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**DECEMBER 2011**

# Zerger Times

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## Reunion of the old LCAP Band looks grand

Some members of the old LCAP Band got together to musically reminisce. They include, left to right, Jerry Sayatovich, Bill McArtor, Virgil Morris and Pat Hollingsworth. The reunion and a little light refreshments were organized by E.J. and Barb Franks whose little musical group filled the void when the LCAP Band ceased to exist several years ago.

*Larry Fugate photo*

## LCAP updates computer websites

The Licking County Aging Program has a new and updated website. The web address is [www.lcap.org](http://www.lcap.org). You can surf through the various tab buttons for updated information.

The webpage also will have all of the agency newsletters including the dining center publication "Chit-Chat," the quarterly home services newsletter "Caring Heart" and the monthly LCAP travel publication "Journeys."

If you are registered as a Facebook user, you can also look up the Licking County Aging Program's Facebook page. You can click the "like" button at the top of the page and get event updates that way.

## Christmas dinner tickets go on sale

In what many say is the best holiday bargain in the county, \$7 tickets went on sale Nov. 14 for the Christmas Dinner & Dance at Zerger Hall Senior Center.

The ticket price covers a complete holiday meal and two hours of popular holiday sounds by the NTO Band (formerly the Ruble Brothers Band). The party kicks off at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 8. The menu includes roast chicken with homemade bread stuffing, mashed potatoes with gravy, green bean casserole, holiday delight salad, holiday punch, coffee and red velvet cake with holiday sprinkles.

Tickets are on sale at Zerger Hall until the time of the event. The party concludes at 8:30 p.m.

If you have transportation inquiries, please call LCAP Transportation at 345-0821 or 1-800-452-0097.

## Donations suspended at Zerger Hall

Due to the infestation of bed bugs in Central Ohio, the Licking County Aging Program has temporarily suspended the acceptance of all material donations.

“We regret to have to take this action because we so appreciate the generosity of our friends and supporters,” said LCAP Executive Director Dave Bibler. “While we have had absolutely no instances of bed bugs from previous donations, we have to take this action to ensure the safety and health of our employees and clients.”

Mr. Bibler said the public will be notified when the policy is lifted.

## Wednesday, Dec. 28 Breakfast Club heads to 21st Street

The LCAP Breakfast Club will meet at 9 a.m. Dec. 28 at Bake ‘N Brew off of North 21st Street. Attendees pay for their own meal, but you can share a morning of fun, fellowship and door prizes. New members are welcome.

You can call LCAP Activities at 345-0821 or 1-800-452-0097 for details.

## Thursday, Dec. 1 Karaoke is fun time

Attendance at Karaoke Night has been huge because of its growing popularity. The next Karaoke Night is from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1 at Zerger Hall Senior Center.

## Wednesday, Dec. 14 Alzheimer’s disease focus of Table Talk

Jayne McDonald of the Carol Strawn Center will be the guest speaker at the Dec. 14 edition of Table Talk at Zerger Hall Senior Center.

The Carol Strawn Center serves families affected by Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias. Ms. McDonald will talk about the center’s services and Alzheimer’s in particular.

Luncheon reservations are due by 5 p.m. Dec. 12. The menu includes: ham and soup beans, cottage cheese and pineapple, beets, corn bread and a fruit cup.

The meal costs \$6 for persons under 60.

## Zerger Times

**January 2012 News Deadline**  
Dec. 1, 2011

**Next Newsletter**  
**Assembly Day**  
Dec. 21, 2011

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### Board of Directors

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Sunday, Dec. 4

## Visit Bethlehem at Newark church

You can visit the old Bethlehem Marketplace like it was in Biblical days and you won't have to go far to do it.

St. John's United Church of Christ will unveil its 25th edition of the holiday tradition from 1 to 4 p.m. Dec. 4. Admission is free with a cash donation or of one or more non-perishable food item that benefits the Licking County Food Pantry Network.

This marks the 25th year of this famous interactive portrayal. St. John's UCC is located at 285 W. National Drive in Newark.

Church and community

members become rabbis, priests, merchants and tradesmen in the City of Bethlehem. There are centurions, census takers and tax collectors who represent the Roman Empire.

## Reese center wins scarecrow honors

The Reese Adult Day Center, operated by the Licking County Aging Program, won a scarecrow competition at SharonBrooke Senior Living on Sharon Valley Road. About six agencies put up scarecrows to have the public vote on their favorite.

The participants at the Reese center won with a scarecrow dubbed "senior prom queen." A photo appeared in *The Advocate*.

## Pumpkin farms thanked

The Licking County Aging Program activities department wants to thank Pigeon Roost Farms and Devine Farms in Kirkersville for their pumpkin donations to seniors.

### LCAP Closed

*The Licking County Aging Program will be closed Friday, Dec. 23 to observe Christmas Eve and Monday, Dec. 26 in observance of Christmas. Services will resume Tuesday, Dec. 27. Zerger Times wishes its readers a very happy holiday season.*



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

**CARE & SHARE**, a group for men and women whose spouse or partner has passed, meets fourth Monday at Stacy's Buffet 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**BEREAVED PARENTS**, for parents who have lost a child, meets first and third Wednesdays 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Hospice of Central Ohio on Cherry Valley Road.

**LICKING COUNTY LIBRARY BOOKMOBILE** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 12 at Zerger Hall.

Send items for community calendar 30 to 40 days before event to: [larry@lcap.org](mailto: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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## Happy Birthday Insurance?

That's what Target Microsystems provides, according to Don Ridgeway, CEO and founder.

According to Don, every year thousands of needless deaths and premature nursing home admissions occur that could have been prevented by the ability to press a button to quickly summon the kind of help that is needed.

Whatever you call it...help-button monitoring, emergency-response monitoring, or medical-alert monitoring...it is inexpensive leverage for living safely at home longer, and keeping those happy birthdays coming!

Target Microsystems is a respected major provider of medical-alert monitoring in Central Ohio. Its several-hundred clients are a mix of private-parties and direct awards from agencies such as Passport, Franklin County Senior Options, Ohio Home Care and the Licking County Aging Program.

Target offers both traditional ERS systems that utilize the direct-line phone network, and much newer stand-alone cellular systems...no phone, no problem! Don says that the new cellular systems are becoming increasingly popular as more and more people abandon use of the direct-line network.

If it's such a great longevity insurance, then why don't more seniors have it? Don says, "There's a lot of denial in aging... 'I'm not old enough for that!' Many people come to us after surviving an immobilizing in-home emergency. You have a lot of time to think about the value of medical-alert protection while you are laying on the floor for hours, hoping for a timely discovery."

Target's ERS protection is provided on a monthly rental basis...\$33.50 a month for direct-line systems and \$37.50 for cellular systems. Payment can be made by major credit cards or personal checks, and there are no long-term contracts. Referrals by LCAP get free installation, \$37.50 cost savings. For more information, call Target Microsystems at 740-928-2276.

### Zerger Times delivered with meals

The folks who receive their meals at home or at the dining centers are receiving Zerger Times along with their meal.

If you receive meals then your driver or dining center manager will bring you Zerger Times personally rather than you receiving it in the mail.

Call 345-0821 or 1-800-452-0097 if you do not receive your monthly newsletter.

### Senior Wellness Day At SharonBrooke

Santa Senior Wellness Day at SharonBrooke Senior Living on Dec. 15 will feature goody bags, free refreshments and free screenings.

There will be memory screenings, hearing tests, chair massages, blood pressure and blood sugar tests, spinal screenings and equipment checks. A variety of health-issue speakers will take the podium from 10 a.m. through 1 p.m. The event runs from 10

a.m. to 2 p.m. at Sharon-Brooke, located at 920 Sharon Valley Road.

### Jo Ann Wood cancels December sewing classes

Jo Ann Wood has canceled all of the sewing classes for December including the "Quilts of Valor."

Students were polled during November and said they were overloaded with Christmas shopping and other holiday obligations. The classes will resume in January.

## LCAP brings holiday cheer to our seniors

By **DAVE BIBLER**  
LCAP Executive Director

We all know it has been a challenge in this economy and during the holidays it can be an extra stressful time. LCAP appreciates so much the support you have given in the past for our holiday gift bag program. We deliver packages to 1,000 of our senior clients. The gift bag contains canned ham or chicken, vegetables, sweet potatoes, cookies, candy canes, word puzzles, pens and a 2012 calendar. Some of the items have been donated by area corporate friends, but we have a need for financial support from you to make sure each bag is filled with holiday cheer.

We will be putting the bags together over the next few weeks so they can be delivered to our clients over the holiday season. This helps brighten what could be a lonely time for many of our clients. It allows us to show that every person matters in our community. A gift of any amount will be appreciated and used directly for the holiday gift bag program. Please complete the enclosed pledge card and return it with your donation. Thank you.

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## Sign-up under way for winter computer classes

By **JOHN KENNEDY**  
For Zerger Times

Now that winter is quickly approaching, there's never been a better time to stay indoors and pick up those computer skills you were wanting to learn.

Join us during January and February for the next session of Senior Computer Classes offered by the Licking County Aging Program and the Licking County Computer Society. Classes will start the week of Jan. 9th and end the week of Feb. 13th.

Classes run once a week for two hours. The total cost is \$20. We offer a number of classes for the many different computer skill level of seniors who are 55 and older.

The classes:

- Communicating with E-mail, Mondays, 9

to 11 a.m.

- Exploring the Internet, Mondays, noon to 2 p.m.

- Computer Basics for Beginners (using Windows 7/Vista), Tuesdays, noon to 2 p.m.

- Beyond the Basics—What's Next? (for users of Windows 7/Vista), Tuesdays, 3 to 5 p.m.

- Word Processing, Wednesdays, 9 to 11 a.m.

- Computer Basics for Beginners (using Windows XP), Wednesdays, 6 to 8 p.m.

- Beyond the Basics—What's Next? (for users of Windows XP), time to be announced.

- Creating & Using Spreadsheets, Thursday, noon to 2 p.m.

Registration forms are available at Zerger Hall Senior Center, 745 E. Main St. The forms contain all class details. You can return your form with your class fee prior to the start of the winter session.

New building to celebrate LCAP's 40th anniversary**Roof work finished on LCAP's new home***The new home of the Licking County Aging Program*

The roof repair project has been completed on the former Miller Essenzplatz restaurant that will be the new home in 2012 for the Licking County Aging Program.

A request for bids for the inside remodeling phase of the project are expected to go out soon. It is hoped that a contractor will be awarded the inside-work project sometime in December.

The agency hopes to move from its current location in Zerger Hall Senior Center sometime in late spring or summer of 2012.

The new building coincides with what will be the 40th anniversary of

LCAP serving Licking County seniors. The agency began service in September 1972. LCAP anticipates several events to highlight the new building and the 40th anniversary in 2012.



**What's in Store  
with  
Bonnie Selby  
Lobby Hobby  
Shop Manager**

The color of the leaves has been beautiful this year as are the many wreaths and other items made by our consignors.

Stop in and see our Christmas items along with OSU quilts, a butterfly quilt and many lap robes, scrubbies, hats and neck warmers. We also still have dish cloths, pot holders and oven towels. We have new items: pocket notebooks, OSU hats, Christmas Nativity scenes, snowmen and pin cushions. All you grandparents come and check out our adorable baby booties, baby books, hats and blankets. We have Christmas cards for just 35 cents each.

We are open 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. weekdays.

***The Frame Game***

*We had 23 responses to the November quiz. The answer was "Eye Exam." The winner was Charla Dryburgh of Utica.*



***Here is the new game:***



*Hint: the current economy. Call 345-0821 or 1-800-452-0097 (Ext 216) no later than Nov. 28. Winner gets a mailed prize. Sorry, no return calls due to volume of entries.*

**Senior food box distributions set**

Due to the holidays, the December distribution date has changed at the Look-Up Center on O'Bannon Avenue.

The food boxes will be distributed Dec. 21. Boxes must be picked up no later than the Friday of distribution week.

Due to the large back-up list, no more applications can be taken.

If you need additional information, call Bonnie Selby at 345-0821 or 1-800-452-0097 at Zerger Hall Senior Center in Newark.

### *Donations from October 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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### *Memorials*



In memory of **Lloyd Mitchell** from his wife Helen Mitchell.

In loving memory of **Joe Owens** from the Sunrise Senior Euchre Club.

In memory of **Rhoda Dooley** from Judy Seabright and Cheryl Seabright, Raymond and M. Isabelle Moore and G. A. and Patsy Cummings.



### *Living Honors*

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

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*You can use this month's listings above as an example.*

*My commemoration is a ( ) Memorial or ( ) Living Tribute.*

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