

Community Roundup

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Local high school students get ‘Day in Court’

FREMONT - The Exchange Club of Fremont and Sandusky County Common Pleas Courts worked collaboratively with Fremont City Schools and Bishop Hoffman Catholic Schools to implement an educational experience for area high school students.

Ross and St. Joseph Central Catholic government students recently participated in “My Day in Court.”

After receiving valuable information from court administrator Brock Kimmet, the students were able to view a few probation violations that came before Judge John Dewey.

Students also heard from Prosecutor Tim Braun and Assistant Prosecutor Ken Walz and, as well as Judge Robert Hart to learn details of the court system.

It was a great learning experience for all students to see the dynamics of the judicial system in action, according to school officials.



U.S. Air Force Airman Riley J. Edmonds (Photo: Submitted)

Fremont native graduates Air Force basic training

SAN ANTONIO - U.S. Air Force Airman Riley J. Edmonds, a native of Fremont, recently graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland in San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, as well as basic warfare principles and skills.

Upon completing basic training, Edmonds also earned four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Edmonds is the son of Jennifer L. Ollom and Trevor A. Edmonds of Fremont. He is a 2017 graduate of Fremont Ross High School.

Port Clinton up for 'Meet Me at the Park' contest

PORT CLINTON - For the fourth year in a row, the National Recreation and Park Association is collaborating with the Walt Disney Company to help fund local park improvement projects across the country through the national "Meet Me at the Park: Earth Month" campaign.

In collaboration with Disney, ESPN and ABC, they engage the public through a voting campaign to provide communities with resources to support projects that connect kids to nature, inspire healthy living and increase kids' access to sports, according to the NRPA.

The city that earns the most nominations will receive a \$20,000 grant to improve a local park.

Local parks make Port Clinton a better place to live and shape so many of our lives and are essential to the city's health and well-being, according to city officials. They provide safe places to be active and enjoy nature — and they help preserve the environment and bring people together.



The Flagship Collaborative Play Place was designed with the local community and atmosphere in mind, with a beach, lake, boats and even a lighthouse modeled after Port Clinton's own. *(Photo: File)*

From April 1 through April 30, Port Clinton residents will have the opportunity to nominate the city for the grant. By visiting [NRPA.org/Disney](https://www.nrpa.org/Disney), park supporters can nominate Port Clinton beginning in April.

At the end of April, the city with the most nominations will win. Additionally, everyone who nominates a city will be entered into a drawing for a GoPro prize pack.

Port Clinton locals can show what parks mean to their community by nominating the city. Participants are encouraged to spread the word on social media by taking a selfie in your favorite park and using the hashtags #MeetMeAtThePark, #Parkies and #CelebrateEarth.

The National Recreation and Park Association is a nonprofit organization with the goal of advancing public parks, recreation and conservation.



Ron Aukerman, Port Clinton Middle School Teacher of the Trimester, with his students and Patrick Adkins Superintendent of Schools. (Photo: Submitted)

PCMS honors ‘Teacher of the Trimester’

PORT CLINTON - Port Clinton Middle School honored its second “Teacher of the Trimester” for this school year, Ron Aukerman.

“He lets me get better without his help and this makes me build my determination,” stated a student’s nomination. “He is so funny and makes everything fun.”

The Teacher of the Trimester program was developed at Port Clinton Middle School to allow students the opportunity to offer positive feedback to teachers who have made an impact on their lives.

“He is an amazing and inspirational teacher,” another nomination stated.

Aukerman is the STEM — Science, Technology, Engineering and Math — teacher at Port Clinton Middle School and the LEGO Robotics Team adviser.

“He has helped me find my passion for engineering,” another student’s nomination stated.