



The previous Silver Celebrations have been called fantastic and wonderful, so we'll put a "young" description on this one, the third—awesome! So come and be part of it!

**Who:** Members of the Huber Ridge Area Association who are 25-year residents are our honored guests, but we welcome non-members (see below).

**When:** The date is March 17, 5 p.m. until ? The snow and ice will be gone by that time. It's St. Patrick's Day, and you can wear your green if you would like. We may have a few green decorations in recognition of the national festival; but we're celebrating our 25-year residents, and SILVER is our theme!

**Where:** We are being welcomed this year by GRACE Community Church at 3475 Paris Boulevard. The Church has a beautiful kitchen and all the amenities, which have been graciously made available to us. The dining room is spacious. And, as you probably know, there is a great space for parking.

**What:** A four-course dinner including cinnamon rolls and dessert.

**Reservations:** Because we can't use Association dues for this event, we need to ask you to subsidize it with \$7.50 for those members who have lived in the Ridge 25 years or more and \$8.50 for those who are either not members of the Association or young folks who have lived in the Ridge less than 25 years.

**Deadline:** Reservations with payment must be in to Tom and Roberta Conley (882-5252), 3533 Makassar, by Tuesday, March 13, so that we can order supplies. Make your check out to

HRAA.

Plan to come early to see Almina's history of the Ridge, meet some new "old-timers"; revisit with friends you haven't seen for a year, bring some pictures of family arrivals, share funny stories, and maybe even win a door prize. If you need a ride, let us know when you make your reservation! We have drivers. Come casual.

—Joya Neff, Silver Celebration Coordinator

## Just 44 Votes ...

**Just 44 votes determined who will serve as our Blendon Township Trustee for the next four years.**

Below is a summary of the election results specific to Blendon Township for the police renewal levy and the Fiscal Officer/Trustee positions followed by brief commentary.

**The Blendon Township police levy renewal passed.**

1,812 or 72.95 percent voted yes

672 or 27.05 percent voted no

0 over-votes (mis-votes)

63 under-votes (63 did not vote yes or no for the renewal)

**Wade Estep will continue as our Fiscal Officer for the next four years.** He was running unopposed. Results:

1,990 or 100 percent voted yes

0 over-votes (mis-votes)

1,265 under-votes (voters who did not vote for Mr. Estep)

**Our trustee for the next four years will be James F. Welch.** Liz Ward opposed James Welch for the position and lost by 44 votes or 1.54 percent.

1,400 votes or 49.23 percent for Liz Ward

1,444 votes or 50.77 percent for James F. Welch

2 over-votes (these are improper votes such as voting for both candidates)

409 under-votes (this is a count of those who submitted a ballot but did not vote for either candidate)

James Welch has been our trustee since June 24, 2010, when Judge Alan Acker appointed him to the position. He has been President of the Huber Ridge Area Association since 2005.

Blendon Township's population is approximately 9,337; and an estimated 4,400 are registered voters. Total township votes cast for this election were 3,255 for the elected officials (including under-votes) and 2,547 for the police renewal

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levy (including under-votes). The difference in the number of votes for elected officials versus the number of police renewal votes is 708. These 708 were votes from residents in the Village of Minerva Park for our elected officials. The Village of Minerva Park is part of Blendon Township but has its own police department; therefore, Village residents do not vote on Blendon Township police issues.

*More than half of registered Blendon Township voters (2,844) cast their vote for the Trustee position. This election clearly demonstrated how much our votes matter. Thank you for voting.*

—Pam Clegg, Neighbor



To the Editor:

Please accept our donation for your “Herald” newsletter. We appreciate receiving your newsletter for the properties we own in your area.

Thank you!

—Harold Evans, Hillegas F.L.P.

Mr. Evans:

Thank you very much for your donation. We attempt to send *The Herald* to all of the landlords with property in the Ridge to share the news and concerns of our community.

—Marje Obrist, Newsletter Editor

## HRAA Slate of Officers for 2012

At the December 1, 2011, general meeting of the Huber Ridge Area Association, the Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers for election for 2012:

**President:** Carolyn Cordray, 3734 Caracas Drive

**Vice President:** Eric Cordray, 3734 Caracas Drive

**Secretary:** Claudia Carney, 3554 Makassar Drive

**Treasurer:** Pam Clegg, 3614 Makassar Drive

**Newsletter Editor:** Marje Obrist, 5436 Acapulco Place

Current President James Welch will serve as Immediate Past President as specified in Article IV, Sections 1 and 2, of our bylaws.

Nominations from the floor for these elective offices will, of course, be accepted at the January 5, 2012, meeting held at the Blendon Senior Center, 6330 Hempstead Road.

This slate of officers is submitted by Nominating Committee members Ronald Bricker, 3669 Lima Drive; Deborah Candow, 6101 Batavia Road; and Joya Neff (Chairperson), 3615 Stockholm Road.

HRAA members are encouraged to attend the January 5 meeting and to cast their votes.

—Joya Neff, Nominating Committee Chairperson

## Neighbor News Awards and Accomplishments

Atticus Jordan, son of Robert and Leslie Jordan (Stockholm HRAA Block Watch Rep), a senior at Westerville Central High School, was elected to Central’s Homecoming Court. Congratulations, Atticus!

June Riggs, neighbor on Copenhagen, was recognized for her work on [lifelineofohio.org/2011/05/bmvs-recognized-for-work-on-front-lines-of-donation](http://lifelineofohio.org/2011/05/bmvs-recognized-for-work-on-front-lines-of-donation). Lifeline of Ohio recognized six local Bureaus of Motor Vehicles for outstanding work! On behalf of Donate Life Ohio, Lifeline of Ohio presented the 2010 “Organ, Tissue, and Eye Donation Front Line Awards” to BMV Deputy Registrar locations with the highest organ, eye, and tissue donation registration rates or greatest improvement in their BMV District. These awards were as much a commendation for the generosity and compassion of the citizens of Central Ohio as they were to the outstanding commitment of the BMV Deputy Registrar locations that serve them! June Riggs, Donate Life Ambassador, Pickerington BMV, was recognized for her outstanding work; and the Pickerington BMV Deputy Registrar location received the “Best in District 2” award for achieving a donor registration rate of 63.4 percent in 2010.

Julian Grissinger of Huber Ridge Elementary has co-authored a book with his grandmother. Not too many third-grade students can say they are published authors, but Julian can. This eight-year-old student joined forces with his grandmother, Becky Grissinger, to write about and photograph what life is like on her farm in rural Ohio. The result is a four-color book called *Buckeyes & Brambles*, which was published on September 4 by [Blurb.com](http://Blurb.com). Julian said that his goal is to write one book about the farm for each of the four seasons.

### Births

Congratulations to Makassar neighbors Jonathan and Sherry Martindale on the impending birth of their baby!

### Deaths

Sympathies to Makassar neighbors Don, Dan, and Carrie Middleton; Mae, beloved wife, mother, and friend, passed away in November.

Sympathies also to the Cochenour family on Arnett Court; William, beloved husband, father, and friend, passed away in November.

Sympathies to the Marcum family on Santiago Drive; Joseph H. Marcum, beloved husband, father, and friend, passed away in December.

Information we have shared has been taken from public domain or used with permission. Please send your “Neighbor News” to [editor@huberridge.org](mailto:editor@huberridge.org) or call 614-891-6944.

—Pam Clegg, Neighbor



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## Koorsen Fire & Security

How safe and secure are you in your home? For many of us, this may be an area that we might have neglected. Our featured business for this edition of *The Herald* can help us with our home safety and security needs. This business is Koorsen Fire & Security. Koorsen has been providing home safety and security products and services since 1946. The following information about this company was provided by Brian Butterfield, a Security Account Manager with Koorsen and a Huber Ridge resident.

**Question:** How long have you been with this company?

**Brian's Response:** I have been in the fire and security industry for 12 years with the last 4 years at Koorsen Fire & Security. I was attracted to Koorsen because of the family oriented atmosphere. As the largest and oldest family owned business in the industry, we have been in business for 65 years and are owned by Randy Koorsen. Randy's grandfather was involved in the startup of the business in 1946.

**Question:** What could the typical home owner in Huber Ridge use your services for?

**Brian's Response:** We are a full-service fire, security, and life safety company that provides valuable service for any home or business owner. From basic security and fire alarms to flood detection, CO detection, wireless camera systems to watch over your property, and professional portable fire extinguishers—we have the capability to meet any safety or security concern involving your family, home, or business.

**Question:** Has your company offered services in the Huber Ridge area? Describe.

**Brian's Response:** I am not sure if we have provided any services specifically to the Huber Ridge area, but we have offered services to numerous home owner associations including Devonshire, Sharon Woods, and Berwick to name a few. We would love to provide a free, no-obligation safety and security session at an upcoming Association meeting for the benefit of the Huber Ridge residents.

**Question:** How can your company be of help to older families on a fixed income?

**Brian's Response:** We have a range of protective services to meet the needs of almost any income level. Basic home security starts at just \$99 for an installed system and quality professional fire extinguishers start at just \$50. We can service most existing fire extinguishers if you need to have one inspected and recharged.

**Question:** Are your services affordable?

**Brian's Response:** Like most companies in the industry, we do have certain pricing and credit requirements that we must adhere to in order to ensure that we are doing good business; but we have extremely competitive pricing plans and affordable options if a customer is in need.

**Question:** Why do we need your services?

**Brian's Response:** Let's face it ... our world is not getting any safer. I wish I lived in a world where our services were never needed, but the fact is they become more valuable every day. If you have experienced a burglary, fire, or other life safety emergency, then you know that you are vulnerable. If you have not been a victim, then I urge you not to wait until it is too late. We have numerous resources to protect your way of life.

**Question:** What do you like best about this company?

**Brian's Response:** I'll sum it up this way: if we mess up at the local level, Randy Koorsen will definitely take your phone call; and it all rolls downhill from there. Customer satisfaction is very important to us, so Randy's phone only rings with thankful customers on the other end.

**Question:** What are some of the outstanding things about your company?

**Brian's Response:** The family atmosphere and the breadth of services that we offer to provide total protection to your family, home, and business.

**Question:** What sets your company apart from other companies in your line of work?

**Brian's Response:** As the largest family owned business in the industry, we are large enough to meet any safety or security need that you have but still small enough to provide personal service. Our customers are not just a number that gets lost in the corporate jumble.

**Question:** Is there anything else that you would like to add about your company?

**Brian's Response:** Please feel free to give us a call. There is no cost or obligation to get a professional home or business safety and security analysis. The ultimate gauge of our success is the number of customers who trust us with their safety and who are willing to refer us to their family and friends.

You can contact Brian at T: 614-853-5663 | M: 614-989-3883 | F: 614-878-2028. The company residential website is [koorsenhomesecurity.com](http://koorsenhomesecurity.com), and the commercial website is [koorsen.com](http://koorsen.com).

—Doug Dapo, Neighbor



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Gloria Cochenour  
882-2639

3525 **Dahlgreen Drive**  
Mindy March  
523-3184

3360 **Dempsey Road**  
Chuck Marlow  
895-3225

3473 **Dempsey Road**  
Era McMahon  
891-5312

3378 **Hunt Club Rd., N.**  
Emily Patterson  
899-3742

3381 **Hunt Club Rd., N.**  
G. H. Mike Richards and  
Linda Larrow-Richards

3390 **Montford Road, N.**  
Damien Brandon  
905-9576

6365 **Montford Road, W.**  
Travis and Jeannie  
Mackowiak  
818-9220

3374 **Vickers Drive**  
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634-1473

## Area B

3744 **Balboa Court**  
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3815 **Balboa Place**  
Karen Boley  
523-3006

6101 **Batavia Road**  
Debb Candow  
794-3038

3636 **Bolamo Drive**  
Brian and Jaclyn Davis  
557-3407

6084 **Paris Bl., N.**  
Joellen Lugin  
882-0030

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Karl and Kathy Austin  
563-0711

## Area C

3484 **Brazzaville Road**  
Tiffany and Jubal Wagner  
794-3780

3515 **Canberra Court**  
Edwin England  
794-3049

5903 **Dakar Road, E.**  
George King

3459 **Paris Boulevard**  
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3510 **Rangoon Drive**  
Byron and Lori Mann  
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3505 **Saigon Drive**  
Jim and Amber Chill\*  
882-4220

## Area D

5971 **Bangasi Road**  
Paul and Robin Wagner  
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5943 **Bangasi Road**  
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3575 **Karikal Drive**  
Anna Grant  
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3582 **Karikal Drive**  
Janet Brown\*  
882-8684

3614 **Makassar Drive**  
Pam Clegg  
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3480 **Manila Drive**  
Matt and Jackie Shumaker  
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3614 **Manila Drive**  
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## Area E

5788 **Buenos Aires Bl.**  
Lynn Hays  
599-3647

3734 **Caracas Drive**  
Eric and Carolyn Cordray  
882-1310

3669 **Lima Drive**  
Ron Bricker  
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5785 **Montevideo Drive**  
Erika and Michael Schlaegel  
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3677 **Paris Boulevard**  
Patricia Spencer  
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Beth and Jeff Ralph  
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5865 **Varadero Drive**  
Trisha and Ed Purcell  
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5588 **Buenos Aires Bl.**  
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5520 **Copenhagen Drive**  
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5584 **Copenhagen Drive**  
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3515 **Panama Drive**  
Betsy Briggs  
203-5404

3578 **Stockholm Road**  
Leslie Jordan  
823-6496

3612 **Stockholm Road**  
Tom and Hilda DeSteuben  
882-7473

## Area G

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5663 **Bashaw Drive**  
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3668 **Managua Drive**  
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3661 **Mexico Avenue**  
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Howard  
302-4990

5664 **Natalie Court**  
Christie Walker  
392-0468

3686 **Santiago Drive**  
Daisy and Kenny White  
948-0635

5601 **Spohn Drive**  
Robin Thomas  
891-2772

5614 **Spohn Drive**  
Raelena Robinson  
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## Area H

**Blendon Square Apts.**  
Nick Sabo

\*Area Representative

**Contact our newly appointed Block Watch Coordinator, Doug Murphy, at 614-259-3976 or at [blockwatch@huberridge.org](mailto:blockwatch@huberridge.org) to learn how you can become a Block Watch Street or Area Representative!**

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**HRAA Family of the Quarter****Meet the Carey Family**

Oh, what a fun job this is to meet families in the Ridge whom we might otherwise never get to know. George, Judy, and Kim live on Madrid in Glengary Heights in a beautiful home they totally remodeled before they could move in. They have a spacious backyard where Zeus, their gorgeous four-year-old German Shepherd plays. He greeted me as a friend, picked up his ball, and looked at me like "Well." I could have spent the day!

Their story began at Lockbourne in 1965. After George graduated from high school in Middletown, New York, he joined the Air Force. During basic training, he received his "greetings" from the draft board! It wasn't a difficult choice to make; he would stay in the Air Force. After basic training, he was assigned to Lockbourne. During his cab ride to the base, the driver said that many young men get married while they are here. George said, "Not me." Famous last words! Judy intervened, and a gone-wrong blind date changed his mind. One of Judy's friends was dating an airman, and they decided to fix her up with a blind date. After a short ride, Judy asked to make a bathroom stop, asked her friend to

accompany her, and said she just couldn't spend the evening with this man. They made an excuse to return to the base; and, on their way back out, Judy saw George sitting alone and asked to pick him up. She said, "I think I'll marry him." They picked him up, enjoyed the evening, and a year later they were married. While Judy was telling the story, George just smiled except for adding a few clarifying comments.

Judy is a "local" girl who went to Brookhaven and graduated in the first graduating class there. She attended The Ohio State University and worked at City National Bank. She has a brother living on 25 acres in Maine who is a potter, musician, and artist. I'm not sure how the musician fits in, but I saw many beautiful examples of his artistry in pottery! Judy worked at Industrial Nucleonics (now Accuray) for three years after she and George were married; then while raising their two children, she worked at City National. As the children were older, she worked for the Westerville School District for about 30 years; and at the end of her career she was the Food Service Manager.

When the children became of school age, Judy and George began to look for a home with good schools and in a comfortable community. They had heard good things about the Westerville area and found their current home here. Their



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two children, Todd and Kim, are a year apart and live close. Todd is a personal fitness trainer and, having played soccer himself, now coaches a soccer team. Kim has a 21-year-old daughter at the University of Cincinnati in pre-med; and Todd has two daughters 12 and 13 years old, so family get-togethers are a highlight for this family.

While serving in the Air Force, George attended Columbus State while also holding a part-time job. Keeping up with the demands of the Air Force, a job, and school, he had to give up school. He saw that American Education Publications was looking for a flyman. George has always been interested in the printing profession after working with his father-in-law in numerous printing jobs. So this was an opportunity he was looking for. He was hired! This is the company which published the "Weekly Reader," a publication we all remember. This was the beginning of his printing career. He quickly moved through progressively more skilled jobs to finally achieve the classification of journeyman—a rare vocation today. He also was active in the administrative area of the company as a member of the executive board; shop steward; then Vice President, President, and Trustee of the Local Health and Welfare Plan with the union. He retired after 42 years (can you tell he enjoyed it?) and now works in food service at Westerville North.

George still enjoys hunting. I knew he was "holding out" about telling stories about himself when I saw a huge placard honoring him for running in the then Bank One Marathon in October 1982. He described it as one of the most difficult runs he remembers as the temperature was 38 degrees at the start and in the mid-80s at the end. Kim takes after her dad as she has run in 18 marathons—one in Alaska.

Judy and George have always enjoyed camping and remember many exciting and fun times. We can only mention a couple. On their first outing, they took the camper to Cape Cod; they don't start small! They arrived late, pulled in with most other campers relaxing after the job of setting up. They unloaded children, bikes, food, utensils; hooked up the electric; etc. Being yet unfamiliar with the system of setting up, it took a while, seemingly "forever." When they, too, were ready to relax, they recognized that they had been the "entertainment" of the evening.

Since I am out of room for *The Herald*, you will have to ask them about the fake electric box on a campsite pole which they were ready to hook up to. Or you could ask about the scary time they had while picking up sand dollars on Nags Head as the tide came in.

Another of the interests Judy and George have enjoyed since the days at the USO is dancing. They attend several

### **New Pastor**

We are excited to announce Rick Kyle as our new Lead Elder/Pastor. Rick and his wife Linda and daughter Katie and son Joshua moved from California to Westerville in December. Pastor Rick's first Sunday will be January 8, 2012, at 10:15 AM; and we would love for you to join us and to meet him. He and his family are excited to begin their ministry here and to meet our "neighbors."

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### **Huber Ridge Community Luncheon**

On Sunday, February 26, at 10:15 AM, we want to invite our Huber Ridge neighbors to worship with us. There will be a FREE lunch only for those who attend the worship service that morning. A very special event will be held for children age 3 years to fifth grade during the worship service. Please call us at 614-890-0078 ext. 10 or email [office@gracefellowshipwesterville.org](mailto:office@gracefellowshipwesterville.org) to let us know how many in your family are coming.

***Come grow with us as  
we encounter our God  
who knows us, loves  
us, and calls us to a  
deeper relationship  
with Him!***



dancing events, and the Beat Michigan dance rally is one of their favorites. Then they slow down to playing cards with neighbors, which takes far less energy—depending on how serious the game is.

When we made arrangements to meet and Judy asked me about how long I thought we would “visit,” I guessed about an hour and a half. She shared with me later that her thought was just what could we talk about for that long. When I was leaving after two hours, she commented that it didn’t seem that long.

Please come out to the Huber Ridge Area Association meeting on January 5, 2012, when we honor the Carey family and provide the community the chance to meet this delightful family. We’ll be sure to invite as many of the family as can come except for Zeus, of course.

—Joya Neff, Membership Coordinator

## Those Who Serve ...

We are proud to recognize Huber Ridge service personnel both in *The Herald* and on our website, [huberridge.org](http://huberridge.org). In this issue, we honor

- ♣ Specialist Katie Christy, service in the U.S. Army Reserve attached to the 377<sup>th</sup> MP Military Police Company based

in Cincinnati; one tour of duty in Italy; recently returned from tour of duty in Afghanistan.

- ♣ Sgt. John K. Harris, service with the 37 IBCT Army National Guard in Kuwait from January 5, 2008, to December 7, 2008.
- ♣ Gerald E. Shaner, over 33 years of service in the Army in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam.
- ♣ Lt. John Shinaberry, service as a C-130 pilot in the US Air Force stationed at Little Rock AFB.
- ♣ Captain John Paul Smock, U. S. Army, Military Intelligence, presently stationed in South Korea, has completed two tours of duty in Iraq.
- ♣ Specialist Mark Smock, service in the Army Reserve attached to the 342<sup>nd</sup> Military Police Company based at Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio, with tours of duty at Fort Dix, New Jersey, California, Indiana, Italy, and El Salvador.
- ♣ Sgt. Benjamin K. Spears from 1978-1986 Duty Station 1/81 FA 56th BRG, Germany; 25<sup>th</sup> INF Division, Hawaii; and 101<sup>st</sup> ABN Division., Ft. Campbell, Kentucky.

If you are serving or have served in our Armed Forces or have a family member in the service, please let us know by calling 882-8959 or emailing [president@huberridge.org](mailto:president@huberridge.org) today!

—James Welch, President



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### When the Snow Flies ...

please consider calling or emailing any one of the HRAA Executive Committee members listed on page 1 to volunteer for our 2012 projects—whether you have a little time or a lot. We need you!

—HRAA Executive Committee

## Enhancing the Jewel in Your Backyard!

When Mr. Huber laid out this community, he realized there was an area that couldn't be developed. It was a valley that had a stream, Spring Run, cutting through the landscape. That area we know as Ridgewood Park today. This park has become a lovely place where people can gather to play baseball, have a picnic, play on the playground, or take a walk through the woods.

We're very fortunate to have people who care about its preservation and continue to improve and maintain it. We need to thank Boy Scout Troop 560 and W.A.R.M. for their projects there in September and October.

Collin Slone's Eagle project and W.A.R.M.'s Day of Service project were both on September 10. Collin and the Scouts moved a portion of the path in the woods in two separate places. The first section was on the west loop, where one edge had eroded into Spring Run. It was necessary to move it before Halloween since we planned to have the haunted woods again and didn't want any mishaps. The second section was on the east loop where the rain had washed the path away over the years. It was in a low spot and remained very muddy there.

W.A.R.M. wanted to give back to the community since it had used the Park this summer for its lunch program. Many volunteers helped paint the toys, the picnic tables, and the shelter and did general beautification work—all of which gave the Park an extra layer of protection before winter!

The second Eagle Scout project was performed by Conor Paine-O'Brien. If you've ever entered the Park on the east end from Bashaw, you'll know the steps there needed to be replaced for quite some time. It was a major undertaking, which required a brave Scout to take it on! Conor stepped up and did a fantastic job there. He installed the new wood and shored the steps. It makes the slope so much easier to maneuver now; I hope you'll take time to walk that way.

—Lori Mann, Beautification Coordinator

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*Above: Participants in W.A.R.M.'s Day of Service Project  
Below Left: Collin Slone's Eagle Project Team  
Below Right: Conor Paine-O'Brien's Eagle Project*





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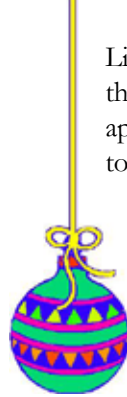
Super time at this year's Huber Ridge Area Association Halloween in the Park! Thank you, everyone who came out. The costumes were great! This year's event drew a record-breaking crowd of 441. Participants enjoyed many activities including games, a haunted woods, a hayride, a costume contest, and the ever popular trick-or-treat street.

Special thanks to The Flaherty Consulting Group who paid in full for the cost of the hayride. Stewart Flaherty, owner of The Flaherty Consulting Group and Blendon Township Trustee, picked up the cost for this most popular event at the party as it was the first time the HRAA was charged for the equipment and personnel by the Township. Mr. Flaherty said that since it was his grandchildren's favorite part of the party, he wanted to see it continue. Additionally, Mr. Flaherty, although not a Huber Ridge resident, is a big supporter of community events including those in the Ridge put together by the HRAA. Many other companies donated to our event including Sunbury Plaza Dental, The Chiller, Half Price Books, Cushions, Roush Hardware, Shadowbox Live!, Kroger on Schrock Road, Carsonie's, Brio at Easton, and Polaris Grill. Faith Covenant Church loaned several tables, chairs, and the grill; and Ed Chilcoat, Church member and frequent volunteer for HRAA initiatives, did most of the cooking for us. Ohio American Water Company allowed us to use their parking lot for overflow—and we needed it!

Many thanks to the several residents who donated raffle items making it the highest fund-raising raffle in HRAA history. Of course, this kind of event is just not possible without the volunteers who generously donate their time. Extra special thanks to the Halsey family who put together and coordinated this year's haunted woods.

With the numbers attending this event, it looks as though next year's planning group will have to kick things up a notch to accommodate everyone. If you are interested in helping out—especially in planning for next year, please contact Carolyn Cordray at [vp@huberridge.org](mailto:vp@huberridge.org).

—Carolyn Cordray, Vice President

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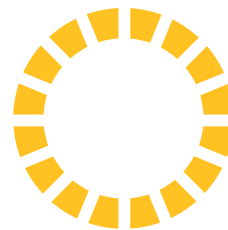
The HRAA sponsored its fourth annual Holiday Lights and Decorations contest in December. It was the best contest of all because no registration nor application was necessary. The only requirement was to decorate your residence for the holidays.

Judges Pam, Elisabeth, and Hannah Clegg and Sharon Ricker visited the HRAA neighborhoods and viewed the many light displays. First impressions, creativity, and imagination helped to determine the winners, who were notified on December 17 or 18. Prizes were cash (\$50 for first place, \$35 for second place, and \$25 for third place) and holiday gift baskets. The baskets were distributed the week of December 18 by one of Santa's dedicated elves accompanied by a member of the Blendon Township Police Department.

Look for the names of the contest winners and photos in the spring issue of *The Herald*.

—Sharon Ricker

Holiday Lights and Decorations Contest Coordinator

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The following people wrote one or more articles or letters to the editor for *The Herald* in 2011: John Belford, Ron Bricker, Ed Chilcoat, Pam Clegg, Bill Cochenour, Carolyn Cordray, Doug Dapo, Lori Mann, Missy McPeck, Joya Neff, Bryan Rhoads, Sharon Ricker, Tracy Shearer, James Welch, and Almina and Tom Wiebell.

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—Marje Obrist, Newsletter Editor

## huberridge.org Remains Hot

Huber Ridge residents continue to log on to [huberridge.org](http://huberridge.org) and Facebook to keep up with news of our community and to express their opinions. Here is the hit report for our website since July: 7,195 hits in July; 6,541 hits in August; 6,472 hits in September; 7,642 hits in October; 6,671 hits in November; and 3,101 hits from December 1 through December 15.

—Marje Obrist, Newsletter Editor

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- \$225 per issue for a full-page (7.5" wide x 10" tall) ad

If you are interested in advertising in the spring issue of *The Herald*, please contact Marje Obrist at 891-6944 or at [editor@huberridge.org](mailto:editor@huberridge.org).



## Welcome to Our Newest Members

In the summer issue of *The Herald*, we listed the 19 new member households we welcomed into the HRAA. Then at the Halloween party, we were glad to receive the following 15:

- ★ Richard and Penny Anelick, 3438 Paris
- ★ Mark and Michelle Archer, 3695 Santiago
- ★ Jeremy and Carrie Burns, 3587 Paris
- ★ Claudia Carney, 3554 Makassar Drive
- ★ David and Kara Chapin, 3751 Lima Drive
- ★ Jason and Shannon Cunningham, 6350 Hunt Club, N. W.
- ★ Ray and Danyell Dalrymple, 5780 Vienna Drive
- ★ Robert and Marcy Davis, 6030 Paris Boulevard, N.

- ★ Nathan and Lynn George, 5564 Copenhagen
  - ★ Jeremy and Christina Haynes, 3623 Bolamo
  - ★ Pat and Linda Hupp, 3665 Mexico Avenue
  - ★ John and Heather Robertson, 5524 Buenos Aires
  - ★ Timothy and Marcie Smith, 6333 Saddle Lane, E.
  - ★ Scott and Lynn White, 5615 Spohn Drive
  - ★ Benjamin and Amy Wilson, 3583 Makassar Drive
- Just recently Gene and Cathy McElroy at 5653 Montevideo Road joined us as members.

We now have 214 member households; but I must admit that I have been very tardy in sending dues notices, so that number may change. Never fear, we are very lenient in collecting dues! If you wonder when your dues are due, just call me at 614-891-0204.

—Joya Neff, Membership Coordinator

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Membership dues are \$15 per household. Dues are for a 12-month period and may be paid at any time throughout the year. You can bring your dues to a meeting or mail them to the Membership Coordinator, Joya Neff, 3615 Stockholm Road, Westerville, OH 43081. Checks are to be made payable to the Huber Ridge Area Association.

## Here's What's Happening in the Ridge!

Put these dates on your calendar!



- January 4 ..... Blendon Township Trustees Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.
- January 5 ..... HRAA Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.: ELECTION OF 2012 HRAA OFFICERS
- January 18 ..... Blendon Township Trustees Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.
- January 19 ..... HRAA Executive Committee Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 7:00 p.m.
- February 1 ..... Blendon Township Trustees Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.
- February 2 ..... HRAA Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.
- February 15 ..... Blendon Township Trustees Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.
- February 16 ..... HRAA Executive Committee Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 7:00 p.m.
- February 29 ..... Blendon Township Trustees Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.
- March 1 ..... HRAA Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.
- March 14 ..... Blendon Township Trustees Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.
- March 15 ..... HRAA Executive Committee Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 7:00 p.m.
- March 17 ..... 3rd Annual Silver Celebration at GRACE Community Church, 3475 Paris Boulevard, at 5:00 p.m.
- March 28 ..... Blendon Township Trustees Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.
- April 5 ..... HRAA Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.

*Happy New Year!*