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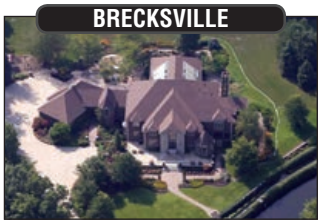

5BR/6.3BA BRICK ESTATE ON 4.86 ACRES
Cost to duplicate 5+M. 70x40' indoor pool, wet bar, hot tub, more. 4 FPs, 2 are 2-sided. Bonus rm flr 3. 19,000 sq ft w/fin'd bsmt. Grand foyer. Grt rm/beam ceil, stone FP, drs/ porch. Fresco ceil/liv rm & piano rm. Chef's kitch open to hearth rm. Mstr ste w/FP, sit rm/2-sided FP to luxury BA. Pond, blt-in grill, parklike culdesac lot. Too much to list. **$2,775,000.**

AKRON

5 BR/5.2BA SPECTACULAR 1 OF A KIND ESTATE
Elgnt Frnch Cntry Stne Cstle! 19 acrs. Opn flr pln, 2 stry fyr & grt rm/mrble ceiling. Sun rm, xtra lg frml DR. Kit w/cstm cabs & grnte, 4 ovn stove, 1st flr lndry w/cabs. 1st flr MBR, wlk-in clst, glam BA w/lg tub. 1st flr prv in-law ste/guest ste w/LR, kit & BA! 2nd flr addtl 2 BA + xtra rm. Bose surrnd sound, full bsmnt, Cntral vacum, zone heat! 2 patios, 56x36 bldng. Pro Indscpd! **$1,359,000.**

COLUMBIA STATION

6BR/5.1BA SPECTACULAR CUSTM LUX ESTATE
5+park-like acrs. Opn flr pln, 2-sty fyr w/cstm strcs, libry/office/wt bar/lg DR, LR, kit w/cstm cabs, grnite, lg islnd pntry, all appls. Hrth rm/sunrm. Fam rm/cstm FP. 1st flr BR/full BA, lndry/blt-in cabs, md rm/lg wlk-in clst. Flr 2:BRs/wlk-ins, BAs. MBR/vltd ceil, FP, glam BA, lg wlk-in clst. Fin bsmnt/grt rm, play rm, exrcise, wt bar/kit, full BA, storge. Lux cstm deck, heatd in-grnd pool, hot tub, patio. 8c gar, car lift. Extnsve lndscpng. **$1,149,000.**

BRECKSVILLE

5BD/8BA LUX BRICK ESTATE
Spectacular Brick Estate, 6+acre cul-de-sac! Updates! 2 stry foyer, 2 cstm staircses to 2nd flr. Beaut office, soaring ceil w/cstm wd paneling. Stunning 2 story fam rm, elegant liv rm, din rm w/crown mldng. Gourmet Kit, granite, SS app, islnd, 1st flr lndry rm. 1st flr mstr BD, totally remodeled bath. 3rd flr bonus rm! Fin walk out bsmnt, BA w/sauna, 1/2 BA & storage area. 4+ car garage! Fab Lx Veranda/Deck!!! **$999,000.**

RICHFIELD

4BR/4.2BA BRICK ESTATE ON 1.27 ACRES
2-story fam rm/window wall, wall of blt-ins w/ FP. Formal din rm. Kitch/custm cabs, newer granite, wd flr, dinette opens to deck. Flr 1: Study/coffered ceilng, FP, blt-ins. Mstr ste/glam BA, dr to deck, walk-in closets. Flr 2: 3 BRs, 2 BAs. Fin'd walkout lwr lvl w/great rm w/FP, more. 3-tier deck, lg patio, pavilion w/FP, landscapd, wooded views. 3-car attachd. **$995,000.**

HINCKLEY

4BR/3.1BA STUNNING CSTM BRCK RANCH
Stunning cstm brck ranch w/opn flr pln, 2.29 acres, pond & fountn! Many updts! Fresh paint, new carpet & light fxtres. 11 ft entry wy, vltd ceils, wd flrs, palladium wndw, crwn mld. Gourmt kit w/SS app, wine cooler, lg pntry. Elegant MBR, 2 add'l lg BRs, lg lndry rm. Cstm wndws, & xtra lg fin bsmnt w/2nd kit. 4 car gar, patio, shed. Award-win schools! Turn key, meticulous, model-like home! **$675,000.**

BROADVIEW HEIGHTS

4BD/4.5 BA CUSTOM BUILT PETROS
Wow! Stone-front Colonial. Too many qualities to list! Open flr plan! Frshly paintd. Fam rm w/stone FP (flr to ceil) & stunning hdwd flrs. 1st flr den/ office w/ see-thru FP. Gourmet kit, granite, lg islnd, SS app, & wd flrs. Mud rm. 2nd flr, 4 beds, 3 full baths. Master w/ walk-in clost, bath. 2nd flr laundry. Basement w/ great rm, fireplace, 5th bd w/ full bath. Roof, furnace, AC, & HWT in 2017. **$539,000.**

BROADVIEW HEIGHTS

5BR/3.1BA SPECTACULAR LUX CSTM COL
Updatd! Grnte, newr carpting & paint thru-out. Kit w/wd flrs. Elgnt frml DR w/wd flrs. Beaut LR, fam rm w/custm FP & sunrm. MBR w sittng rm, blcny, lg w-in clst & lg glam BA. Fin bsmnt w/ cstm wet bar/2nd kit, grt rm, office, custm full BA. Pro Indscpd yard, gazebo, patio, cstm tier deck. 3c gar. Zoned heat! Clbhouse, bsktbll ct, pool, playgrnd & fishing. Award win school. **$514,900.**

BROADVIEW HEIGHTS

4BR/4.2BA SPECTACULAR CSTM BLT COL
Cstom millwrk. 9 ft ceil. Opn flr pln/new updtes/ 2-stry fyer/2-stry fam rm w/cstm wndws/offce/den w/cstm blt-in cabs, box-bmd ceil, wt bar. $24K upgrds. Kit w/ cstm cabs, grnite, ss appls. Frml DR / LR, 2 hlf BA. 2nd flr MBR w/vaultd ceil, sittng rm & frplc that's dbl sided to glam BA. 3 addtl BDs, Jack-n-Jill BA/bonus rm/ 4937sqft / fin bsmnt w/ rec rm, BD, BA, exrcise & sauna. 3+c gar / Pool, clbhouse, playgrnd. **$499,000.**

BROADVIEW HEIGHTS

4BR/3.1BA CUSTOM BRICK COLONIAL
Stunning lux Brick Colonial custom built by Petros Home. Wide open floor plan. Hardwood floors, office, 2 story family room, tons of natural sunlight, wet bar. Beautiful open kitchen, granite, 1st floor laundry. Large Master suite, soaking tub, finished basement w/ great room, wet bar, wine cellar, full bath. Landscaped lot, stamped patio. Award Wining Schools! **$479,900.**

PEPPER PIKE

4BR/4.2BA STUNNING REMOD COLONIAL
Williamsburg Colonial w/outstanding quality. Freshly painted, nwr wd flrs & fixtures. Frml LR w/ fireplace, DR w/custm ceiling, 1st flr gorgeous office w/ ½ BA. Family rm opens to lg Sun rm, eat-in kit w/granite countertops, wd cabs. 4BDS & 3BAs on 2nd flr. Mstr Suite w/remodld BA. Xlg finshd bsmnt w/ BA. Private 1 acre lot, "park like." **$449,900.**

NORTH ROYALTON

4BR/2.1BA STUNNING COLONIAL
Huntington Park. Lg foyr w/wd flrs. Frml LR, DR, Tray Ceil, Bay Wndw. 2 Stry Fam rm w/Gas FP. Lg Kit, Island, SS app's, grnte, custm cabs. 1st flr bonus Rm. 1st Flr Indry rm. MBR w/vaultd ceil, lg w-in clost, glam BA, grnte, dbl sink, lg tub & shwr. 3 xtra BDRs. Loft area grt for 2nd flr fam rm or rec rm. Yrd has Irrigation, 3 Car Gar, Lg Bckyrd, Cul-de-Sac, painted Sept'18. **$425,000.**

BROADVIEW HEIGHTS

4BR/2.1BA CLASSIC BRICK COLONIAL
Dazzling 1 Owner Brick Colonial. Open flr plan. Living rm, office, formal dining rm w/crown molding & wainscotting. Lux kitch w/custom cabs, ss appls. Gorgeous sunrm w/vaultd ceil, family rm w/coffered ceil. 2nd flr master ste, granite, dbl vanity. Newer carpet, roof, & fresh paint thru-out. 3+car garage. Custom tier deck, shed, & prvt lot. Award Win Schools. **$418,900.**

BROADVIEW HEIGHTS

1.64 ACRE LOT/ BUILD TO SUIT
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SEVEN HILLS

3 BD/1.1BA BEAUTIFUL BRICK RANCH
Great value! 1 Owner. 4 car garage, newly painted, 3 bedrooms w/wood floors, living room w/wood floors and fireplace, 1 ½ baths, foyer, formal dining room, eat-in kitchen, finished walk-out basement, wine cellar, large lot, prime location, convenient to everything, immediate possession! **$184,900.**

PARMA

3 BD/1.1 BA BRICK RANCH
Amazing 3 BD brick ranch in highly desired area near Selwick Park. Open flr pln. Frml liv & din rm w/covered hdwd flrs. Spacious eat-in kit. Lg fam rm w/door to patio & bckyrd. 3 BDs & 1 1/2 BAs on 1st Flr. Huge rec rm in lwr lvl, storage & workshop! Newer wndws, patio dr. 2 Car gar. Beaut private park-ike setting. Close to all, UH Parma Medical Center & The Shoppes of Parma. 1 Yr Home Warranty Provided. A Must See! **$177,500.**

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On our cover

Rotary Club of Nordonia Hills member John Graves delights children with stickers he brought on his trip to Nigeria. He's with Roman Catholic Missionary Teresa Thomas (r) and a Rotarian from the Rotary Club of Ukwunwangwu, Nigeria. Learn how a Rotary Club project helped two villages gain easy access to fresh water on page 3. Photo courtesy John Graves

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Follow the yellow brick road to the spring production of the Nordonia Drama Club

by John Benson

If there's a wiz who does wonderful things for the Nordonia High School Drama Club, Chris Simmons fits the bill.

The Sagamore Hills resident and 2004 Nordonia High School graduate, who has been the drama club's director for six years, decided this was the time for the school to stage another production of "The Wizard of Oz."

"Every couple of years we try to rotate through and do a family show," said Simmons, who works as a Cleveland Clinic patient service specialist.

"The show kind of came onto the radar this year," he said. "I have a lot of really talented upperclassman — like senior boys — and this is a very boy-heavy show, which is rare. We're usually doing girl-heavy shows. Also, we had a house we built from last year's production of 'Oklahoma,' so that made things easier.'"

Senior Anthony Strong, who plays the Cowardly Lion, said the show gives him an opportunity to have a breakout performance.

"I feel like 'Oz' is finally my chance to show people that I'm more than just an ensemble member or a guy in a supporting role," Strong said. "Chris Simmons has given me a chance to prove myself as a lead and show my skills. He has cast the show perfectly, and I just hope to make him proud."

Freshman Libby Herberth, who plays Dorothy, added, "'The Wizard of Oz' is such a classic show. Getting to be Dorothy is an absolute dream come true. I can't wait to see all of our hard work and commitment over these last three months pay off."

Roughly 75 students are involved in the production, as cast, orchestra and crew.

The Wizard of Oz leads (l-r) Alex Posar (Tinman), Ryan Dulaney (Scarecrow), Libby Herberth (Dorothy) and Anthony Strong (Lion) rehearse for the April production.

"The Wizard of Oz" was last produced at Nordonia High School in 2001. Simmons, who was a freshman in that production and played a Wicked Witch of the West Winkie Guard, said returning to the popular musical is an enjoyable, full-circle moment.

"That was my first musical," Simmons said. "I kind of fell in love with theater as a freshman. It opened the door into what I've been doing the last 20 years of my life."

That experience still informs the way he directs his young thespians, he said.

The 50-student cast also includes Ryan Dulaney (Scarecrow) and Alex Posar (Tin Man), as well as Meghan Falkowski (Glinda) and Nicky Dietzen (Wicked Witch of the West).

There are 10 young actors from Northfield Elementary School, Lee Eaton Elementary School, St. Barnabas School and Nordonia Middle School playing munchkins. Simmons said there are roughly 75 more students involved, performing in the orchestra and working as crew.

"We all have very high expectations for a high school show," Simmons said. "I hold the students to the same standard I have when directing adults. They meet and surpass those expectations every year, allowing us to put on really high-quality shows for what would be considered a high school production."

Nordonia High's production is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on April 12-13, as well as at 3 p.m. on April 14. There will be a free preview performance for senior citizens at 4 p.m. on April 11.

Reserved seating is $15, with general admission $10. Visit nordoniadrama.com for more information. ∞

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Sagamore Hills resident spearheads Rotary Club project to bring fresh water to African villages

by John Benson

The World Health Organization reports that an estimated 844 million people lack basic drinking water. In an effort to help alleviate that problem, the Rotary Foundation continues to tackle programs around the world.

Locally, efforts by the Rotary Club of Nordonia Hills led to a ribbon-cutting ceremony earlier this year on a solar borehole well project in the villages of Umuota and Nzerem in Nigeria.

Completed last year at a cost of more than $78,000, fundraising efforts for the project begin in 2014. Over the last few years, the Rotary Club of Nordonia Hills raised more than $11,500 with Kings Men of St. Mary's Church in Hudson adding $10,500. St. Barnabas School students gave $500, and Rotary International contributed more than $55,550. The amount raised allowed the club to install two wells.

Rotary Club of Nordonia Hills President Robin Bugenske of Sagamore Hills led the project.

"In Nigeria and other African nations, the need for adequate potable water has been an ongoing problem facing local agencies and humanitarian organizations," he said. "The problem of water supply is worse in remote areas where there are limited resources, inadequate power supply and lack of adequate surface waters like rivers, streams, and ditches."

Catholic missionary Teresa Thomas put the issue on the Rotary Club's radar with a 2014 presentation.

"[Thomas] reached out to our club for assistance in providing potable water to the people of Ehime-Mbano and the surrounding communities," Bugenske said. "Our Rotary Club's members were deeply moved with Teresa's presentation, and I was given the task to see what we could do."

The presentation had a lasting effect on John Graves, the past president of the Rotary Club of Nordonia Hills.

"Thomas showed us pictures of children going into streams or ditches getting water," Graves said. "The main source of water was hours away from their village. Mainly, the women of the village would take their children along with them to go down and gather the water. Then the women had to carry these heavy loads of water back to the village. Some of the pictures were of young boys and bloated stomachs because they've gotten worms from the unsafe water."

Roman Catholic Missionary Teresa Thomas (l) and Rotary Club of Nordonia Hills member John Graves cut the ribbon on the club's solar borehole wells in Nigeria. Photo courtesy John Graves

The local Rotary Club worked with the Rotary Club of Ukwunwangwu in Nigeria. Bugenske said solar-powered wells were determined to be a good fit for the project.

"Solar power is almost maintenance-free, and in Africa there is lots of sun," he said. "And the availability of other power sources is very limited to none."

African trip

Graves attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony in Nigeria in January.

"It was my first time visiting Africa," said Graves, who is also the Girl Scouts of North East Ohio's chief financial officer. "I had to go to Chicago to get interviewed, fingerprinted and photographed for global access.

"Then I had to go to the Nigerian embassy contractor in Baltimore to get a biometric health screening test in order to get a visa to get into Nigeria. Also, I was getting emails from the state department asking me to please reconsider my trip to Nigeria."

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Fresh water *continued*

As most folks were celebrating with family and friends on Jan. 1, Graves left for the Nigeria.

"It was like 24 hours really, transferring to London and going to Lagos and then transferring to Owerri, which is the town I stayed in," Graves said. "It takes more time than you think it'll take, but it was a trip of a lifetime. It was just fascinating. The people were just great, and I was never in danger. It was just a wonderful trip."

In total, two wells were constructed: a 475-foot well in the village of Umuota and a 700-foot well in the village of Nzerem. The former supports an estimated 6,800 residents while the latter sustains 3,500 people.

Graves said the seeing the Umuota and Nzerem wells firsthand was impressive. However, he realized the magnitude of the Rotary Club's effort when he was having breakfast in his Owerri hotel. A chance conversation with his waitress created a moment he'll never forget.

"The woman wondered why I was staying at the hotel," Graves said. "I told her about our group's efforts to bring water to this village. She started crying, saying that was her village. You could tell it was life-changing for the people that were there."

Graves said he hopes the message of the Rotary Club's well projects will lead to similar local efforts to help other locations in the world.

"Water is a big issue all around the world," said Graves, who is a member of the Rotary's Water and Sanitation Rotary Action Group. "So anything you can do to help people get clean water is important.

"In this particular case, now people walk maybe a block to get water, which is clean. It doesn't need to be treated. Helping people get sustainable, clean water will be life-changing." ∞

Two wells were constructed, one in the village of Umuota and one in the village of Nzerem. They will supply water to more than 10,000 people. Photo courtesy John Graves

Questions on the Upcoming School Levy?

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Trustees Corner

by Trustee John Zaccardelli

Dear residents:

Zoning was very busy in 2018. The department issued 121 permits. Of those, 17 were for new homes, 31 for fences, 19 for accessory buildings, 15 for home additions and 22 for garage sales. Other permits issued were for pools, decks and demolitions. For the year, 43 neighbor complaints were made, and resolutions for many of these will end in civil court.

Of major concern are the three abandoned homes within the township. The house on the corner of Valley View Road and Crystal Creek has had a number of buyers looking to flip it, but there's no new information on that home to date.

Developments moving forward include the Mottl Preserve on Houghton Road and the Brentwood senior community on Route 82. The Summit County Planning Commission granted preliminary approval for the 93-acre site on Dunham Road, but there have been no further requests by the developer to move forward.

On Jan. 25, Trustee Dave DePasquale, this year's chairman, called for a special meeting to approve a preliminary plan to install fire hydrants on Natalie Boulevard, located in the Spring streets section of Sagamore Hills and Northfield Center townships. There are a number of hoops to jump through, and we are hoping North Hills Water District Fiscal Officer Jeff Snell and Engineer Mike Henry will be able to get approval from a number of different agencies. A letter of understanding between Sagamore Hills and Northfield Center and the North Hills Water District kicked off the project.

What made this project possible is a total road reclamation grant worked on by both townships. We are keeping our fingers crossed, and if we receive the necessary approval, the project would begin this August or spring of 2020. This had been on Trustee Paul Schweikert's, DePasquale's and my bucket list for a number of years. Approval would provide better fire service and protection in the Spring streets and Sandy Hill.

At our Feb. 11 meeting, a resident took the trustees to task about former Northfield Center-Sagamore Hills Fire District Fiscal Officer Rosemary Barrett's misuse of credit cards in the now closed criminal case. The resident felt the Sagamore Hills trustees did not do enough regarding punishment against Barrett.

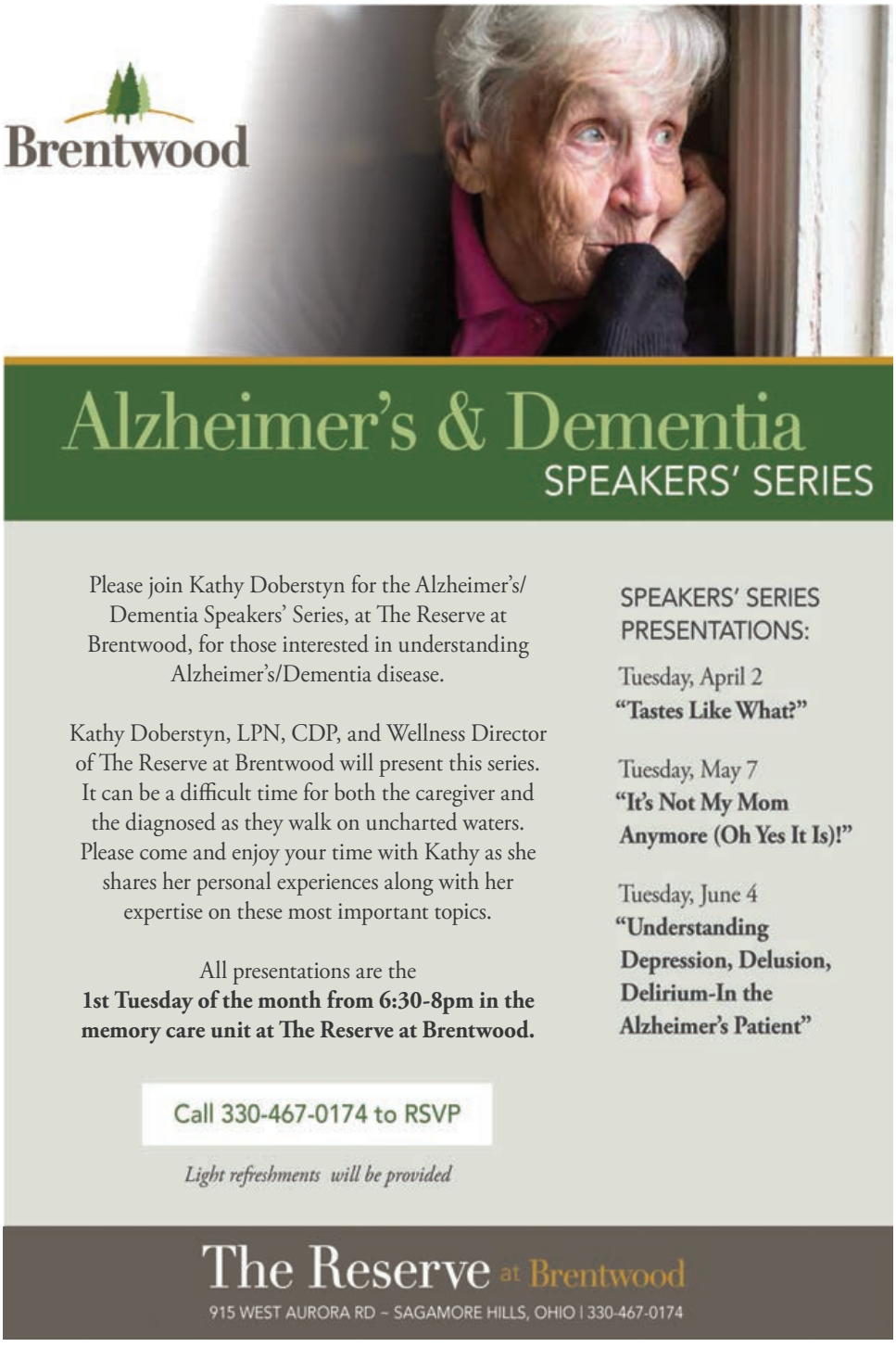
In September 2017, DePasquale went on record that the Summit County Sheriff's Office never contacted the township regarding this criminal case. DePasquale stated Sagamore Hills was being shut out of the investigation.

On Dec. 11, 2017, Schweikert called Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Alison Breaux's office, stating it seemed extremely odd that a felony trial was taking place the next day, but as a victim, Sagamore Hills trustees had never been questioned. When Breaux heard those concerns, she delayed the trial a month.

In January 2018, Breaux mandated in Barrett's sentencing that she cooperate with the Sagamore Hills Police Department's investigation. Sagamore Hills Police recovered another $14,500 and as of Feb. 20, every penny has been recovered.

I hope this update ends all concerns.

I want to wish everyone a Happy Easter! ∞



Antenna enables fire department to transmit calls to distant areas of community

by Kathleen Steele Gaivin

Feb. 11 trustees meeting

Sagamore Hills trustees approved an agreement with Northfield Center Township and Vertical Bridge for a repeater, an antenna on an existing tower that will transmit emergency calls to remote segments of the community. Sagamore Hills will foot the bill for half of the cost, $146 per month, or $1,752 a year, for five years.

"The repeater is necessary for the fire department," said Jeff Snell, attorney for Sagamore Hills. "Once the repeater gets the signal, they are able to talk on the radio in those low areas of the valley.

"Since Northfield Center needs it and Sagamore needs it, we're just going to divide the cost. They're going to have a separate contract for each of us, but we're going to share the same channel."

A second resolution authorized the fiscal officer to pay Vertical Bridge for bills dating back to August 2018 at the negotiated rate, which comes to about $588, according to Trustee John Zaccardelli.

"We've kind of been at a standstill as we negotiated this, and they want it paid now at that rate," Snell said.

Separately, the township renewed a user agreement for the countywide 800 megahertz regional radio system.

Trustees also accepted a $37,652 NOPEC (Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council) Energized Community Grant. According to NOPEC, the grant funds things like LED signs, traffic signal upgrades, insulation, energy-efficient windows, solar-powered LED stop signs, energy-efficient air conditioners, electrical upgrades, generators and LED lighting upgrades.

"That's what we used for the roof [last year]. So we can get reimbursed for some things," Trustee David DePasquale said.

Police

Sagamore Hills Police Sgt. Ken Wolf has been accepted onto the Metro SWAT Team.

"I selected Ken as a member due to his dedication to Sagamore Hills Police Department and the example he sets as a supervisor," Police Chief David Hayes wrote in a letter to trustees. "Ken flew through their appointment process, which consists of shooting, a physical fitness test, a background check and an interview."

Hayes wrote that Wolf is also the department's shooting range instructor and with the knowledge he will gain on the SWAT team, he will be able to instruct other officers on other tactical situations.

"By us having a member in the Metro SWAT, we don't have to rely on Summit County Sheriff's Department or pay them," DePasquale said. "They [the county] charge us when they have to bring their SWAT team up, so now being a member of Metro SWAT, we don't have to pay."

Unlike the Summit County SWAT Team, Metro SWAT is a consortium of local police departments. Member communities assist each other and do not pay for the team's services as they contribute manpower equally.

It is rare that the SWAT team is needed in Sagamore Hills, trustees said. The only time they could remember was an incident on Ballantrae Drive a few years ago.

Roads

Road improvements will soon be underway. Trustees approved entering into the bidding process through the Summit County Engineer's striping program, as well as bidding for resurfacing Kingsview Road and performing concrete work on Eaton and Seiberling drives.

Trustees approved a memorandum of understanding with Summit Soil and Water Conservation District and Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District for stormwater maintenance, namely, a pipe program.

Website

Zaccardelli urged residents to explore the latest addition to the township's website, mysagamorehills.com.

"I've always had the idea of putting together a video of Sagamore Hills," Zaccardelli said.

Using ground and drone video footage and help from his friends, his dream came true.

"We even interviewed some people from New Jersey that were visiting the township," Zaccardelli said. "Check it out." ∞

Nordonia Hills City Schools

Nominations due April 5 for Nordonia Athletic Hall of Fame

The Nordonia Athletic department is accepting nominations for the Nordonia High School Athletic Hall of Fame until Friday, April 5. Categories for nominees include athlete, administrator, coach, civic leader and team. Athletes and teams are eligible for nomination five years after graduation. Coaches must have coached at least five years with Nordonia, and administrators and civic leaders must have at least 10 years of service to the community and athletics.

Nomination forms can be found online at nordoniaathletics.org or in the athletic office at the high school.

This year's inductees will be recognized Friday, Aug. 30, before the football game against Bedford. ∞

Kindergarten registration night is April 25

Kindergarten registration night for Nordonia Schools is Thursday, April 25, from 4-7 p.m. at the board of education office. For details regarding registration, visit nordoniaschools.org/registration.aspx. Before the registration appointment, obtain and complete a registration packet available at Northfield Pubic Library, the board of education office or online at nordoniaschools.org.

Those registering for full-day kindergarten must bring a deposit to the registration appointment. The full-day registration deadline is May 31.

For more information, visit nordoniaschools.org/KDG.aspx. ∞

We encourage letters to the editor. Letters are limited to 250 words and must be signed and include an address and phone number for verification (not for publication). The street name will be printed. We reserve the right to edit all letters for clarity and length only. We might not use letters for space reasons or those that have appeared in other publications or letters on a single topic submitted multiple times by the same individual or group.

Coming Events

March 8-April 19

St. Barnabas Fish Fry

Cub Scout Pack and Troop 575 sponsors Lenten fish frys at St. Barnabas March 8-April 19 from 4:30-7 p.m. Specials this year will include Baha Fish Tacos, Southwest Fish Tacos, Lobster Mac-n-Cheese and New England-style clam chowder.

Take-out orders can be placed beginning at noon each Friday by calling 216-990-5493. Orders may also be made at mkt.com/575fishfry. Cash and credit cards are accepted. ∞

April 3

Nordonia Club card party

The Nordonia Club's annual card party will be April 3 from 12-4 p.m. in Lee Eaton Elementary's cafeteria. Bring cards or board games and enjoy a fun afternoon of cards, games and prizes. Raffle tickets will be available for items donated by local merchants, and door prizes will be awarded as well. Each guest will receive a generous piece of homemade cake and ice cream.

Tickets are $5 and will be available at the door, or contact Sharon Kane at 330-467-8960 or Kerry Buddie at 216-650-2546. All proceeds go to the scholarship fund for a graduating Nordonia High School student. ∞

April 13

Bolt Like a Blazer 5K

St. Barnabas School will host the Bolt Like a Blazer 5K or 1-mile walk, organized by the Hermes Sports and Events Co., on April 13 at 9 a.m. at the St. Barnabas campus in Northfield. The funds raised will support technology needs at the school and assist teachers in promoting student success.

Registration costs $25 for runners and $20 for walkers. To register or for more information, visit sbcatholicschool.com and click the "Bolt Like a Blazer" link to register and learn more about this event. ∞

April 19

Frank and Dean dinner show benefit

The Frank and Dean dinner show, a benefit for the Friends of Nordonia Hills Schools PAC, will be on Friday, April 19, at Gambitta's Party Center, 160 E. Aurora Rd. in Northfield Center. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m., and the show from 7:30-10 p.m. There will be a cash bar.

Frank and Dean capture the fun, the jokes and the timeless music of the Rat Pack, from Frank's "Fly Me To The Moon," to Dino's "That's Amore."

Tickets are $50. For tickets, call Robbie Zuchowsky at 330-860-3759, or visit friends-of-nordonia-hills-schools.cheddarup.com. Make checks payable to Friends of Nordonia Hills Schools PAC and indicate it is for the Frank and Dean dinner show. ∞

Save the Date

JUNE

8 - Nordonia Schools Foundation annual golf outing

To have your future event included on this list, email a one-sentence date and title to news@scriptype.com.

Regional Events

Autism Society of Greater Cleveland Chili Cookoff: The Autism Society of Greater Cleveland will have a chili cookoff on Wednesday, April 10, from 6-9 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, 6001 Rockside Rd. The evening includes live music, prizes, silent auctions and all-you-can-eat chili from more than 40 professional and amateur chefs. A cash bar will be available. Special guests include Fox 8 news personality Todd Meany and the Ace Molar Band and M.C. Ed "Flash" Ferenc. Tickets are $25 in advance and $30 at the door. For ticket information, visit asgc.org or call 216-556-4937. Proceeds help families with autism. ∞

Yoga for Research: The second annual Yoga for Research event will be held Saturday, April 27, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., at Michael Angelo's Winery in Richfield. All proceeds benefit the nonprofit Research Institute for Children's Health at CWRU School of Medicine, seeking faster treatments and cures for genetic diseases. This all-levels, mellow morning flow will feature live cello music, followed by a brunch buffet and optional private wine tour with tastings. Bring your mat. Reserve your spot for $30, private wine tour $50, at 2019YogaforResearch.eventbrite.com. ∞

Colleges offer student loan alternative

by John Benson

High school seniors are preparing for graduation, which for many means college is right around the corner. That can lead to a conversation about how to pay for college.

LendEDU, a marketplace for student loans and student loan refinancing, reported that annual undergraduate tuition, fees, room and board cost an estimated $25,290 at public institutions and $50,900 at private colleges.

In addition to student loans, there's a new way to fund a college education called an Income-Share Agreement. This involves a lender covering college costs using an agreement that stipulates the student will repay the loan in the form of a fixed percentage of future earnings for a set period.

Although Ohio colleges are not yet offering ISAs, Purdue University in Indiana has its Back a Boiler program, advertised as an alternative to student loans.

The Lima News reported in 2017 that a Purdue graduate received $16,000 through an ISA in his second year of school. Today, 5.89 percent of the monthly income he earns for the next eight years goes towards repaying the ISA. The total amount repaid will equate to 2 1/2 times the initial $40,000 multi-year loan.

That graduate said the ISA is straightforward and easy to understand, with payments he can afford earning entry-level wages. But others earning higher salaries out of school could end up having to pay back an amount that ends up being higher than a student loan payment with interest.

U.S. News & World Report said so far, nearly 500 Purdue students have taken advantage of Back a Boiler, which has funded $5.9 million in loans.

Sallie Mae data revealed that in 2017 and 2018, about 47 percent of college costs were paid by family income and savings, while approximately 28 percent were covered by scholarships and grants. That leaves about 24 percent of costs covered by borrowing.

The latter comes in the form of student loans. Fast forward four years, and LendEDU said the average public institution graduate has nearly $27,000 in student debt, while the private college graduate has $31,665 in student debt. ∞

Supreme Court places limits on ability of police to seize property involved in crimes

by Tess Wolfe

Although justices did not specify what qualifies as an "excessive" fine, the U.S. Supreme Court in February ruled that the Eighth Amendment to the Constitution barring excessive fines at the federal level also applies to state and local governments. This places a limit on civil forfeiture laws that give local police the ability to seize property involved in crimes.

Civil seizure of assets is a legal concept that allows law enforcement agencies to take property of an individual suspected of committing a crime, even though that person has not necessarily been charged with an offense. The property taken ostensibly helped in the commission of the alleged crime.

Ohio law already precludes law enforcement from keeping property or cash seized from suspected criminals without first filing criminal charges. Items from civil seizures must be requested by the prosecutor's office for approval in county common pleas courts.

Signed into law in 2017 by then-Gov. John Kasich, civil forfeiture in Ohio requires that for properties valued at less than $15,000, the government must first convict its owner in criminal court. Through equitable sharing, local and state agencies working with the federal government can seize property under federal law and receive up to 80 percent of the proceeds.

Sagamore Hills Police Chief David Hayes, who has been with the department for 12 years, said seizures are rare.

"I think we've maybe done it three times," during his tenure, he said. "We took a vehicle used in the commission of an armed robbery, and over the years we've taken smaller amounts of money used for drug sales – that's it."

Of the two trucks seized by the department during his administration, one is used by the department during undercover investigations and the other was "pretty much sold for junk," Hayes said.

"If we seize money from proceeds or truck sales or anything, we have to actually use it back into enforcing drug violations. … We can't just put it in the general fund," he said. ∞

Extreme weather hastens need for action at Jaite Paper Mill

The administrative record file for a time-critical removal action at the Jaite Paper Mill site in Cuyahoga Valley National Park is available for public review.

Built in 1903 as the Jaite Co. Paper Mill, its center is at the intersection of Vaughn and Riverview roads. The Cuyahoga County portion of the site is located in Brecksville, while the Summit County portion is located in Sagamore Hills. Jaite Paper Mill operated continuously until 1984 and became part of CVNP in 1985. It produced paper bags for flour, cement and fertilizer; rope; kraft paper; and corrugated boxes.

Since the mill's demolition in 2006, the National Park Service has conducted numerous environmental assessments to evaluate contaminants at the site. Hazardous substances have contaminated the site as the result of historic operations at the mill.

The NPS determined that an engineered slope stabilization along a portion of the site adjacent to the Cuyahoga River was necessary to abate or significantly reduce human and ecological exposure to the release of hazardous substances from the site to the river due to recent extreme weather conditions.

The file is available for review at Akron-Summit County Public Library, 60 South High St. It includes the documents that form the basis for NPS's selection of a time-critical removal action at the site. Additional documents will be added to the file and may include additional finalized technical documents, comments submitted by interested persons and NPS responses to comments.

Comments on the file should be submitted in writing to Veronica Dickerson, National Park Service, 15610 Vaughn Rd., Brecksville 44141. She may be reached at 440-665-0915, Monday-Friday, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Questions about the library can be directed to Valerie Sherman at 330-643-9079. ∞

Family's smoked meat business climbs ladder to success

by Kathleen Steele Gaivin

What began as a hobby more than a quarter of a century ago has grown into a family-owned beef jerky and beef stick business for retired Cleveland firefighter Mark Bauman.

Bauman, his wife Diane, grown children Brian and Monica, son-in-law James and 17-month-old granddaughter Madison, whom he calls the de facto "president of the company," process family recipes for smoked meats commercially as Hook-N-Ladder Jerky.

Although the concept of going commercial has been in the works for eight years, the Sagamore Hills resident said Hook-N-Ladder has been officially in business since the first of the year.

"This is a lifelong dream," said Bauman, who grew up in Cleveland's Slavic Village, where he could "travel just a few blocks in any direction and find a butcher or two, each putting their unique spin on traditional smoked meats."

Hook-N-Ladder makes its beef jerky and smokies in Ohio.

The trick, he said, was to tweak the recipes to maintain the same taste when produced in bulk that it had in the home kitchen, where the family had made the products for themselves for years. A teaspoon of this and a cup of that had to be converted to a larger scale.

"You want it to be consistent in taste and texture, and have a shelf life," Bauman said.

The company offers jerky in four flavors: regular, teriyaki, Tennessee BBQ and sweet & hot. Beef sticks, or smokies, come in two flavors: regular and honey.

The meats are manufactured for the Northfield-based company by Mike and Christine Fullard at their plant in Medina. Bauman said he connected with the Fullards through Christine's father, Tom Bowman, a fellow retiree from the Cleveland Fire Department.

"We give the recipes to them and they make it," Bauman said.

The Fullards are fully licensed with a USDA inspector on site, he said. The two families agreed upon the company that provides the meats.

Bauman said 50 pounds of beef yields about 15 pounds of jerky and smokies due to the loss of liquid in the process. The products have a shelf life of one year.

"It's the best jerky I've ever had," said Bauman's son, Brian. "And I'm not just saying that because I have to."

A portion of the proceeds from each Hook-N-Ladder Jerky product is donated to the restoration of Cleveland's former fire station 28, now the Western Reserve Fire Museum and Education Center. Bauman said he donates his construction services to the museum in his spare time.

Jerky is available in 3.2-ounce and 8-ounce bags, and smokies are available in 4-ounce and 8-ounce bags.

Hook-N-Ladder Jerky products are available at Sagamore Quick, Northfield Sunoco, B.A. Sweeties Candy Co. and a growing number of places as the company expands. Also look for the Bauman family at arts and crafts shows around Northeast Ohio this spring.

For more information or to purchase items directly, call 216-316-9619 or visit hook-n-ladderjerky.com. ∞

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North Coast Jiu-Jitsu Club opens in Northfield Plaza

by John Benson

Instructor Kyle Hido said the opening of the martial arts gym, North Coast Jiu-Jitsu Club, in Northfield Plaza is a dream come true for his family.

North Coast Jiu-Jitsu Club co-owners (l-r) Paul and Kyle Hido opened their studio in Northfield Plaza to be near family.

After graduating from Ohio State University with a degree in business, Hido moved back to Northeast Ohio to help his father, Paul, start a new studio. The elder Hido, a St. Peter Chanel High School graduate who grew up in Bedford, had been involved in a Mahoning Valley jiu-jitsu academy.

"While attending Ohio State, I worked with different jiu-jitsu organizations and did a bunch of teaching in Columbus," said Kyle Hido, 23, who lives in Chagrin Falls. "I found my passion teaching jiu-jitsu. So I put my business education and passion for jiu-jitsu together to open this business."

The business is a family affair, as Hido's older brother P.J. often helps out at the studio. Family also entered into the decision to locate North Coast Jiu-Jitsu in Northfield Village.

"We wanted to find sort of a pocket where there weren't many other jiu-jitsu academies, somewhere we have ties to the community," Hido said. "Also, we have tons of family in Northfield and Bedford. So we moved into our current space last summer, and after renovations officially opened up earlier this year."

With students ranging in age from 5 to senior citizens, the studio teaches Gracie or Brazilian jiu-jitsu, which Hido said is martial arts based solely on self-defense.

"It's more about defending ourselves and controlling a situation rather than getting too fancy and trying to punch or kick somebody," Hido said. "The reason we chose Gracie is not only because it's what we grew up training, we found it to be the most applicable, realistic, fun and engaging form of martial arts there is."

North Coast Jiu-Jitsu Club already is interacting with the community. A few weeks ago, the owners held gym class demonstrations at Nordonia High School.

"During each physical education period, students were given an introduction to what jiu-jitsu is, how we teach it at the North Coast Jiu-Jitsu Club and even got to practice a few basic self-defense techniques," Hido said. "Over the course of the day, we probably met and explained jiu-jitsu to between 200 and 300 students. It was a fun and a fantastic day."

Community events help dispel misconceptions about martial arts.

"We're not trying to train the next UFC champion," Hido said. "The biggest misconception with any martial arts, and jiu-jitsu especially, is that people think if they don't have any experience, they're going to come in and on their first day get smacked around by experienced people. That's not what jiu-jitsu is about.

"Our business model – our culture – is to train people who want to learn self-defense in a safe and a very beginner-friendly environment, where everyone is trained at their own pace. We encourage people seeking a new experience to visit us and learn jiu-jitsu."

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Hard Rock Rocksino to be renamed MGM Northfield Park

Among the many changes in store when MGM Resorts takes over the Hard Rock Rocksino in April is the facility's name. The Rocksino will be renamed MGM Northfield Park.

"MGM Resorts is proud to work alongside the 950 dedicated employees during this transition," said MGM Northfield Park President Chris Kelley. "MGM Northfield Park is situated in a great location within a vibrant community and offers wonderful amenities. … Through the dedication and hard work of this team, the Rocksino and harness track have established themselves as market leaders, and we are excited to begin this new journey together."

MGM Northfield Park's food and beverage program will offer a new twist on some favorites. TAP Sports Bar (currently Hard Rock Café) will be a restaurant and sports bar where guests can watch sporting events and be surrounded by sports memorabilia.

Classic and contemporary American food will be on the menu along with an extensive selection of local and craft beers. TAP will be open daily for lunch and dinner. Center Bar and Lounge (currently Center Bar) will be a casino bar, adjacent to TAP Sports Bar.

The Buffet (currently Fresh Harvest Buffet) will bring the tradition of the Las Vegas buffet experience to MGM Northfield Park. The Roasted Bean (currently Constant Grind) will serve coffee, tea, pastries, salads and sandwiches for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

The Rocksino's entertainment venues also will be rebranded. The 1,900-seat concert-style music hall Center Stage (currently Hard Rock Live) will host entertainment acts and events throughout the year. The Neon Room (currently Club Velvet) will host comedy acts and live musical performances and will serve as a rental facility for corporate or special events.

Rockstop Gas & Wash will remain and be called the Rewards Gas & Wash, where guests can get gas, a car wash and shop in a full retail store.

"It has been an absolute pleasure working with the Hard Rock team during this transition," Kelley said. "They have created a successful and special destination with a terrific team, and they have our commitment that we will uphold the high standards they have set." ∞

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The Grapevine

by Kathleen Steele Gaivin

We live in a very generous community. **The Emergency Assistance Center** reported that with support from the Nordonia Hills community, the organization served 841 individuals from 274 households, which included 178 seniors and 271 children. The most needed items for the pantry are canned pineapples and peaches, applesauce, cereal, pasta and rice pouches, as well as dishwashing liquid and feminine hygiene products.

Charlie Kaufman, an eighth-grader at Lawrence School, received the first Northeast Ohio Food Allergy Network Teal Hero Award for raising about $7,000 for the organization. In lieu of gifts for his bar mitzvah at Park Synagogue in Cleveland Heights and Pepper Pike, the young man asked family and friends to donate to NEOFAN.

St. Barnabas School nutrition specialist **Laura Filippi** attended the Legislative Action Conference for Child Nutrition in Washington, D.C. Filippi was among the Ohio delegates who went to the conference to advocate for a national effort to support school nutrition programs and meet directly with legislators.

Boy Scout **Ben Dodds,** with Troop 575 in Northfield, is continuing to work on his Eagle Scout project: to build a regulation bocce ball court in Sagamore Hills Township Park that would be open to the public.

He needs to raise about $4,000 to complete the project, targeted for a May completion. Eagle Scout projects are funded totally by donations and fundraising initiatives. Anyone who wants to help Ben make the bocce ball court a reality can contribute by visiting gofundme.com/SagamoreBocce.

Hannah Balis and **Zachary Savol** made the president's list at Kent State University.

We want to hear from you. Any engagements to report? New babies? Share your family's news and school, military and community achievements with us at kgaivin@scriptype.com. ∞

Sagamore Hills resident opens Jersey Mike's

by John Benson

Over the years, while visiting Twinsburg for one of his children's travel sports competitions, Jon Newhouse realized there weren't a lot of options for getting a good sandwich. That's why earlier this year he opened up the city's first Jersey Mike's at 8870 Darrow Rd.

"I picked Twinsburg because it's a great community and I thought Jersey Mike's would be a good fit," said Newhouse, who lives in Sagamore Hills. "Also, it's one of the fastest-growing franchises in the country."

Jersey Mike's features subs made with premium meats and cheeses, fresh vegetables and in-store baked bread topped with a blend of red wine vinegar and olive oil.

Newhouse said a big appeal of Jersey Mike's, which started in 1956 and has 1,500 restaurants nationwide, is that the franchise has a strong commitment to give back to the community.

"One of the things we did for our grand opening is reach out to the Twinsburg athletic department," Newhouse said. "We did a fundraiser for them during the first five days we were open. If you came in and donated $2 to the Twinsburg athletic department, you got a free regular sub. We raised $1,500.

"The other thing I'm excited about is that Jersey Mike's does its annual Jersey Mike's Month of Giving in March, where we partner with a local charity and people can come in and donate."

Since 2010, Jersey Mike's has raised more than $34 million for local charities and distributed more than two million free sub sandwiches to help numerous causes.

"Then on March 27, that's our Day of Giving," Newhouse said. "So I reached out to Holly Miktarian, [Twinsburg police officer Josh Miktarian's] widow. We're going to donate to his memorial scholarship fund, which I'm super excited about."

Sagamore Hills resident Jon Newhouse operates a new Jersey Mike's franchise in Twinsburg.

After spending the last 15 years selling medical devices, Newhouse said he was ready for a change.

"I just kind of thought, if I was going to work hard for somebody, it was going to be me and my family," he said. "I did a lot of due diligence and research. That's how I landed on Jersey Mike's."

Newhouse is hoping families just like his will consider Jersey Mike's for those travel sports events that have become a part of so many people's lives.

"It's one of those things where you go to a tournament and there's nowhere to eat," Newhouse said. "So you stop and grab something to put in a cooler or a lot of times you don't get out of there until 8 p.m. or later. Who wants to go home and cook dinner then? Jersey Mike's is a good place to get a hot or cold sandwich where you can get it to-go or eat in." ∞

The Sagamore Voice *is happy to print wedding notices or engagement announcements (just one please), for residents of the community. If a photo is included, we ask that the names of the couple be written on the back of the photo. To have the photo returned, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.*

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Police Beat

Information provided by the Sagamore Hills Police Department

Feb. 2 – A resident reported two fraudulent charges on his credit card totaling $2,524.

Feb. 3 – A resident reported that when he realized he lost his debit card, he discovered someone used it to pay for $1,211 in transactions between Jan. 29 and Feb. 1.

Feb. 8 – A Brandywine Ski Resort customer reported someone stole her snowboard from the outside rack while she had dinner.

Police got a call from Ohio Highway Patrol that they pulled over a car for a traffic violation. The car had a gas nozzle and hose hanging from the gas tank that the driver said came from an Olde Eight Road gas station. Police confirmed the gas station had a damaged gas pump.

Feb. 9 – A resident reported identify fraud, saying someone had taken out five $2,500 loans in his name from two different banks.

A resident reported her cell phone, a bottle of cologne and bottles of medication were stolen from her car.

Feb. 20 – A Brandywine Ski Resort customer reported someone stole his $600 snowboard from the outside rack he left it in for a few minutes.

Feb. 24 – A Bedford man was arrested on charges of burglary and domestic violence after police were called to a Sagamore Hills home. The man is accused of barging his way into the home and pushing a woman.

Warrant pickups: 4 – two from Sagamore Hills, one from Brooklyn Heights police and one from the Medina County Sheriff's Office. ∞

Real estate tax relief available to victims of recent storms

Real estate tax relief is available to Summit County residents who sustained damage to their property in the wake of recent storms.

An application for Valuation Deduction for Destroyed or Damaged Property (Form DTE 26) is available at the county fiscal office website, FiscalOffice.summitoh.net. Click on the link titled "Damaged Property" listed in the "Real Estate and Appraisal" column. Mail the completed form to the Fiscal Office at 175 S. Main Street, Room 304, Akron 44308.

Those who do not have access to a computer can call 330-643-2704 to request a form in the mail.

For property damaged by the storm, the filing deadline is Dec. 31.

Once the application is filed, the appraisal department will make the necessary inspections to determine the amount of damage. Damage to trees, landscaping and fencing, as well as personal items, is excluded on residential properties. The Fiscal Office tracks the repairs based on the applications received and building permits that have been filed from all the townships and cities affected by the storms. ∞

From the Experts

Rethinking with ReWorks: Services for Spring

Marcie E. Kress, Executive Director, ReWorks

by Marcie E. Kress, Executive Director, ReWorks

We love to share information on how to best reduce, reuse, and recycle materials you find around your house. This month, we'd also like to give you some updates on the services that we offer to Summit County residents.

Saturday, April 27, is our "Scrap Tire Collection" Day from 9 to 11 a.m. It will be at 1201 Graham Rd. in Stow, which is the site of our Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Center. Please note that during this time, we will not accept any material other than tires.

There is a cash fee of $1 per tire. This event is open only to Summit County residents (no tires from businesses) and is limited to 10 tires per vehicle. The tires can be either on or off the rim and must be no larger than passenger and light truck-sized tires.

This event is not the only time you can recycle tires. Did you know that ReWorks' Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Center (HHWRC) accepts tires for recycling all season long? The season for the HHWRC begins on Thursday, June 6, and is open Thursdays from 2 to 7 p.m. (closed July 4). The last day of the 2019 HHWRC season is Sept. 26. The same rules for Scrap Tire Collection Day apply.

Many of you are also interested in our Document Shredding and Recycling Events. These events are held throughout the county and are open to both Summit County residents and businesses. There is no charge for these services, though we ask you to limit what you bring to 10 file boxes or paper bags per vehicle.

As a reminder, the documents you bring are shredded on site continuously throughout the three-hour event. Following the event, the shredded documents are recycled. Please check out our website for dates and locations for each of our shredding events: www.summitreworks.com/shredding

Lastly, we do get questions about shredding and want to give some tips:

- Please remove rubber bands, binder clips and plastic report covers;
- Staples are OK; and
- Envelopes with and without clear plastic windows are OK.

We look forward to seeing you this 2019 season and appreciate the opportunity to help you reduce, reuse, and recycle. For more information, please visit www.summitreworks.com or email your questions to talk@summitreworks.com.

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Adult Day Services Support Adults Living at Home

by Lisa Brazytis,
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Where do you start when a family member has memory or physical challenges but still desires to live at home? Many families begin searching for care options when they notice a physical or cognitive decline in a loved one. These declines often create safety risks at home and cause people to question what is best for their family situation. Of the many choices available, adult day services offer a balance of helping an individual to stay at home as well as support family caregivers.

Spouses will often struggle with what to do when they are feeling overwhelmed, but still want to fulfill their commitment to care for their loved one. They don't want to feel like they're giving up. Adult children, who are providing more and more care to their aging parents, may struggle with role reversal, of becoming the caregiver for the person that supported them through much of their life.

Adult day services blend social and medical support, providing stimulation for the adult participating while a spouse or family member can find time to relax or focus on other responsibilities such as work commitments. Participants spend time with a peer group, enjoying activities that provide just the right amount of stimulation while also receiving support such as medication administration. Additional services support the individual and relieve caregivers, such as personal care or the services of specialty physicians.

A typical day in adult day services can vary to some degree depending on the individual's interests and needs. Activities vary throughout the day for social, physical and cognitive stimulation and can be customized to individual interests as much as possible. Family members often remark that their loved ones who participate in adult day services are less agitated in the evenings because they have spent the day in a positive, productive way.

While families may pay privately for adult day services, there are opportunities to qualify for payment that vary widely, from veterans benefits to community-based programs such as PASSPORT. Jennings Adult Day Services, as well as organizations such as Western Reserve Area on Aging, can help individuals find a program that meets their family's needs. For additional information, call Jennings at 216-581-2900.

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Adult Catholic Education will host "Charismatic Spirituality and the Manifestation of the Spirit" on Tuesday, April 2, from 7-9 p.m., at St. Michael Parish, 6540 Brecksville Rd., Independence.

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Cuyahoga Valley Genealogy Society

Cuyahoga Valley Genealogical Society will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, April 1, at 7 p.m., at the Independence Civic Center in the Willow Room, 6363 Selig Blvd.

Roger Marble will present "Genealogy on Your Mobile Device." Marble is past member of the board of trustees of the Ohio Genealogical Society and past president of the Summit County chapter of OGS. In addition to presenting at OGS conferences and chapter meetings, he has delivered seminars from Oregon to Massachusetts and Wisconsin to Georgia.

All are welcome. Coffee and refreshments will be served. For more information, call President Bobbi Hamm at 330-225-0890. ∞

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Please visit www.macedonia.oh.us for additional information.

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Our "Senior Call Program" established by our Police Department is for seniors who live alone and who may not have relatives living in the area that can check on them on a regular basis.

Senior residents who sign up for the program will receive a call each week from the Police Department on Tuesday or Thursday. Calls will be made between the hours of 9am-3pm in order to check on their welfare. If no contact is made, an officer will be sent to the home in person to check on them.

If interested in this program visit our website www.mysagamorehills.com and click on Township Services then Senior Call Program to complete and submit the enrollment form.

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