

Community Roundup: Lions Club conducts vision screening at Danbury

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The Marblehead Peninsula Lions Club conducted vision screenings at Danbury Local Schools. (Photo: Submitted)

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MARBLEHEAD - On Oct. 21, the Marblehead Peninsula Lions Club conducted 59 vision screenings at Danbury Local Schools. According to Tom Henderson, club president, students in preschool and first grade were screened at no charge.

“Eighty% of all visual impairment can be prevented or cured,” Henderson said. “The first step to prevention is awareness. The second is early detection through vision screening.”

This Lions' involvement in eye health began in 1925 when Helen Keller addressed the Lions at their international convention and urged them to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness."

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The Port Clinton National Honor Society recently held its induction ceremony. (Photo: Submitted)

PCHS honor society inducts members

PORT CLINTON - Port Clinton High School National Honor Society recently had its induction ceremony in the Performing Arts Center.

The following new members met the membership criteria and were inducted: Elliot Auxter, Avery Hines, Elisa Pannell, Connor Bechtel, Garrett Hirt, Mark Phillips, McKenna Boling, Steven Holly, Michael Recker, Tristan Boling;

Darik Hoyt, Alex Rumbarger, Megan Bolyard, Adrianna Hummel, Alexis Runyon, Austin Bradshaw, Olivia Jackson, Rok Scott, Ethan Carpenter, Jayce Kennedy, Haylie Sewell, Isabellah Craig, Brandon King, Noah Shaw, Hannah Cross, Karah King, Kierstin Sherer, Alaina Dackermann, Rebekah Koehl, Claire Snyder, Julia Davis, Benjamin Lucas, Spencer Spieldenner;

Logan Floro, Kieran Mackey, Jasmine Stockmaster, Abigail Foote, Zayne Manning, Caleigh Sullivan, Connor Gillum, Jameson Mullens, Averie Webb, Emma Gottron, Samantha Nickloy and Hannah Witte.

Anthony Panfalone, PCHS assistant principal, was the guest speaker.

New inductees join previous members Logan Appleman, Christopher Knowles, Aliyah Phillabaum, Michael Baxter, Andy Koehl, Kaylee Phillips, Caitlin Chafee, Cooper Kowal, Alanna Read, Kyle Coleman, Cara Linn, Sierra Robinette, Brianna Curley, Omar Lucero, Madelynne Schurdell, Logan Faulkner, Justin Martin, Kathleen Smith, Andrew Ferguson, Jaxon Martinez, Dylan Smothers, Michaela Ferrell, Mason McDougall, Cooper Stine, Benjiman Gilleland, Hannah Moore, Zachary Weldon and Zoe Hines.

The National Honor Society at PCHS plans and participates in a number of projects throughout the year, including Adopt-a-Road, Halloween Spooktacular, Salvation Army bell ringing, CAP Day, Breakfast with the Arts, Reading with Santa and the high school talent show. Kathy Miller is the PCHS National Honor Society adviser.



The Green Creek Wildlife Society worked with Vanguard Career Center Building Trades Students in the spring to replace chimney swift housing. (Photo: Submitted)

Students aid in supporting chimney swifts

FREMONT - Helen Hollis, Lisa Rock and Tom Kashmer, all of Green Creek Wildlife Society (GCWS), approached Building Trades Instructor Mike Batdorf at Vanguard-Sentinel Career and Technology Center this past spring to seek help with replacing chimney swifts' housing.

With help from the book "Chimney Swift Towers" by Paul and Georgan Kyle, and online videos, they worked up a plan and budget to construct a nesting tower. This will be erected on Vanguard's campus.

GCWS successfully applied for a grant of \$600 from the Ohio Ornithology Society Conservation Fund for supplies. Construction of the tower began in late September. Batdorf anticipates the tower being erected on a concrete pad this fall. Students from Brian Sneider's engineering technology robotics class will be fabricating a sign to be mounted at the tower, explaining the purpose and crediting the partnering organizations.

GCWS leaders hope that by next spring a new pair of chimney swifts will find the tower and utilize it to build their nest. These type of individual nesting towers have been built and successfully used by the birds across North America.

Fremont City Schools is in the process of replacing its aging elementary schools. The brick school building in Lindsey — Washington Elementary — has served as a large communal roosting site for flocks of chimney swifts as large as 800 birds.

The school will be closed at the end of the school year in 2020. Birds carry the memory of where the roosting sites are located and transfer this knowledge to their offspring. Each spring and fall, flocks of chimney swifts know to come to Lindsey to shelter for a night en route to and from Brazil. If the building is demolished, large numbers of birds would be displaced and a possible decline of the population. So, too, is the loss of smaller chimneys, which results in a dearth of nesting sites.

The larger goal for GCWS is to replace what will be lost when Washington Elementary School is torn down. Construction of towers suited to accommodating large flocks is a bigger and newer idea than nesting towers. GCWS is investigating those options.