

# COMMUNITY ROUNDUP

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Students' harvest includes 26-pound cabbage



**Kenzie Schwochow holds one of the cabbages from this year's harvest.**

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LINDSEY – Students John Boedecker, Ellie Grove, Corbyn Root, Jay Ross, and Kenzie Schwochow were busy planting, tending to, and harvesting their very own mega-cabbage plants this summer.

The five were among the Washington Elementary School students from Abby Markwith's class that participated in the Third Grade Bonnie Plants Cabbage Program.

Kenzie Schwochow was the contest winner with a 26-pound plant. The other cabbages were 8, 8.5, 12, and 10.1 pounds, respectively.

Schwochow explained, "My favorite part about growing my cabbage plant was watching it get bigger and bigger."

## **Local 'DWTS' benefit set for Nov. 17**



**Joe Miller and Beth Kreuzscher of Madison Street Dance practice their moves for Dancing with the Stars event.**

PORT CLINTON – The 11th Season of Dancing with the Stars, Ottawa County is slated for Nov. 17.

This event benefits the programs of the Ottawa County Family Advocacy Center which include CASA, TICKET to Success, TNT Mentoring and the GRAND Love program.

This year's stars are Jennifer Collins, Jill Johnson, Angela LeForce, Joe Miller, Jim Recker and Frank Swinehart.

These stars have been working hard to fine tune those dance steps and raise funds to support their run for the coveted Mirror Ball Trophy.

The stars are assisted by dance professionals from Class A Dance, Dance Suave, Madison Street Dance Company and Ballroom Company.

Tickets are \$40 each and include hors d'oeuvres and desserts, and a cash bar is available. The event has moved locations this year to Sunrise Park and Banquet Center, 1460 Woodville Road, Millbury. Tickets are available from any "Star" or from the office at 419-3010225.

## **PCHS teacher is Ohio's Social Studies Leader**

PORT CLINTON – Port Clinton High School Social Studies teacher Becky Fork has been selected as the 2018 Ohio Council for Social Studies Emerging Social Studies Leader.

Fork is in her second year at Port Clinton High School teaching American Government classes.

Principal Gary Steyer noted, “Mrs. Fork is an outstanding young teacher who fosters a learning environment where the students are free to offer their input and opinions. Her classes are full of rich discussion where her students are respected and valued. We are so proud of Mrs. Fork and appreciate everything she does for the students of Port Clinton High School.”

The Ohio Council for Social Students is the state’s largest professional organization dedicated to the advancement of social studies education in communities and classrooms.

Fork commented, “I am so touched and honored to have been chosen to receive this award. It’s because of them, my incredible, amazing students, that I stay motivated and look forward to each day.” Find out more information

about Port Clinton City Schools at [www.pccsd.net](http://www.pccsd.net).

### **Rep. Arndt honors county historical society**

COLUMBUS – State Rep. Steve Arndt, R-Port Clinton, presented a House commendation to the Ottawa County Historical Society for 30 years of service as the operator of the Keeper’s House.

Built in 1822, the Keeper’s House was the home of the first keeper of the Marblehead Lighthouse, Benajah Wolcott. After his death 10 years later, the U.S. Treasury Department appointed his wife, Rachel, as the keeper, making her the first female lighthouse keeper on the Great Lakes.

“I am pleased to commend the Ottawa County Historical Society on their 30-year stewardship of the Keeper’s House in Marblehead, Ohio,” said Arndt. “The Keeper’s House has been a symbol of the rich historical spirit of Ottawa County for hundreds of years.”

The oldest known building in Ottawa County, the Ottawa County Historical Society has maintained it for the last 30 years, recently funding significant structural repairs.

### **Hope for the Holiday event set**

BELLEVUE – The Bellevue Hospital will be the host site for a holiday coping program and honoring activity designed specifically for people who are grieving or going through a stressful time in their lives.

“Hope for the Holidays” will take place at TBH on Nov. 7 in Conference Rooms A& B. There is no charge for the event but reservations are requested. Dinner begins at 6 p.m., with the program to follow.

For more information or to register, call Stein Hospice at 419-625-5269.