

COMMUNITY ROUNDUP

September 21, 2018

Keeper's House volunteers recognized

MARBLEHEAD – A group of Wolcott Keeper's House volunteers was honored with a brunch at Avery's Cafe in Marblehead recently.

As docents they showed visitors through the restored home of the Marblehead Peninsula's first lighthouse keepers, Benajah and Rachel Wolcott, and the adjacent museum and gift shop.

Volunteer coordinator Bill Coder recognized Linda Price for 60 hours of service, and Patrick O'Keeffe for 56 hours. Members of the group shared stories, including George McCormack, who hosted former residents of the 1820s stone home, the Kellers. They related how their grandmother was adamant about preserving the historic features of the House — even the copious vines nearly hiding the exterior.

O'Keeffe told about a family from Indiana on a road trip to discover some of the historic sites in the Midwest. "Seeing their eyes light up is just fun," he said.

New volunteers Dave O'Neal and Todd Marsh were introduced. Also attending were Paul Moon, Linda Huber, Becky Shemenski, and Kathy Leonard. Karl and Carol Kessler, Barbara Sminchak, Ray Machar, Tom Wiseman, Nel Adcock, and Lynn Pedro were unable to attend.

The Ottawa County Historical Society is sponsoring its annual Civil War Encampment at the Keeper's House from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Oct. 13.

The 14th Ohio Volunteer Infantry re-enactors and their supporting camp followers will return with drills, firearms demonstrations, and a variety of displays and camp craft demonstrations about soldiers' daily lives in that era.

The 73rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry Band is returning this year, with authentic instruments and uniforms, and will perform throughout the day.

The Keeper's House is at 9999 East Bayshore Rd., Marblehead.

For more information on events or to join the OCHS, go to ottawacountyhistory.org.

Leadership Ottawa County visits businesses

CARROLL TOWNSHIP – The 2018 Class of Leadership Ottawa County recently explored several facilities in Carroll and Erie Townships to learn more about the Ottawa County landfill operations, local farming, and services provided by the Ottawa County Transportation Authority (OCTA).

The class began with a tour of the Ottawa County landfill owned and operated by Republic Waste Services. Notable facts included that the facility plans to be accepting waste for approximately another 110 years and is the highest point in Ottawa County.

Participants visited the OCTA facility on North Toussaint South Road, east of Oak Harbor. OCTA is available to any resident living within Ottawa County and will even transport out of the county for various reasons. More

information on OCTA can be found at octapublictransit.org.

The class also traveled to Moore Orchards on Toussaint River, which has been growing apples since 1925. The climate and soil conditions in the area make Ottawa County a prime location for apple orchards. For more information, visit our website leadershipottawacounty.com.

Rotary honors students for September

FREMONT – The school year has started and the Fremont Rotary Student of the Month program began with the September honors.

Students selected were Andrea Rodriguez, Terra State Community College; Austin Michael, St Joseph Central High School; Cole Druckenmiller, Fremont Ross High School, and Layne Earnest, Vanguard Sentinel Career Center.

Shoes to benefit Wreaths Across America

PORT CLINTON – The Redskins and the Rockets are participating in a friendly competition, “A Battle of the Shoes,” to benefit Wreaths Across America.

Port Clinton High School and Oak Harbor High School are collecting shoes for the cause. Redskin fans can donate new or gently worn shoes, of any size, by placing in collection bins located at PCHS or at home football games.

Shoes will be collected until the Port Clinton vs. Oak Harbor football game on Oct. 26 at Oak Harbor. Port Clinton High School Leadership Council is organizing the PCHS collection and Funds2Org helps with the proceeds to Wreaths Across America.



At Keeper’s House event: Becky Shemenski, Paul Moon, Patrick O’Keeffe, Bill Coder, Todd Marsh, Dave O’Neal, Kathy Leonard and Linda Huber. SUBMITTED



From left are Angelica Rinehart, Fremont Rotary Club president, and Rotary students of the month for September, Andrea Rodriguez, Austin Michael, Cole Druckenmiller and Layne Earnest. SUBMITTED