2-story & fam rm w/window wall, dbl sided FP to den/built-ins, beamed ceil, bar, window seat. $24K in upgrades in kit/custm cab, hi-end appls, granite tops, dinette opens to lg brick paver patio. Forml din & liv rms. MBR/sit rm, dbl sided FP to BA. Bonus rm/BR5. 6247sf w/fin LL. 3+car side load. Area amenities. **$529,999.**

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BROADVIEW HEIGHTS

5BR/4BA COL. CUSTOM BUILT BY CHAND
$100K+ in updates since '02. 9' ceilngs on 1st, Andersen windws thru-out. 2-stry foyer/custm staircase. Fam rm/vaulted ceil, stone FP. Frml liv & din rms. Kitch/custm cabs, newer granite, appls, fixtures, island, wet bar. Mstr BR/vaulted ceil, lg walk-in closet, glam BA/Jacuzzi tub. Finished walk-out bsmt/could be extra ste. Deck, patio, circular drive, treed cul-de-sac lot. **$449,900.**

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3BR/3.1BA BRICK FRONT RANCH BLT 2000
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SEVEN TIMBERS 3BR/3.1BA CAPE COD
2-story foyer & fam rm w/FP. Gourmet kit/custom cabinets, SS appl's, granite tops, breakfast bar, dinette area w/door to deck. Flr 1: owners ste/vault ceiling, walk-in closet, glam BA/2 sinks, soakng tub, separate shower, tile flr; den w/French drs; laundry. Flr 2: loft, 2 BRs & BA. Fin walkout LL/kit, rec rm, BA, more. Wooded cul-de-sac lot, fire pit. **$339,000.**

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Trustees ban door-to-door solicitation except by charities

by Kathleen Steele Gaivin
Feb. 13 trustees meeting

Sagamore Hills trustees will no longer allow vendors to solicit residents at home, unless they are representing a bona fide not-for-profit organization.

"We've had complaints in the last 12, 24 months about people going around knocking on people's doors trying to sell you windows or whatever they're trying to sell, so we came to the conclusion that we want to limit that to only nonprofits," Trustee John Zaccardelli said. "We're kind of on key with other townships as well. It's what we need. It's long overdue."

He said several other townships in the state have taken this approach in the last year or so.

"If anyone knocks on your door, call the police," Zaccardelli said.

Fire district bills

Trustees held a special meeting on Feb. 7 to wrap up bills for the Northfield Center-Sagamore Hills Fire District that dissolved in September 2016.

Trustee Dave DePasquale said the money came from the district's bank account and that Sagamore Hills didn't pay anything "out of pocket" at this time, despite rumors that the township owed $100,000 to Northfield Center. According to Sagamore Hills officials, the number Northfield Center reported was inflated.

"The money is there, and we continue to receive ambulance billing until the last check is sent. We're not reaching into the coffers to send them a check," DePasquale said.

According to attorney Jeff Snell, both townships signed resolutions in February to pay about $10,000 in outstanding fire district expenses. Northfield Center had overpaid $16,000, so that township was reimbursed.

"We are all clear through Feb. 3, 2017, and we owe no other bills coming in," he said.

The only business left is insurance reimbursements to come in from ambulance runs and a final audit of the district.

Hidden Ridge

Sagamore Land Properties obtained a zoning permit to build a model home for the Hidden Ridge subdivision, pending final approval by the Summit County Planning Commission.

The subdivision will be located at Dunham and Canal roads on land known to longtime residents as the Baxter property. Ultimately, the developer plans to build 21 homes.

Demolition work

Resident Jack Donnelly inquired about demolition work at the state psychiatric hospital on Sagamore Road. Snell said the state is razing an old cottage at the front of the property. The land will return to a grassy state, and no new construction planned, he said.

Resource fair

Zaccardelli informed the public of a military resources fair that will take place at the Independence Civic Center, 6363 Selig Blvd., on April 3. Ohio Rep. Marlene Anielski is sponsoring the event, which is open to all current and separated military and their families. The purpose is to make military personnel aware of benefits and services available to them.

"It's a good thing if you know any veterans," he said. "We support anything with the veterans as well."

Zaccardelli said the flier would be available on the township's website, mysagamorehills.com.

In other business, trustees authorized:

- $36,000 to pay the road salt invoice for the first month of the year.
- $3,022 to repair a police department vehicle, which will be reimbursed from an insurance claim.
- $12,000 to Action Door to replace three garage doors, including three openers and nine transmitters, on the Sagamore Hills Police Department garage. ∞

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Superintendent says lead testing shows 'no issues' in district water

Two faucets to be replaced after levels 'significantly below' federal action level found

by Erica Peterson

Superintendent Joe Clark said water sample tests from all faucets and fountains in the Nordonia Hills school district found "no issues" in any buildings.

Faucets in sinks in two high school classrooms will be replaced only for "peace of mind," he said, after lead levels "significantly below the federal action level of 15 parts per billion in drinking water" were detected.

The testing, done Jan. 20 by the EA Group, found lead levels at 9 ppb in a faucet in room 603 and 4 ppb in room 405. The faucets are in sinks in a chemistry lab and a science classroom, not drinking fountains, said school district Business Director Thomas Hartman.

"In the interim, signage will be displayed at those fixtures stating, 'Faucets should not be used for drinking water,' " Clark said.

The voluntary testing was done as part of Ohio's Lead Plumbing Fixture Replacement Assistance Grant program. The grant covered the testing cost of $5,000.

"We decided to participate in this program along with most other Ohio school districts to be proactive in identifying any fixtures that have results indicating lead present at the federal action level," Hartman said.

The district will pick up the cost of the new fixtures, he said, since it is not required to replace them. The grant covers the replacement cost only if the testing shows results above 15 ppb. ∞

Nordonia Hills School Board delays vote on superintendent's contract

by Gina Mace

Feb. 21 school board meeting

After an hour-long executive session, the Nordonia Hills City School District Board of Education decided to delay voting on a new five-year contract for Superintendent Joe Clark until the March 20 meeting so that every board member could vote.

School Board President Chad Lahrmer said that one board member, Jim Szabo, was absent. Lahrmer said the decision to renew or not renew the superintendent's contract is important.

"I believe all five members should be here to vote," Lahrmer said.

Clark has held the job since 2011. His current contract expires July 31, 2018. The new contract would run from Aug. 1, 2018, to July 31, 2023.

Also to be discussed at the March 20 meeting is a proposal from Treasurer Karen Obratil that up to $500,000 be transferred from the district's general fund to capital expenditures.

Clark said the money could be used for maintenance and repairs. Clark told board members the community most likely wouldn't pass a levy for those permanent improvements.

The school board did approve new three-year contracts for four principals and three district administrators: high school Principal Casey Wright, middle school Principal Ryan Durr, Rushwood Elementary Principal Jacqueline O'Mara, Northfield Elementary Principal Staci Albanese, Director of Business Thomas Hartman, Director of Pupil Services Carrie Hutchison and Food Service Supervisor Susan Petonic. The new contracts run from Aug. 1, 2018, to July 31, 2021.

The meetings are open to the public and are held at Northfield Elementary School. ∞

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CVCC school board accepts superintendent's resignation

by Mark Sellards
Feb. 23 school board meeting

The Cuyahoga Valley Career Center Board of Education accepted the resignation of Superintendent Celena Roebuck, who is retiring, effective July 31.

"On behalf of the board of education, we would like to thank Dr. Roebuck for her many years of valuable service to CVCC, and we wish her every success in her future endeavors," board President Kathleen Mack said.

The board said it would begin the search for a new superintendent, with the goal of naming a replacement before Roebuck's departure in July.

Roebuck, 51, began working at CVCC in 2001 as the director of curriculum and technology and later as assistant superintendent. She was hired as superintendent in 2011.

The board tabled a vote on a new three-year contract for Roebuck at the Dec. 8 meeting to discuss the matter further. The proposed contract would have raised her annual salary from $140,454 to $147,477. It also would have raised an annual tax-sheltered annuity from $5,000 to $10,000 per contract year and added performance incentive compensation: For every increase above 2016-2017 levels in student and staff attendance percentages, job placement percentage and industry credential percentage during a school year, Roebuck would have received a 1-percent salary increase.

Some board members said at the time they were concerned with the size of the proposed pay hike and that the entire board was not a part of contract negotiations.

It was during that discussion that Roe-

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buck began to consider her retirement. She said she thought there would be no better time to move on than now.

"You always want to leave when things are good," said Roebuck. "I feel we have extremely deep talent in our work staff here. I have a lot of faith in [them]."

She said the school is in great shape as far as stability and growth, a testament to the hard work she and others put in over years.

"Whoever comes in is coming in to a great place," she said. "[I'm] very proud of where we are."

Concerning her future, Roebuck said she is not sure what she will be doing.

Auditor's award

CVCC received an award from the Auditor of State's office for a clean audit report and an excellent record for financial reporting. Treasurer Rick Berdine and his staff received recognition for their work.

In other business, the board:

- Authorized hiring Kyle Livengood as information technology specialist at CVCC starting April 1 or until a replacement is found for him at the Nordonia Hills School District. The contract will run through June 30, 2018, with a salary set at $90,630.
- Announced that the CVCC machine technology program received a $12,000 grant from the Gene Haas Foundation, which is funded by Gene Haas, founder and owner of Haas Automation, and provides scholarship funding for post-secondary programs that teach computer numerical control training.
- Authorized a payment of $37,162 to APEX Construction as a final settlement for the auxiliary learning center project.
- Discussed an agreement with Collective Education LLC for an adult education web development course called CVCC Coding Boot Camp. ∞

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Coming Events

April 8

Annual Baby and Kids Consignment Sale

Nordonia Hills Preschool Parents is holding its annual Everything Baby and Kids Consignment Sale on Saturday, April 8, from 9 a.m. to noon, at Nordonia High School cafeteria at 8600 S. Bedford Rd. Early bird admission is $5 from 9-10 a.m., and admission is $1 from 10 a.m.-noon. From 1 to 1:30 p.m., admission is free for the $5 bag sale. Items for sale include strollers, high chairs, car seats, furniture, toys, games, books and children's clothing. Credit cards and cash accepted. Visit gonhpp.com for more information and directions. ∞

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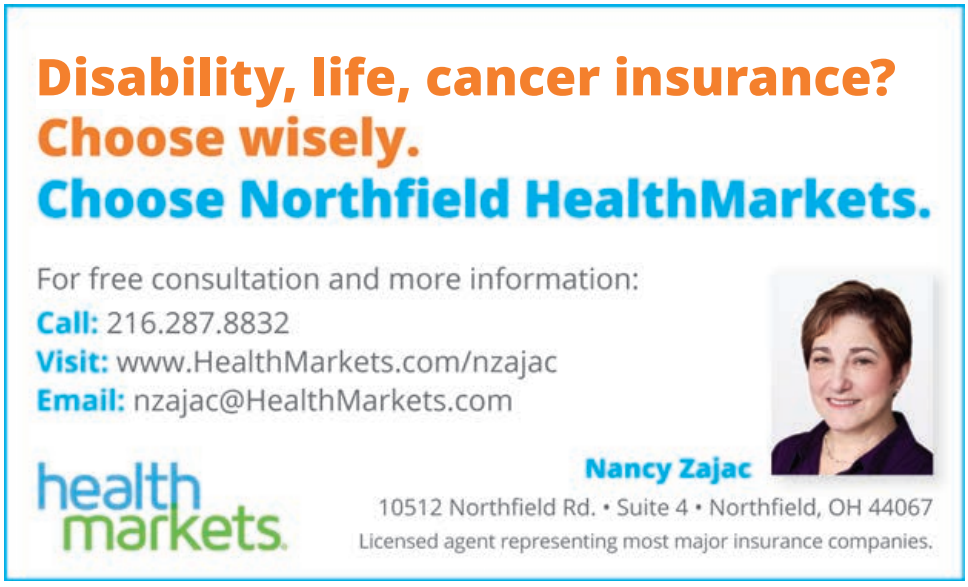

Sagamore Hills author shares stories of many near misses

by Gina Mace

Don Rambacher has been shot, nearly drowned and hit by cars twice while crossing streets.

In his book, "Not Dead Yet – a Collection of Close Calls and Other Memories," published by Virtualbookworm.com, Rambacher uses humor to relay these stories and other near misses and adventures encountered in his nearly 65 years.

The Sagamore Hills resident also talks about growing up in a large Catholic family, with three sisters and a brother, attending college at Borromeo Seminary when he intended to become a priest, getting married, getting divorced and meeting his wife, Rose, of nearly 30 years.

Don Rambacher

"When people read the book, men will say 'I can remember doing stupid stuff like that,'" Rambacher said. "Women will say, 'Men are so stupid.' "

A man of faith, Rambacher was in grade school when he first saw evidence of the guardian angel he learned about through his Catholic religion.

In his book, Rambacher admits to being an annoying little brother to his only brother, Ric Rambacher. He recalled an incident when, as a first-grader, he followed Ric and his friends to play baseball, and blocked home plate when his brother said he couldn't play.

"Ric was at bat, and I thought I could stare him into submission," said his brother. "When it became obvious I wasn't going to move, he said to the pitcher, 'Go ahead and throw the ball.' "

His brother swung, making contact with Rambacher's head, breaking the bat in half. "Miraculously, I wasn't badly hurt and actually managed to stop the game by breaking the bat with my skull."

Rambacher's first encounter with the hood of a moving car was in fourth grade, while riding his bike to school. His second was when he was 14 and living in Northfield. He was crossing state Route 8's four lanes at night.

As an adult, his brother-in-law accidentally shot Rambacher in the head while the two were deer hunting.

Some years later, he was fishing with his brother when Ric caused the boat to capsize, dumping them and their gear into ice-cold water.

"I saw my tackle box float by, and thought I should get it," he said.

Rambacher decided instead to get back to shore before his heavy coat and boots

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The Grapevine

by Kathleen Steele Gaivin

Fourth-generation Sagamore Hills resident **Amanda Karduck**, a full-time firefighter with the Painesville Fire Department, has been promoted to lieutenant. She is the first female firefighter promoted to an officer position in Painesville. Karduck was previously a lieutenant in the Northfield Center-Sagamore Hills Fire District.

Nordonia alumnus **Jordan McRae** and his team from Howard University are finalists in a contest sponsored by Walt Disney Imagineering for their design "Campus Canvas." McRae is studying architecture at the Washington, D.C., university.

The following students have been named to the dean's list: **Gabriella Anderson**, **Nathan Blasio**, **Nicholas Carson**, **Nicholas Deliberato**, **Sophia Greathouse**, **Joseph Haluska**, **John Holt**, **Justin Johnson**, **Frank Maroun**, **Andrew Morilak**, **Ashley Mysza**, **Marissa Nichol**, **Allison Pringle**, **Christopher Russ**, **Kristen Seleman**, **Bethany Soukup**, **Sophia Stanczak**, **Brooke Stehlik**, **Taylor Whitlock**, Kent State University; **Hanna Eileen Perrine**, Ohio State University; **Jenna Dasher**, University of Findlay.

The following students were named to the president's list: **Sarah Herzog**, **Elizabeth McMasters**, Kent State University.

The following students graduated: **Katherine Gombert**, **Sarah Koudelka**, **Olivia Nichol**, **Allison Pringle**, Kent State University.

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made it impossible to stay afloat.

His brother's response to the near-death experience?

"My brother said, 'At least I didn't shoot you,' " Rambacher said.

The idea for the book came several years ago from his son, Donnie Rambacher.

"Donnie was on the debate team in high school and I would drive them to different tournaments," he said. "I had a bunch of high school kids in the car and I had to keep them amused, so I would tell them stories."

It took three years to move the stories from his head to his computer, and then organize them, Rambacher said.

Finishing the book became his first retirement project in October 2016, when he ended a 30-year stint at the Cuyahoga Board of Developmental Disabilities, where he managed a ground maintenance program.

"Not Dead Yet" was released in September 2016. There is a message in the mishaps and memories Rambacher shares in the book.

"Enjoy life's journey," he said. "That's it." ∞

Nordonia High School students pull together for 'Les Misérables'

by Kim Garred

"Les Misérables" is set to be one of the largest productions ever for the Nordonia High School drama department.

In addition to the cast of nearly 40, there are 50 students offstage working tirelessly as members of the crew, running tech and playing in the orchestra.

Chris Simmons, director of drama, is thrilled to be working with such talented young men and women in this year's production. "The hardest part of theater is not enough time," Simmons said. "There are so many aspects to a production, and they all need to be done."

"Les Misérables" is his 17th musical with Nordonia High School. A Nordonia graduate, Simmons returned with a bachelor's degree in theater/education and a master's in education.

Simmons is not alone in directing and leading the students. Megan Gargano serves as assistant director and choreographer, while Bill Shaffer serves as musical director. Dane Leasure will also be returning as fight choreographer and acting coach.

The playbill includes junior Brad Zinn and senior Dakota Pugh as Jean Valjean and Javert, Sam Fujikawa as Marius, Rachel Kidd as Éponine, Rachel Hayes as Fantine, Abby Posar as Cosette, Nolan Tater and Lexi Majoros as the Thénardiers, and Hunter Daniachew as Enjolras. Another 30 actors make up the ensemble of townspeople, factory workers, sailors, "lovely ladies," prisoners and students.

The cast of Les Miserables includes (l-r) Abby Posar as Cosette, Sam Fujikawa as Marius, Hunter Daniachew as Enjolras, Rachel Kidd as Eponine, and Lexi Majoros and Nolan Tater as the Thenardiers. Kneeling are (l-r) Brad Zinnas as Jean Valjean and Dakota Pugh as Javert. Photo by K. Garred

The Drama Club also welcomes three young actors. Jacob Filisky takes on the role of street smart Gavroche, while Ellie Amorino and Sally Kress share the roles of Young Cosette and Young Éponine.

Fujikawa, a senior, started in theater in second grade. This is his eighth musical. He and his oldest brother were in Aida.

"Theater is a family affair for us," he said. "Mom and dad help out with productions behind the scenes."

Kidd, also a senior, was in "The Wedding Singer" in seventh grade. "It is fun being in productions. It gives me a chance to meet new people and to make friends," she said.

"Musicals are a part of me. I love them," said Abby Posar. "Being on stage forces you out of your comfort zone. Dress rehearsals are nerve wracking but exciting."

"We have high expectations," Simmons said. "We push the students to reach their full potential. We tell them, 'You are the ones up there. We believe you can, and you do.' They always meet — no, exceed our expectations. And that creates the best show possible."

Performances of "Les Misérables" will be Friday and Saturday, April 21 and 22, at 8 p.m., and Sunday, April 23, at 3 p.m. There will also be a free preview performance for senior citizens on Thursday, April 20, at 4 p.m.

Reserved seating is $15, and general admission tickets are $8 for students, $10 for senior citizens and $12 for adults. Visit nordoniadrama.com for more information and to reserve tickets. ∞

CVCC recognized as top-performing school

Cuyahoga Valley Career Center was recognized as the 2016 High Schools That Work top-performing school in Northeast Ohio. The recognition is based on the performance of 2016 graduates who took a national survey. Fifty-nine CVCC seniors took the survey. The school was recognized for integrating academics into career technical education and providing quality career technical education, work-based learning and guidance. ∞

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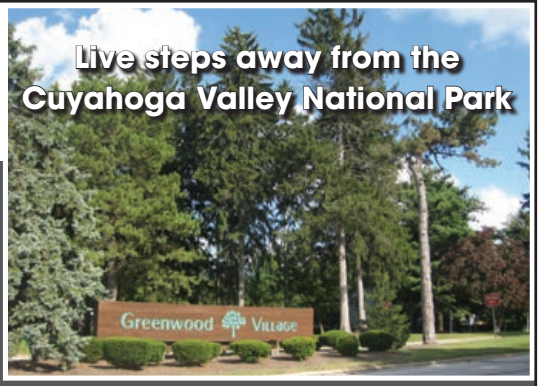

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Police Beat

Information provided by the Sagamore Hills Police Department

Feb. 2 – A resident reported a couple of fraudulent transactions on her credit card. The card was canceled.

Feb. 5 – A Crystal Creek woman called police after coming home to find the house's back door open. Police said it appeared to be pried open by a screwdriver. Jewelry and cash were reported missing. The case was turned over to the detective bureau.

Feb. 6 – A Sagamore Hills man was cited for dog at large after several neighbors reported a dog running around barking incessantly from 11 p.m. to 3:30 a.m. The man returned home at 4 a.m. and told police he did not know how the dog got out of the home.

Feb 7 – Police destroyed a sick raccoon found in a Seiberling Drive garage.

Feb. 8 – A resident reported an attempted identity theft.

Feb. 9 – A 39-year-old Warrensville Heights man was charged with OVI, failure to control and drug paraphernalia after police were called about a car in a ditch at Houghton Road and Eaton Drive at 1:40 a.m. The man did poorly on field sobriety tests and refused a breathalyzer test.

Feb. 11 – A 21-year-old Garfield Heights man was charged with OVI, BAC, speeding and possession of marijuana after an officer clocked him going 80 mph in a 35 mph zone on Valley View Road at 2:50 a.m. He failed field sobriety tests, and his BAC was .191. A bag of marijuana was found in the car.

Feb. 11 – A resident reported a package with her prescription medication was stolen from a common area of her building.

Feb. 15 – Rescue squads revived a 46-year-old man suffering from a suspected drug overdose and transported him to the hospital.

Feb. 17 – A resident reported his personal information was used in an attempt to open a credit card account.

Feb. 19 – A police officer called about an injured raccoon and destroyed the animal.

Feb. 20 – A 54-year-old Cleveland man was charged with OVI, BAC and failure to control after police were called around 8 p.m. about a car that swerved off the road and hit a fire hydrant. The man failed field sobriety tests, and his BAC was .117. ∞

Organizations

Cuyahoga Valley Genealogy Society

Cuyahoga Valley Genealogy Society will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, April 3, at 7 p.m. at the Independence Civic Center, 6363 Selig Blvd., in the Willow Room.

Margaret Cheney will present "Serendipity in Genealogy." Serendipity is finding something when you least expect to find it. This presentation is a first-person account of how several factors have come to light in Cheney's research for her and her husband's ancestors, as well as those of others.

A resident of Elyria, Cheney is president of the Ohio Genealogical Society

All are welcome. Coffee and refreshments will be served. For more information, call President Mary Boehnlein at 216-524-3162. ∞

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by Georgann A. Poulos, M.D.

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How Resistance Training Prevents Injury

By Marren Croley, Manager,
My Personal Trainer Broadview Heights

Nobody wants to go through his or her day with pain. Chronic pain can prevent people from wanting to exercise, and not exercising can lead to more pain, creating a downward spiral of fatigue, injuries, and weight gain. Lack of exercise and living more sedentary lifestyles increases the chances of the joints and muscles becoming tense and tight. Any sudden movement can cause these tight, tense muscles to become injured.

Resistance training is the answer to keeping muscles strong and injury free. Proper resistance training has positive effects on the bones, connective tissues, and muscles. Strengthening each of these greatly reduces the risk for injury in everyday activities.

Research has shown that those who stay physically active, especially in the form of resistance training, have greater bone mineral density. Bone mineral density determines the strength of the bone. The greater the bone density, the smaller the risk for fractures. When physical demands are placed on the bone, the bone is forced to remold and adapt to the physical stress. Greater bone density not only leads to lower risks of fractures but also lowers the risk of diseases like osteoporosis and osteoarthritis.

Marren Croley, MPT Manager, Broadview Heights

Connective tissue, such as the tendons and ligaments in the joints, connect the body's muscle to the bones. As physical stress gradually increases on the body in the form of resistance training, the tendons must adapt by increasing in strength as well as size. As muscles become stronger and more capable of producing greater force, the ligaments and tendons also need to be stronger to maintain a balance between muscle and connective tissue strength.

Resistance training also is important in increasing size and strength in the muscle. As we age, muscle begins to decrease in size (atrophy). Muscle is essential in the functional ability of the body, and any decreases in muscle can lead to greater risks for falls, muscular imbalances, and muscle related injuries. To prevent imbalances, training all muscles of the body equally is important. To make sure benefits are achieved in bone, connective tissue, and muscle, it is extremely important to gradually increase the resistance during exercise. Increasing to quickly may lead to pain from too much stress placed upon the bone, muscle, and connective tissue. Proper form and good control during an exercise helps to ensure that more resistance can be placed upon the body. Use resistance training as your injury prevention.

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