

Community Roundup: Knaggs 'saved by the belt'

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Perrysburg resident Cory Knaggs joined Ohio's "Saved by the Belt" Club (Photo: Submitted)

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SANDUSKY - Perrysburg resident Cory Knaggs joined Ohio's "Saved by the Belt" Club after his safety belt saved him from sustaining life-threatening injuries. The incident occurred on County Road 213 near Ohio 579 in Ottawa County on June 16.

On Oct. 31, Lieutenant Brett W. Gockstetter, Sandusky Post, presented him with a "Saved by the Belt" certificate signed by Ohio Department of Public Safety Director Thomas J. Stickrath and Colonel Richard S. Fambro, patrol superintendent.

"Cory is a living testimony to the effectiveness of safety belts," Gockstetter said. "Everyone needs to buckle up every trip, every time."

In 2018, 419 people were killed in traffic crashes in Ohio where a safety belt was available, but not in use.

The “Saved by the Belt” Club is a joint effort by the Ohio Department of Public Safety and more than 400 Ohio law enforcement agencies. This club is designed to recognize people who have benefited from their decision to wear safety belts.

Cory also received a “Saved by the Belt” license plate bracket.



Bataan kindergarten students Piper Mominee, Nayleea Arnold, Addilyn Hildreth and Kahlie Blohm are amazed by the heat sensor demonstrated by PC Firefighter Rob Ward. *(Photo: Submitted)*

Port Clinton Fire Department visits Bataan Primary

PORT CLINTON - There were fire trucks lined up outside of Bataan Memorial Primary Elementary but it was no cause for alarm.

The Port Clinton Fire Department came to visit kindergarten students on Oct. 11. Firefighters showed students some of the equipment and they had the opportunity to board the trucks and ambulance. Students were very excited for this hands-on experience. See more about this visit at the Bataan Primary photo album at pccsd.net or [facebook.com/portclintonschools](https://www.facebook.com/portclintonschools).

Habitat celebrates 30 years

FREMONT - Approximately 60 community members and volunteers including past and present board members and supporters attended the recent celebration of the 30th Anniversary of Sandusky County Habitat for Humanity.

The event was held at Hayes Memorial United Methodist Church with a dessert buffet. Board president Sandi Foster welcomed everyone and Pam Kensler, outreach and evangelism of the LIFT Parish gave the invocation.

Donna Thatcher, executive director, gave a brief history of the affiliate and introduced past board members who were present, including Jim Ellis, Mike Hartenstein and Gary Pollock from Fremont and Jeff Geary, Bellevue.

Also introduced was Commissioner Scott Miller and past and current Habitat homeowner families who were present.

Cassandra Miracle, the 2020 future homeowner shared her appreciation and excitement to be building with the volunteers in Clyde next year.

Guest speaker Ryan Miller, the executive director of Habitat for Humanity of Ohio, shared an inspiring message and congratulations for 30 years in Sandusky County before presenting a 30th Anniversary plaque to Donna Thatcher.

Thatcher expressed gratitude to all who have made the 30 years possible and her role working with volunteers and board members prior and including the past 14 years as executive director.

She then re-introduced Pam Kensler, who will become the next executive director in February 2020. Kensler has served on the Maumee and Sandusky County Habitat board.

Dedication for the most recent Habitat home at 706 Linden St. was held earlier this month. Twenty-five homes have been built or rehabbed by the local affiliate since 1989 and have served 28 families. The affiliate has also served 28.9 international families with the tithe donations to Habitat International in their efforts to eliminate poverty housing.



Left to right are seniors Kang Ou from Ross High School, Alex Baez and Madelyn Wammes from St. Joseph Central Catholic, and Bridget Thomas from Fremont Ross. (Photo: Submitted)

Lions name students of month for October

FREMONT - The Fremont Lions Club named its October Students of the Month.

They are seniors Kang Ou and Bridget Thomas from Fremont Ross High School and Alex Baez and Madelyn Wammes from St. Joseph Central Catholic High School.

After graduation Kang Ou is going to Purdue University to study mechanical engineering. Baez plans to enter the National Guard while Wammes intends to major in history and become a lawyer. Thomas will attend Bowling Green State University to study early childhood intervention and become a special needs teacher.