

## LIFE NOTES

### Support children shoe fund

In the past year the Magic City Kiwanis Esther Ryan Shoe Fund has purchased 900 pairs of shoes for needy Barberton children.

The only fundraising event the shoe fund conducts is the annual spaghetti dinner, prepared and served by the Barberton firefighters, Friday, March 1, 4-7 p.m., at the Prince of Peace Hall, 1263 Shannon Ave. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children under age 10. Carry-out is available.

Forty baskets will be raffled with tickets 20 for \$10. For information call 330-745-3358.

### Have a heart for your valentine

The annual sale of Temo's Chocolate Valentine Hearts conducted by Magic City Kiwanis has begun.

You may purchase these beautiful and delicious 1-and 2-pound solid milk chocolate heart baskets, filled with an assortment of smaller light and dark chocolate pieces, at these Barberton locations: West End Hardware, 909 Wooster Road W.; Snowball Bookshop, 564 W. Tuscarawas Ave. and Thano's Restaurant, 70 Fifth St. SE.

The proceeds will be used for community service projects in the Barberton area. For information call 330-848-2245. Only cash or checks payable to Magic City Kiwanis can be accepted.

### Warm up with Kiwanis chili

The Norton Kiwanis will serve their 17th annual chili cook off, Saturday, Feb. 16, at the Norton Community Center.

The chili entry fee is \$6. Entries may be dropped off from 2-3 p.m. on the day of the event. All contestants are invited. Categories include best, hottest, people's choice and best commercial. There will also be a basket raffle and 50/50 drawing.

The dinner will be served from 4-7 p.m. and cost \$6 for adults. Children 6 and under eat for free. Proceeds will benefit Norton High School scholarships. To get an entry form call 330-819-5658.

## Norton Elementary, Four Cities Compact help students match interests, careers

Jim Eritano  
Herald Staff Writer

Norton City Schools and the Four Cities Compact set up a Career Gallery Walk for students at Norton Elementary School (NES) to show them how the things they are interested in can lead to good-paying jobs.

Career fields like machine technology, construction technologies and health science were represented, each at its own table in the cafeteria, with items related to jobs in that field, such as books, elementary battery-operated electrical circuit kits, and hair styling models. High-school students participating in the Four Cities Compact career tech classes were stationed at tables to answer questions and talk about their experiences on the paths to their own careers.



HERALD PHOTO/Jim Eritano

Rebecca School helps a student at the Career Gallery Walk.

Posters showed the scales of income a person in each field could expect.

"College is always good," said Guidance Counselor Rebecca School, who was in charge of the event. She pointed to a poster on the

wall by the construction technologies table.

"As you can see," she said, "more education leads to better, more highly-skilled jobs in every field, and better jobs mean higher incomes."

School said, "65 percent of the jobs these kids will go into haven't even been invented yet, so we're concentrating on giving them stackable skills they can use to fit into those new careers."

Brady Sackett, NES principal, said that before the career walk, students (See STUDENTS, Page 8)

## Troop 132 thanks community for support



COURTESY PHOTO

Last month, scout leaders from Troop 132 in Norton discovered the storage shed housing their equipment was broken into with \$2,700 worth of equipment stolen. The community rallied behind the scouts, raising enough funds to replace the equipment in time for the Klondike Derby at Camp Manatoc this past weekend. The Klondike Derby teaches critical life skills. They were divided into patrol groups to take part in a series of outdoor skills competition. Patrols were graded on each skills event for timing, teamwork, scout spirit and problem-solving ability. Troop 132 would like to thank the Norton Police Department for their support, the community for their kindness and generosity and Johnson Methodist Church for their continued sponsorship.

## Village of St. Edward opens senior facility

The non-profit Village of St. Edward has opened a 106-unit senior living community in Wadsworth. This is the second location for the organization as it expands its 50-year legacy of faith-based, compassionate care.

The Village of St. Edward, at 880 Main St. in Wadsworth, which opened Jan. 14, offers independent living, assisted living and memory care living arrangements and services. Recognizing the need for high-quality services

for seniors, The Village provides residents and their families a continuum of care as their needs change.

In keeping with The Village's mission of lifelong care, residents and their families will never be asked to relocate should their finances change.

Tours can be scheduled by calling 234-217-8735 or by visiting [vsecommunities.org](http://vsecommunities.org). Walk-ins are also welcome. For information, visit [www.vsecommunities.org](http://www.vsecommunities.org).

## Walking in Circles gets you to Nashville



HERALD PHOTO/Karla Tipton

Walking in Circles band of Wadsworth blends classic rock with a little bit of country. Pictured from left are guitarist Jake Gray, bassist Shane Kirvel, drummer Jake Ross, vocalist Nicole Neiman and vocalist Blake Brouse.

Karla Tipton  
Herald Staff Writer

It might seem that a band named Walking in Circles has lost its way, but the members of this rock band from Wadsworth know exactly where they want to go.

"This year, we're going to be heading down to Nashville about six times for 13 shows," said Jake Gray, guitarist and songwriter.

At 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15, Walking in Circles will be performing at M

and M Taphouse, 523 W. Tuscarawas Ave., Barberton.

The band's original sound suits Nashville, because of its blend of southern and classic rock, with strains of country.

In addition to the Nashville shows, they have been invited to play Harborfest, July 28 in Oswego, New York, one of the largest festivals in the state.

Walking in Circles has been together since 2012, founded by Wadsworth High School friends, (See WALKING, Page 10)

## Longtime library couple reaches a milestone together

Karen Hornyak  
Herald Staff Writer

Mary clearly remembers the dress she was wearing that day.

Fifteen years old and in search of a job, the Barberton Public Library had been her last hope. They would love to hire her, said then-director Helen Bertsch, but nothing was available. Discouraged, footsore in her platform shoes and wilting in the August heat, Mary trudged home.

Answering the phone that was ringing as she walked in the door, Mary was surprised to hear librarian Myra Williams on the line. As Mary recalls, Williams said, "We're going to make a position for you...we really liked your dress." Mary insists her fashionable outfit is the only reason she was hired. She worked part time as a page (shelver) between 1969 and 1984, taking occasional breaks to pursue other interests. In 1985 she was back as head of circulation.



COURTESY PHOTO/Barberton Public Library

Jim and Mary Eritano receive congratulations from Mayor Judge.

In September 1989, the library needed a custodian, and director Barb Kirbaw was oddly enthusiastic about a particular applicant. Mary, having just returned from vacation, asked if the man had been hired. When Kirbaw said he had wanted some time to think about it, Mary was incredulous and, in her words, "got an attitude" about the prospective employee, sight unseen. Having no idea what was about to hit him, Jim Eritano signed on as building superintendent/facilities manager.

Although Jim's job involved electricity, neither he nor Mary was prepared for the spark that passed between them the first time they met. Unbeknownst to co-workers, the two started dating immediately and became engaged a year later. Jim was spared from seeking the traditional permission, as Mary's father was no longer living. However, the couple was surprised to learn their nuptials needed approval from the library's board of directors. When that was granted, (See COUPLE, Page 10)

# Students teach and learn



COURTESY PHOTO

Elementary East kindergarten students in Miss Fox's class work with BHS nursing students and learn how to properly wash their hands, Jan. 29.

## Dispose of unwanted prescription medications

The Barberton Police maintain two secure medication drop-off boxes for use any time. One is a red box in front of the Barberton main fire station, 580 Wooster Road W., and the other is in the basement of the City Building, 576 W. Park Ave, in the police department. Barberton residents may phone 330-745-2181 and arrange for an officer to pick up the medications.

## Couple

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resumed her job as customer service manager and senior outreach librarian; Jim continued with repairs, maintenance and a multitude of other duties. The couple kept the relationship discreet at work, but off the clock they were, and are, a study in togetherness. Unsurprisingly, both are avid readers. They enrolled simultaneously at

Kent State, where Mary earned a master's degree in library science and Jim, a bachelor's in communications. Their blended family of a son and two daughters grew to include grandchildren and a cat named Lokie.

Thursday afternoon, well-wishers were invited to share cake and memories on the Eritanos' last day at the library, where they received a special commendation from Mayor Bill Judge for their many years of service. Jim won't have

to worry about filling free time, as he will be increasing his presence at the Herald. Mary looks forward to participating in the library programs she was unable to attend while employed.

The Eritanos say they'll miss their co-workers and are sorry they won't have a chance to work with new director Ann Hutchison. They are sure to be equally missed. As Hutchison says, "50 years of knowledge is impossible to replace."

## Walking

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guitarist Jake Gray and vocalist Blake Brouse. Bassist Shane Kirvel, drummer Jake Ross and vocalist Nicole Neiman joined later.

Although the members are in their 20s, the band's sound is rooted in the music of '70s bands, such as Lynyrd Skynyrd, Charlie Daniels Band and Aerosmith.

"My parents listened to their share of ZZ Top, Lynyrd Skynyrd and Hank Williams. The rest of the members' parents listened to bands of the '80s," said Gray. "This helped to shape the sound that we're going for."

More traditional country was introduced into the sound when Neiman joined last year, he said. "She has

the bluesy vocals, but also does country vocals really well."

While there's a little bit of country, there's a lot of rock 'n' roll. The two vocalists, Brouse and Neiman, pair up on songs such as Aerosmith's "Sweet Emotion," taking turns on the verses and harmonizing on the chorus.

In performances, Walking in Circles alternates between covers and original songs, depending on the venue.

Although there is collaboration between all members, original songs usually start with a guitar riff by Gray and lyrics by his mother, Carrie Gray. "I'll sit down and write a cool riff, and she'll say, 'oh, I think I have lyrics for that,'" he said. "We'll go through the pages and pages of lyrics she has written over the years."

These songs occasionally harken back to Northeast Ohio lore, including "Crybaby Bridge," based on the legend of a haunted bridge in Rogue's Hollow, near Doylestown.

Inspired by the idea of the Charlie Daniels' song, "The Legend of Wooley Creek," because "we loved the atmosphere of it, paired with that bluesy southern rock and creepy, supernatural elements. We started writing and managed to craft one of our best songs."

The band will be releasing singles as they are recorded. "Once we have enough material, we'll compile it, master it and release it as a CD," said Gray.

Walking in Circles' original songs and videos can be found on streaming services Reverbnation.com, YouTube and Spotify.

# TAC presents free movie night

Barberton High School Teens Against Cancer (TAC) presents family movie

## Volunteers needed for visits

Raven's Family charity needs volunteers to visit Barberton nursing homes every Sunday at 2 p.m. Some residents don't get many visitors. Make a difference in the community. Contact ravensfamilycharity@gmail.com or 330-333-1991 to help.

## Join class of '53

The BHS Class of 1953 is getting together on Monday, February 11, 2019 at Thanos Restaurant for some good food and conversation to catch up on our classmates. Hope to see you there.

## Class of 1977 to celebrate 60 years

The Barberton High School class of 1977 is sponsoring a 60th birthday party for all BHS 1977 classmates Feb. 23, at the Hungarian Club, 451 W. Park Ave., Barberton. Doors open at 6 p.m. until close. Admission is free and there will be food, raffles and fun. Please help get the word out to classmates and come celebrate all the birthdays. Call Chris Duncan with questions and further information at 330-644-0682.

night featuring "Captain Underpants," Tuesday, Feb. 12, 6:30 p.m. at the high school.

Tickets are free, but donations are appreciated.

Concessions will be for sale before the movie and during intermission. Parking is available by the stadium. All proceeds will be donated to Akron Children's Hospital.

## Donations sought for Esther Ryan Shoe Fund

Anyone wishing to donate to the Magic City Kiwanis Shoe Fund should make checks payable to the Magic City Kiwanis Esther Ryan Shoe Fund and send them to Box 561, Barberton, OH 44203.

## AARP meets for entertainment

Coventry AARP 3820 will meet Feb. 11, at 1:15 p.m. at the Portage Lakes Kiwanis Club Civic Center, 725 Portage Lakes Drive. Irish Tenor Extraordinaire Pat Flynn will entertain. Come enjoy his pure, rich, three-octave voice singing love songs and maybe a few Irish songs. Free refreshments will be served and all seniors are welcome. The meeting will be canceled if the Coventry Local School District closes due to weather.

## Fathers series offers free admission

Embrace Clinic and Care Center in collaboration with the Summit County Fatherhood Initiative invites you to its Steadfast Fathers Series featuring "The 7 habits of a 24/7 Dad." Receive a \$10 gas card or \$10 bus pass for every session you attend. Attend all classes and get a one-year family pass for the Akron Zoo. Sessions are open to dads and dad role-models in Summit County, Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m., Feb. 6 - March 13, at Embrace Clinic and Care Center, 180 First St. NW, Barberton.

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**Barberton City Schools  
Alumni Spotlight**

Allyson Mast, a 2012 graduate of Barberton High School, knew that someday she would return to the school district that shaped her into the teacher she is today.

Mast graduated Magna Cum Laude from Ashland University in 2015 with a 3.9 GPA. Upon graduation she began her teaching career at Children's Home in Wooster, her classroom contained students in grade K-12 where she taught Social Studies and English Language Arts. After working there for the spring semester and teaching summer school, Mast was hired as an Intervention Specialist in Wayne County.

In 2017 Mast was offered a position at Barberton Middle School as an Intervention Specialist. Mast says her passion for teaching comes from knowing she wouldn't be where she is today without her teachers. Mast earned her Masters in Education at Kent State University in December 2018.

*"Being a part of the post secondary program at Barberton High School made a huge influence on me since graduating. I went into college knowing what to expect in college courses and with the right mindset due to already having college courses. The teachers I had throughout Barberton made a huge impact, Barberton honestly has the best teaching staff." - Allyson Mast*

**Allyson (Rorrer) Mast**  
Barberton High School  
Class of 2012

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