

News Briefs: ProMedica to host Family Fest

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FREMONT - ProMedica Memorial Hospital will host Family Fest for the community from 1 to 3 p.m. Sept. 29 at 715 S. Taft St.

Family Fest is full of activities and fun opportunities to focus on the physical, mental, and social well-being of families. Booths, activities, free giveaways, raffle prizes and a Teddy Bear hospital will be a part of this free event — rain or shine.

Ross Band to attend Clyde band festival

CLYDE - Fremont Ross Marching Little Giant will perform during The Clyde Marching Band Festival at Clyde High School 7 p.m. Saturday. CHS will be hosting eight bands including New Riegel, Ridgedale, Patrick Henry, South Central, Tusky Valley, Ritman, and Clyde. Admission is \$5.

On Oct. 5, The Fremont Ross Marching Band also will perform at St. John Arena in Columbus from 4 to 4:30 p.m. at the Skull Session. After the Little Giants performance, The Ohio State University and Michigan State University Bands will perform. The event is free.

Salvation Army begins coat collection

PORT CLINTON - The Salvation Army's Warm Winter "Coats for Families" Program will start Oct. 7.

The Salvation Army in Ottawa County has partnered with Cousino Restoration and the Ottawa County community to provide new and gently used warm winter coats for local children and families in need.

The Salvation Army's "Coats for Families" program will run through January. This program is based on donations from the general public of new and gently used coats only that will be cleaned by Cousino Restoration.

Last year, The Salvation Army collected and distributed more than 1,018 coats to local families in Ottawa County.

This is the 25th year this program has been providing coats to the local residents. The collection area for new coats is at The Salvation Army's office.

To donate new coats, drop them off at the collection site or call The Salvation Army at 419-732-2769 and speak with Director Maureen Saponari.

Republic Lions planning barbecue

REPUBLIC - The Republic Lions Club will serve a chicken barbecue starting at 11 a.m. Sept. 29 at the Republic town hall. Dinners are \$9. Patrons may dine in or carry out. Home delivery is available within 10 miles of the village. To pre-order for home delivery call 567-228-9238 before 9 a.m. Saturday.

Fremont school board plans work session

FREMONT- The Fremont City Schools Board of Education will have a special meeting at 4 p.m. Oct. 17 at the administration office, 500 W. State St., Suite A, in the superintendent's conference room. It will be a board work session with no action to be taken.