

Community Roundup: Fremont schools names art award winners

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Art award winners named

FREMONT - The Avenues in Art Awards, which began in May 2003, showcase the artwork and talent of Fremont City Schools' students. Only three pieces of art are chosen from throughout the district: One each from an elementary student, a middle school student and a high school student.

The winner at each level is awarded a medal along with a custom-framed piece of art paid for by the Fremont Educators Association.

The 2018 FEA Art Award winners are Jalijah Martin, Grade 1, Stamm Elementary; Janelle Lopez, Grade 8, Fremont Middle School, and Alyssa Schaffer, Grade 10, Fremont Ross High School.

Their artwork will be displayed at the Fremont City Schools District Office during the upcoming school year.

Ground Chuck moves up in competition

FREMONT - Fremont band Ground Chuck is moving up in a contest called next2rock with 94.5 WXKR-FM.

The contest is similar to "America's Got Talent," according to band member Chuck Pfeil. The band entered an original song its members wrote wrote, and following public voting and judging, Ground Chuck has moved to the next round in the competition.

The band will be in live playoff in Toledo at Bar 145 at 8 p.m. Aug. 23. The competitors will be judged on musicianship, stage presence, audience participation, song structure and two employees for WXKR will weigh in.

If Ground Chuck wins the local contest, the band has a chance to go on to Los Angeles to face the other finalists from other stations to win a recording contract.

The band has been playing locally for a little over a year at places such as Jimmy Bukkett's, Winesteins, BigShots, 2 Cans, Woodville 4th Celebration, Truckin Bozos in Millbury, Dave's Hideaway in Findlay, The Viaduct in Tiffin and The Sly Fox in North Ohmsted as well as several campgrounds and yacht clubs.

Ground Chuck consists of three guys who have been playing in bands, done studio work, played with national acts, and have toured for over four decades.

Members are Randy Cress, bassist, from Fremont, Chuck Pfeil, drummer, also from Fremont, and John Glock, guitarist, from Cleveland.

For more information on the band visit [Facebook.com/groundchuckband](https://www.facebook.com/groundchuckband).



Ann Colston rings a bell for Christmas in July. (Photo: Submitted)

'Christmas in July' kettle collection wraps up

PORT CLINTON - The Salvation Army-Port Clinton Service Unit has announced the results of its "Christmas in July" kettle collection.

Participating were Catawba Moorings and the following Red Kettle Sites: Friendship Food Stores, The Jet Express, The Goat, Candy Store and The Ladd's.

Catawba Moorings (Dockers with Donations) succeeded in collecting book bags and school supplies and \$2,169 in their kettle. With their help this brings the 2018 Christmas in July total campaign up to \$3,463.

The Salvation Army is now accepting applications for its Tools for School Program.

To make a donation to any of The Salvation Army-Ottawa County Programs, call Director Maureen Saponari at 419-732-2769.



From Left to right are Benton-Carroll-Salem Treasurer Cajon Keeton, Board Member Steve Rhodes, Board Member Jamie Tooman, U.S. Rep. Bob Latta, BCS Board President Jeff Dornbusch, and BCS Superintendent Guy Parmigian (Photo: Submitted)

Latta visits BCS School Board

OAK HARBOR - U.S. Rep. Bob Latta (R-Ohio) visited with the Board of Education and Administration of Benton-Carroll-Salem School District at the Board Office earlier this month to discuss nuclear power, national energy policy, and the future operations of the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station.

Board members spoke of their efforts to keep the plant operational, and to preserve the good paying jobs at the plant, which help to sustain the school district and community-at-large.

Latta said that he recognized the importance of nuclear power as part of the nation's energy portfolio, and updated the group about the latest information from Washington on this matter.



Left to right are Dawn Segard, Ed Maher and Kim Strong-Todd. (Photo: Submitted)

K of C donates to developmental disabilities board

PORT CLINTON - The Port Clinton Knights of Columbus 1750 recently donated \$1,549.05 from their Measure Up Campaign to the Ottawa County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

Ed Maher, Grand Knight of the Port Clinton Knights of Columbus 1750, presented a check to Dawn Segard and Kim Strong-Toff both with the OCBDD.