

Community Roundup: Rotary club honors veterans on Nov. 11

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Pictured at the Fremont Rotary meeting, from left to right, are Jesse Layne, Vanguard Career & Tech Center; Abigail Swartzfager, Terra State Community College; Daniella Ortiz, Fremont Ross High School; and Roger Kuns, Fremont Rotary Club President and Marine Corps Veteran. (Photo: Submitted)

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FREMONT - The Nov. 11 meeting of the Fremont Rotary Club was called to order by President Roger Kuns, a Marine Corps veteran who opened the meeting by thanking fellow veterans.

Club members who are veterans and family members who are veterans were honored with a video presentation and the playing of each military service branch's respective song.

Captain Ty Conger, from the Fremont Police Department and a Marine Corp veteran, provided a discussion on growing up in Fremont and his time in active duty. The meeting was closed with the Rotary Four Way Test.

New Rotary members Megan Craun and Ron Schumacher were inducted into the club.

The students of the month also were honored: Jesse Layne, Vanguard Career and Tech Center; Abigail Swartzfager, Terra State Community College; and Daniella Ortiz, Fremont Ross High School.



The Ottawa County Historical Society met at the Catawba Island Club on Nov. 10. (Photo: Submitted)

Tecumseh author speaks at historical society meeting

PORT CLINTON - A capacity crowd of Ottawa County Historical Society members and guests met at the Catawba Island Club on Nov. 10 for a buffet brunch, program, and short business meeting.

Frank E. Kuron of Toledo, author of "Thus Fell Tecumseh" and history enthusiast, was the featured speaker. Kuron highlighted facts and oddities about the relationship between settlers and Native American tribes in the period from just prior to the Revolutionary War until the War of 1812.

Because the natives did not believe land could be "owned," they were bewildered and angered when the Europeans and Americans sold it among themselves without consulting them. Kuron's presentation included contemporary maps and paintings illustrating various battles and treaties.

He explored the unique relationship between William Henry Harrison and Tecumseh, both idealistic leaders who met several times to try to effect a peace. Kuron continued until the death of Tecumseh at the Battle of the Thames, and the winning of the War of 1812.

In the brief business meeting, Becky Shemenski, Nancy Dunham, and Dave O'Neal were approved as board members. Patrick O'Keeffe was approved for a second term as president; Brennan Madison as treasurer, and Linda Huber as secretary.

Rich Norgard stepped down as vice president, due to his responsibilities at the Port Clinton Lighthouse, and will be replaced in the interim by Becky Shemenski.

For more information about the Ottawa County Historical Society and for membership information, visit ottawacountyhistory.org.

Clyde Career Women add new member

CLYDE - Clyde Career Women inducted another new member at its Nov. 11 meeting held at the Clyde Moose Lodge with 21 members and guests attending.

The club welcomes Justine Warner. Membership chairwoman Emily Waugh presented Warner with flower and announced another new member, Dr. Trisha Prunty, will be inducted at a future meeting as she could not attend the session that night..

Club president Tori Florence reported the group now has 37 members, which is down several people from 2018-19 due to job changes and retirements. The membership committee is working to increase the numbers and members invited several potential members to the Nov. 11 meeting.

More new members will be inducted in early 2020 as December is the club's Christmas meeting with entertainment coming from Mowhawk High School.

Under reports, Ways and Means Chairwoman Judy Campbell said the club will no longer have a bake sale at Miller's Super Valu in February due to a change in the store's policy.

Karen Gerber also updated members on the American Flag display. Veteran's Day was the last day the group put up American Flags in the city until May 2020. The club took over the flag project two years ago when the Clyde Kiwanis folded.

The club was also updated on Winesburg Christmas Weekend, which is Nov. 22 to 24, by members Sue Gedert and Carol Pofok. Four CCW members volunteered to be judges for the floats in the Northern Lights Parade at 6 p.m. Nov. 23.

The next meeting of CCW will be 6:30 p.m. Dec. 9 at the First United Methodist Church. Reservations are automatic for members and must be canceled or guest added by 8 p.m. Dec. 5 by contacting the club treasurer.