



St. Tim's offers drive-thru blessings to pets

To honor St. Francis of Assisi's feast day, Pastor Jeff Bunke from St. Timothy's Episcopal Church blessed pets as people stopped by. The drive-through critter blessing was held October 4. Left, Malachi, owners Ginger and Rick Brown, receives a blessing from Pastor Bunke; right, he bestows the same blessing on Casper, owners Starr and John Wiodarski. Photos by Allison Fisher.

Hudson Gallery debuts new exhibition



New paintings and sculptures are now on display as part of a dual artist exhibition at Hudson Gallery. "Facing the Woodland" is now open to the public through November 14 at the downtown Sylvania art gallery.

The exhibition features multiple works by painter Kris Schmidt of Adrian, Michigan, and ceramicist Jan Thomas of Toledo. Both artists explore themes of nature and femininity in their work. Above is "Sunlight on the Horizon" by Ms. Schmidt; right, "Loretta and Caroline" by Ms. Thomas.

Hudson Gallery is located at 5645 North Main Street, Sylvania. It is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday through Friday; and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.

More information is available at hudsongallery.net.



Mercy Health hosting gift drive for trauma patients

Mercy Health — Toledo Foundation is sponsoring the Day of Hope on Tuesday, October 20, which will culminate a weeks-long campaign.

Community members can support the organizations Trauma Recovery Center (TRC) with a donation of money or an item from the TRC's "wish list," including art supplies, kids clothing and toys.

All opportunities to give are either virtual or drop off to ensure social distancing.

Donations also are accepted online at helpmakemiracles.org/event/dayofhope or through the event's Amazon Wishlist on Mercy Health's website.

Items also can be shipped directly to Mercy Health.

Anyone can help by holding a donation drive now through October 20. The Mercy Health

Foundation will provide a donation box and a team member will come collect the items.

On the last day of the drive, a team will be outside of Black and White Transportation, 4665 West Bancroft Street, Toledo, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Anyone is welcome to make a donation or drop off an item from the wish list.

Additional drop-off sites include Jed's, 7625 West Sylvania Avenue, Sylvania; Walt Churchill's Market, 3320 Briarfield Boulevard, Maumee; and Walt Churchill's Market, 26625 North Dixie Highway, Perrysburg.

Since opening its doors to the Toledo area community more than a year ago, the TRC has helped more than 800 victims of violent crime who have been referred for services.

More information is available at mercy.com.

Craft shows canceled

The Toledo Craftsman's Guild has officially canceled its three annual fall/winter craft shows.

Due to uncertainty of hosting events during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Homespun Art and Craft Show and Crafts for Christmas Show in November, and the Winter Festival of Crafts in December will not be held this year.

The group is currently planning to resume craft shows in the spring of next year.

More information is available at toledocraftsmansguild.org.

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Perrysburg students make CSCC dean's list

Perrysburg residents Alexis Riffer and Alexander Waddell both made the dean's list at Columbus State Community College.

In order to make the list for the 2020 summer semesters, students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher while enrolled for at least six credit hours.

The college is located in Columbus.

Ability Center bestows award on hospital council

The Ability Center recently awarded Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio (HCNO) its annual Community Partnership Award.

The annual award is presented each year to a local organization that worked alongside The Ability Center on a specific initiative that positively impacts people with disabilities.

This year's award recognized the collaborative effort between the two organizations to protect the rights of individuals with disabilities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to the World Health Organization, currently around 10 percent of the world's population, roughly 650 million

people, live with a disability. As part of the region's coordinated COVID-19 response, guidelines were developed for northwest Ohio's 32 hospitals to help health care providers objectively allocate ventilators and other resources in the case of any shortages. The hospitals are members of the Northwest Ohio Healthcare Emergency Management Coalition, which is coordinated by HCNO.

A coalition task force comprised of physicians, attorneys, ethicists, patient advocates, nurses and other professionals collaborated to develop this guidance.

The guidance also ensures that any patient care decisions faced by northwest Ohio's



Members of The Ability Center bestow representatives from the Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio with the organization's annual Community Partnership Award.

health care providers during the COVID-19 pandemic or other crises are fair and non-discriminatory, not arbitrary.

Jan Ruma, vice president of HCNO, said she was honored to accept the award on behalf of the organization after years of

working with The Ability Center. "When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, updated health care allocation of scarce resources guidance was needed. A regional task force was formed, and we immediately asked The Ability Center to participate." HNCO will officially be recognized as part of The Ability Center's annual ADA Seminar on Thursday, October 15. This year, the four-part series will be done virtually via Zoom and welcome national experts and local panelists to explore how the disability community has been impacted during the COVID-19 pandemic. The seminar will be recorded and archived for viewing on The Ability Center's website, abilitycenter.org.

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