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Zerger Times

Zerger Hall Senior Center, 745 E. Main St., Newark, OH 43055
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They are the LCAP ‘Smilemakers’



Smilemaker Harriet Cairns



Smilemaker Claire Wright

Eighty-seven Licking County seniors are smiling today because of the work of Harriett Cairns and Claire Wright.

Harriett and Claire are the two “Smilemakers” at the Licking County Aging Program and they do just what their titles say they do. They make people smile.

The Smilemakers call clients on a regular basis to talk about the weather, the latest news or what they fixed for supper the night before.

Seniors who are isolated or lonely or just need to hear a friendly voice are part of the client list. Anyone 60 or older can become part of the Smilemaker program. The calls are made at your convenience and can take place

*“They help cure
a phone
that seldom
hears
a ring.”*

daily or at other intervals.

“I love my job,” Claire says. “I don’t ever want to leave. I love my clients. They are so sharp when it comes to current events. And they tell me their stories. Everybody has a story to share.”

The Smilemaker program started at LCAP in 2000. If you are 60 or older and would like to enroll, simply call 345-0821 or 1-800-452-0097. If you know of someone who would benefit from the calls you can also submit their name and contact information.

Harriett Cairns admits she wasn’t smiling much following her beloved Pittsburgh Steelers defeat to Denver in the NFL Play-offs but she still put on a happy face.

“This is the greatest job in the world,” she said. “I adore the clients and love to hear what is going on in their lives.”

Community Calendar

Free Clothing and Medical Loan Closets

FREE COMMUNITY CLOTHES CLOSET at Second Church of Christ, 19 S. Williams St., Newark, first and third Tuesday 7-9 p.m. and first Thursday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Northside Church of Christ, 4427 Marion Road, Newark, Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET at Central Christian Church of Christ on Mount Vernon Road, Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 366-7438 and the Johnstown-area medical loan closet, rear of 151 Woodgate Drive, 967-3809.

Free Meals

FREE COMMUNITY DINNERS: Hebron UMC, 4:30-6 p.m. last Thursday of the month; Neal Avenue UMC of Newark 5 p.m. last Tuesday of month; First UMC of Newark, 88 N. Fifth St. 5-6:30 p.m. second Wednesday of month; Christ Lutheran Church, 732 Hebron Road, Heath, 5-6:30 p.m. every fourth Sunday, dine-in or carry-out, 522-4505; Second Presbyterian Church, 42 E. Church St. 4 to 7 p.m. on the third Monday of each month.

FREE COMMUNITY LUNCH: Trinity Episcopal Church 76 E. Main St., fourth Sunday at 2 p.m.

FREE COMMUNITY BREAKFASTS: Community Wesleyan Church, 161 Myrtle Ave. 7:30-10:30 a.m. third Saturday, 366-4220; Second Baptist Church, 19 W. National Drive, 8 to 10 a.m., fourth Saturday; Marne UMC, 1019 Licking Valley Road, 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. third Saturday, donation requested not required; First Baptist Church of Newark, 1000 Granville Rd., 9 a.m. to noon last Saturday of the month

Senior and Community Events

WEEKLY BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays at Reese Adult Day Center, 123 S. Third St. No appointment needed, walk-ins welcome.

LICKING COUNTY LIBRARY BOOKMOBILE 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 13 at Zerger Hall.

CARE & SHARE, a group for men and women who have lost a spouse or partner, meets 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month at Stacy's Buffet in Heath.

Send items for community calendar 30 to 40 days before event to: larry@lcap.org or mail information to: Larry Fugate, LCAP, 745 E. Main St., Newark, Ohio 43055. Printed as space permits

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Assembly Day

Feb. 22, 2012

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LCAP FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

By *CONNIE RICHARD and MARY MASON, LCAP Activity Planners, 345-0821 or 1-800-452-0097*



We are going to try a new Fling theme in February. We call it the "Who Dun It? Fling". It will feature a professionally told story and you in the audience have to participate and try to find the culprit. The winner will get a prize, and we don't mean taking Larry Fugate and his appetite home with you and cooking him Sunday dinner. Now in another matter, Executive Care along with the Licking County Arthritis Foundation wants to know if anyone would be interested in an Arthritis Exercise Class at Zerger Hall. You can read all about our February activities on this page.

Who is guilty? Only the February Fling reveals!

We are going to try something different at the February Friday Fling. Those of you in the audience will have to wait on your turkey and dressing until we solve the crime. You have probably heard of those Mystery Dinner Theaters...where the audience solves the crime and then eats. Well that's what we are going to do with this Fling. Reservation deadline is 5 p.m. Feb. 17. Please call 345-0821 or 1-800-452-0097 for reservations. The meal will be no mystery. It promises to be delicious.

The meal includes turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans with bacon, banana cream pie along with juice and coffee.



Breakfast Club to meet at Tee Jay's on North 21st

Be sure to bring your LCAP Breakfast Button and have fun with your club mates at the next Breakfast Club gathering at 9 a.m. Feb. 29 (Leap Year Day) at Tee Jay's Country Place restaurant on North 21st Street.

You have to pay the cost of your eats, but you will get an extra serving of fun, fellowship and maybe some door prizes.

Arthritis exercise class planned

We are in need of feedback!

Executive Care, in conjunction with the Licking County Arthritis Foundation, would like to know if anybody would be interested in an arthritis exercise class at Zerger Hall Senior Center.

The class would start the first Wednesday in March. It would take place from 10:30 to 11 a.m. each Wednesday. Please call Mary or Connie in LCAP Activities at 345-0821.

Zerger Times sponsor: Licking County Veterans' Services Commission

Serving those who served

Here is an important suggestion to all veterans.

The Problem: several times a year, a veteran passes away and the family has no idea where the DD 214 (Discharge papers) are. Licking County Veterans' Services, as well as the funeral director, cannot process military benefits and military honors without having a DD214.

Veterans should make sure that their loved ones or even a close friend who might be making funeral arrangements, already has a copy of the DD214 to prevent delays in benefits.

It is already a stressful and grieving period for loved ones, and to be unable to proceed with arrangements because you are waiting for approximately two weeks to get a DD214 requested from St. Louis, MO only makes the situation more stressful.

If you need further information on this issue and other VA programs visit our Veterans' Services office at 935 Buckeye Ave. The hours are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays (except Wednesday when the hours are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.) Please call 740-670-5430 for an appointment.

You can also email us at lc vets@alink.com or visit the website: lcounty.com/vsc.

Licking County Veterans' Services Commission is here to make sure those who served our country are served as well for their commitment and sacrifice.

Karaoke set for Ground Hog Day

Feb. 2 might be a day you want to sing if the ground hog does not see his shadow and winter takes an early exit.

But either way you won't want to miss the fun of Karaoke Day at Zerger Hall Senior Center from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Feb. 2. This has become one of our popular events. You can perform or sit in the audience and enjoy the fun.

Spring computer classes to start in March at Zerger

By JOHN KENNEDY
For Zerger Times

Did you get your first computer this Christmas and don't know what to do with it?

Did you upgrade your computer from Windows XP to Windows 7 and cannot figure out how to do the things you used to do?

Or have you had a computer for some time and want to do more with it?

Well we've got solutions for any of your computer needs. The next session of computer classes at Zerger Hall Senior Center will start in March.

Sign-up will begin the latter part of February. There will be classes for total beginners, those that need to re-learn things in Windows 7 and those who are interested in advanced skills such as using the internet, sending and receiving E-mail and even more.

The Spring schedule of classes will be published in the March edition of Zerger Times that will be coming out around the middle of February. The article will list the classes along with the days and times they will be available.

The classes are a service of the Licking County Aging Program and are taught by experienced and kind representatives of the Licking County Computer Society. A six-week session only costs \$20.

Holiday Closing

The Licking County Aging



Program will be closed Monday, Feb. 20 to observe the federal President's Day holiday. Most financial

institutions will be closed and there will be no mail delivery. LCAP services will resume Tuesday, Feb. 21.

Marti Hartz named to new LCAP position

Marti Hartz has been named to the new post of associate executive director of the Licking County Aging Program.

"I will be helping with the overall day-to-day activities of the agency," she said. "I will also supervise the program directors, develop and implement training programs and ensure HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accounting Act) compliance within the agency."



Marti Hartz

Marti has been a member of the LCAP Board of Directors for 12 years, most recently serving as vice president.

"I really am excited to have this opportunity to work at LCAP," she added.

Marti is the mother of four college-enrolled children and has several hobbies including quilting, gardening, canning, rug hooking and embroidery.

Regional aging meetings Announced in Columbus

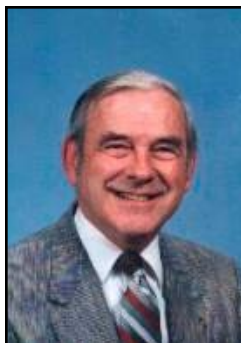
The Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council has announced its slate of meetings for 2012. The council consists of volunteers from eight Central Ohio counties, including Licking County. The members represent the views of older adults in their communities and advise COAAA in its operations.

The meetings take place 10:30 to noon at the COAAA offices, 174 E. Long St., Columbus. The meeting dates are March 1, April 5, May 3, June 7, Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1 and Dec. 6, all on Thursdays. The meetings are open to the public.

For additional information, call 614-645-6149.

COAAA is the regional agency that assists the Licking County Aging Program in addressing senior needs and issues.

Bruce Baird, LCAP board member, dies



Bruce Baird

Bruce Baird, a former Pataskala mayor and recently retired member of the LCAP Board of Directors, died on Jan. 4.

"Bruce was devoted to Pataskala and Licking County and he brought that remarkable spirit of caring and kindness to the Licking County Aging Program when he joined our board,"

said LCAP Executive Director Dave Bibler.

Baird was a major figure in recent Pataskala history. He became the first mayor of the City of Pataskala when the former village merged with Lima Township. The merger was sought to firewall the spread of Reynoldsburg and Columbus into the Pataskala area.

Baird served as mayor until 2005 when he declined to seek another term.

"Bruce was a strong advocate for seniors countywide and particularly in western Licking County. He championed our bond-issue campaign that would have built a senior center in Pataskala," Bibler added.

Baird served eight years on the LCAP board and ended his tenure Dec. 31.

Baird's death was a second blow to the agency in recent weeks. Charles Manning, the husband of former LCAP executive director Polly Manning, died in December. Mr. Manning was a longtime chief executive of Licking Rural Electric, now The Energy Cooperative.

Vintage Voices seeks members

The senior musical group Vintage Voices is seeking new members.

The chorus meets each Tuesday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Centenary United Methodist Church in Granville. The group has 60 to 70 members and anyone over 50 is invited to participate. For information call Chris Black at 740-366-5042.

AARP taking free tax-service applications

The American Association of Retired Persons is taking appointments for free income tax preparations. Seniors interested in the service should call the special number 740-404-8053 between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Each year, the American Association of Retired Persons Tax Aide Program provides professionally trained volunteers who prepare federal, state and local tax returns for low and middle income taxpayers, with a special em-

phasis on those 60 and older. The appointments will be at the tax center at Zerger Hall. You are encouraged to bring in a photo identification and your social security card. For your appointment you also need to bring in a copy of last year's returns and all 2011 paper work you have received.

AARP will also provide tax services at the Buckeye Lake LEADS Center (740-345-1391) and at the Pataskala United Way building (740-345-6685).

The Frame Game

The January puzzle was difficult with only 12 correct answers. The answer was "having the last word."

In a drawing, the winner was Doris Lowney of Newark. The new puzzle is at left. It is a phrase sometimes heard in a song. Call 345-0821 (216) and leave your answer if you think you've got it.

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The winner gets a mailed prize worth pennies.



Lobby Hobby News

With Bonnie Selby
Manager

We still have baby hats and quilts along with lap robes. Warm hats and scarves are popular in the cold weather. We have scrubbies, pillows, Barbie doll clothes, hot pads, dish cloths and other household items. We have OSU Buckeye necklaces, OSU key chains and other unique items. The Lobby Hobby Shop will be closed on Wednesdays through February. The shop is open weekdays 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Senior food box distribution Feb. 22

The senior food box distribution will take place in the new home of the Licking County Aging Program at 1058 E. Main St. The pick-up date is Feb. 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call Bonnie Selby at 345-0821 for more information.

Jo's Girls Sewing Classes!

Call Joe Ann Wood at 745-2832 to register.

Quilts of Valor — Friday, Feb. 10, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. We make quilts for wounded soldiers. Anyone who attends needs to already know the basics of quilt making. Call Joe Ann to sign up.

Quilted Open Sew — Tuesday, Feb. 21, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Work on any sewing project that you need help with. Please call to register. Class fee \$10.

Quilted "Celtic Twist" or Open Sew — Tuesday, Feb. 28, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This is a lovely positive, negative machine appliqué pattern in a Celtic design. Or if you prefer, work on any sewing project you need help with. Call to register. Class fee \$10.

Donations and Memorials from December 2011

LCAP funders include: Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging, Licking County Commissioners, Licking County Senior Citizens Service Levy, Ohio Department of Aging, United Way of Licking County and our valued supporters, like you.

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In loving memory of my mom **Teresa Ebert** with love from James and Roberta Penwell.

In memory of **Clarence R. (Bob) Kieber** from Jim and Pat Pierce.

In memory of **Martha Trimble** from Jim and Pat Pierce.

In memory of my wife, **Charlotte Powell** from T. Milo Powell.

Living Honor

Living honor celebrating **Cletus Beam** from his wife, Shirley.

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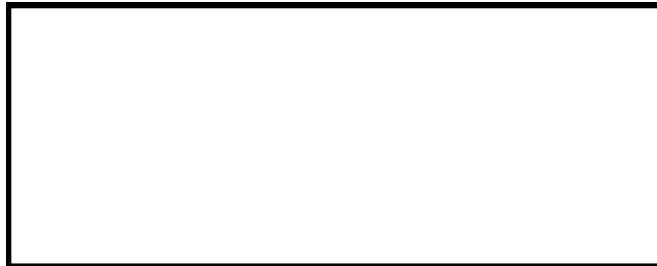
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