

Community Roundup: Women's forum introduces new candidates

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Democratic Sandusky County Candidate Holly Elder speaks at a women's issue gathering. (Photo: Submitted)

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FREMONT - New women candidates were introduced at the Sandusky County Women's Issues Forum at the Birchard Public Library recently. The event was sponsored by the county Democratic Party. It also brought together youth advocates, community activists and interested citizens for lively discussion. This was the program's third year, the initial event focused on the Women's March on Washington in 2018.

Candidates for county office Holly Elder, Wendy Whittaker, and Jenny Freeh answered questions and discussed goals of their candidacy. They were joined by Shannon Freshour, who is running for Congress against incumbent Republican Jim Jordan.

The panel discussion with Natalia Alonso, Molly Fails, Amy Grubbe, Angie Ruiz, Josie Setzler, Cassandra Tucker and Mary Beth White addressed obstacles to voter registration and election participation. White explained the initiative of Vote Hire, a group which promotes and assists businesses in providing the opportunity to register in the work place.

A survey of issues completed by about half of those in attendance, cited Abuse/Misuses of Power as the number one issue of concern at the county level followed by Youth Services/Activities, Effects of Opioid Addiction and Housing.



Fremont Ross High School students Zach McNutt and Hayley Lawrence were recently honored by the Fremont Lions Club. *(Photo: Submitted)*

Lions Club honors students of the month

FREMONT - The Fremont Lions Club honored four students for January.

Students of the month included Ross High School senior students Zach McNutt and Hayley Lawrence and St. Joseph Central Catholic students Tristan Reineck and Parker Smith.

McNutt is active in school with sports and has commendable academic achievements. He plans to enroll at Terra State Community College and then transfer to Bowling Green State University to study broadcasting.

Lawrence also is involved in sports and academia. She plans to attend BGSU to major in either business or nursing.



Tristan Reineck, left and Parker Smith are Fremont Lions Club Students of the Month. (Photo: Submitted)

Reineck has honors throughout high school and has been active in sports with track and basketball. She plans on attending the University of Cincinnati for a nursing degree.

Smith, in addition to school, works at Chud's Grille a half day. He wants to attend either Tiffin University or BGSU to get a degree in criminal justice.



Bataan Memorial h-ERO's club shirt design winner Mattison Koskela with Bataan Memorial Primary Principal, Kendra Van Doren. *(Photo: Submitted)*

Design selected for Bataan Primary h-ERO Club T-shirts

PORT CLINTON - Port Clinton High School senior Mattison Koskela's design was selected for the Bataan Memorial Primary "h-ERO's Club".

Kendra Van Doren, Bataan Primary principal, worked with PCHS art teacher Gwen Harkelroad to have students submit designs for the shirts. Students qualify for h-ERO's Club when they achieve 500 Dojo points (an elementary reward program) and do not have any office referrals.

Koskela's design features ERO the Hero, Bataan's R Factor mascot. To see the design visit pccsd.net under the news section and learn more about ERO under the R Factor tab on the website.



JJ Dull was tapped as the Fremont Rotary Student of the Month for January. (Photo: Submitted)

JJ Dull named Rotary Student of the Month

FREMONT - Terra State Community College interactive media student Jonathon "JJ" Dull has been named the college's Fremont Rotary Student of the Month for January 2020.

The Calvert High School graduate chose Terra State because he noted, "Terra State was a cost-effective way to get started in my field of study. The Workforce Demand Scholarship seemed too good to pass up."

JJ's friendly personality and ambition has put him on a path to a successful life. "JJ's academic record speaks for itself with a 4.0 GPA," says his nominator and Academic Service Center (ASC) Liaison Leilani Kiser-Jones. "He has a drive to succeed and to make the world a better place for future generations."

Life has not always been easy for Dull. After his parents divorced, his father committed suicide in January 2019. This tragedy filled Dull with sadness and suicidal thoughts. "JJ has taken all this negativity within his life and turned it into a positive," said Leilani. "He has created a social media platform called 'You Matter Media'."

"You Matter Media" can be found on Facebook and Instagram and serves as a social media community focused on breaking the silence around mental illness.

Dull is a part of the Phi Theta Kappa honors society, the Terra State Social Media Team and he works in the ASC.