

an informational meeting about the five-year emergency renewal operating levy for West Geauga School District. The levy will be Issue No. 27 on the Nov. 3 ballot.

The meeting will be at 7 p.m. Monday in Room 124 at West Geauga High School. School district officials and experts on state funding will be in attendance.

## Red Ribbon Week starts Monday

The Geauga County Red Ribbon Committee will celebrate Red Ribbon Week Monday through Oct. 24.

Following are dates, times and locations of events:

■ Monday — Noon, Chardon Square, "Raise the Flag, Ring the Bell"; 7:30 p.m., Newbury Middle School Youth Program, auditorium.

■ Oct. 22 — 6:30 p.m., Kenston Intermediate School Youth Program, auditorium.

■ Oct. 24 — 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Awareness Fair at the Great Lake Mall, Mentor.

The Newbury and Kenston youth programs will feature presentations by Geauga County Common Pleas Court Judge Forrest Burt, Jim Adams of the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services, local Drug Abuse Resistance Education officers and K-9 demonstrations.

A kids' carnival will follow the programs.

## Agenda

The Agenda lists public meetings and closed executive sessions in the area today, unless otherwise noted.

**Bainbridge Township Zoning Appeals Board:** 7 p.m., town hall.

**Burton Public Library Board trustees:** 7 p.m., library.

**Chester Township trustees:** 7 p.m., town hall.

**Cleveland Public Library Trustees:** Noon, board room, 10th floor Louis Stokes Wing, Main Library, 325 Superior Ave, Cleveland.

**Eastlake Planning and Zoning Commission:** 7 p.m., city hall.

**Highland Heights Park & Recreation Commission:** 7 p.m., city hall.

**Lake County commissioners:** 10 a.m., county administration building, Painesville.

**Lake County Educational Service Center Governing Board:** 6 p.m., board offices.

**Lake County Schools Council Health Care Benefits Program:** Lakeland Community College Mooreland Mansion; 2 p.m. annual meeting; 3:30 p.m., advisory network meeting.

**Lyndhurst Architectural Board of Review:** 7:30 p.m., conference room, municipal center.

**Mayfield Heights Architectural Board of Review:** 5:30 p.m., city hall.

**Middlefield Village Council:** 7:30 p.m., municipal center.

**Middlefield Village Parks and Recreation Committee:** 6:30 p.m., municipal center.

**Montville Township Zoning Commission Board:** 7:30 p.m., community center.

**Munson Township Zoning Appeals Board:** 6:30 p.m., township hall.

**Newbury Township Park Board:** 7:30 p.m., town hall.

**Painesville Board of Zoning Appeals:** 7:30 p.m., city hall.

**South Russell Village Planning Commission:** 7:30 p.m., town hall.

**Thompson Township Zoning Appeals Board:** 7:30 p.m., town hall.

**Willoughby Hills Planning Commission and Architectural Review Board:** 7 p.m., city hall.

## Corrections

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"I'm willing to extend (the position) to evaluate if it will pay for itself," Councilman Jefferey Campbell Jr. said.

City Finance Director Jeff Smock asked council to consider increasing her hours to

sewer bill.

Last year, council also adopted a policy requiring that landlords notify the city more often when tenants come and go — within 30 days of them moving in or out.

■ Thirty-five had no earned income and should have filed an exemption certificate.

■ Thirty-seven were found in the CCA computer system once Social Security numbers were available to verify informa-

cial because it has helped to ensure the city's income-tax code is being complied with," he said. "Just as important, it increase income-tax revenue not just year, but in every year in the future."

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Praveena Pewekar, dance instructor



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Praveena Pewekar puts jewelry on Mary Catherine Rigo, 10, in preparation for a dress rehearsal of Indian dancing Friday at Andrews-Osborne Academy in Willoughby.

## Dance instructor teaching culture, diversity

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Praveena Pewekar is working on her dream project.

The Painesville resident has assembled a new dance group, called Nach, Ballet, Bailar, which means dance in Hindi, French and Spanish, respectively.

The 40-year-old has been a student and teacher of dance for a long time, she said.

"I've always wanted to teach young minds so they can express themselves through dance and Nach, Ballet, Bailar is all about that," she said. "It's about respect-

ing diversity, embracing cultures, promoting teamwork and harmony amongst our youth to perform art."

Currently Pewekar has 12 students ages 8 to 18 and six 7-year-olds.

"I believe in two things that we can hope for for kids," she said. "Roots and wings. If we give them roots and a good upbringing, they will have wings to fly."

On Friday, her group, composed of various area students, will perform for the annual fundraiser of Ten Thousand Villages of Greater Cleveland at Trinity Cathedral.

Her group also will perform Nov. 1 at the Notre Dame Educational Center in Chardon

for 160 Sisters of Notre Dame at their India Day celebration.

On Oct. 23, she will start an eight-session dance workshop at Andrews Osborne Academy. The sessions will be every Friday until Nov. 24 from 3:15 p.m. until 4:15 p.m.

Each workshop will be \$64 per student, but stage performances will have an additional cost, the dance instructor said.

The three dances she concentrates on are classical Indian dance, African dance movement and Latin American dance.

For more information regarding Pewekar's dance workshops, call 440-470-4794.

## Four running for two positions on Nov. 3

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### Election

Troy Twp. trustees

Two residents are hoping to unseat two incumbents on the Troy Township Board of Trustees.

On Nov. 3, Troy Township's 1,520 eligible registered voters will be asked to choose which of the four will fill two open slots. The top two vote getters will serve four-year terms.

Candidates are incumbent Enos Allan Detweiler, Anthony Hylton, incumbent Gerald Mitchell and Bob Wood.

Trustees will begin their terms Jan. 1 and are paid \$10,288 annually.

Here's what candidates say:

### Detweiler

Detweiler said finances are always a challenge in a small community.

"Twenty-five percent of our land is owned by Geauga

County parks system and the city of Akron. It sort of shrinks your base," the 20-year township trustee said.

"This year, we have \$4,000 less in taxes than last year. But I think we will survive."

If re-elected, Detweiler said he will continue to spend tax dollars wisely and remember that he is there to serve the people.

### Hylton

Hylton did not respond to requests for comment.

### Mitchell

Mitchell, a retired Troy Township assistant fire chief, said he hopes to be re-elected to continue his quest to improve the fire department.

"We're running short on daytime staffing for fire and EMS," he said. "Right now,

we're billing nonresidents to raise funds. In the future, we'd like to bill the insurance companies of residents. Hopefully, by January 2011, we'll have enough money to start paid daytime staffing."

Mitchell said he also will continue to lobby for broadband Internet in rural areas.

### Wood

Wood said he is running for trustee to make sure the township's limited funds are spent appropriately.

Figuring out a way to clean up the downtown area — especially the main thoroughfare of Route 422 — would be one of his main objectives if elected.

"There are old structures that are dilapidated," he said. "We also need a future plan for growth. We need to work with a planning commission to have a plan in place, rather than just allow every builder who comes up with an idea to build."

### The candidates

#### Enos Allan Detweiler

Age: 67

Address: 14261 Main Market Road

Occupation: owner of Burton Sheet Metal

Education: graduate of Berkshire High School

Elected experience: 20 years as Troy Township trustee

#### Anthony Hylton

Did not respond

#### Gerald Mitchell

Age: 65

Address: 14238 Hoover Road

Occupation: dairy farmer

Education: Kenston High School graduate, University of Wisconsin

Elected experience: 10 years as Troy Township trustee

#### Bob Wood

Age: 49

Address: 18943 Mumford Road

Occupation: Hiram Village administrator

Education: high school graduate

Elected experience: none



## Red caps gowns are the new green

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Perry High School's graduation caps and gowns may be but the students wearing the June 6 will be thinking green.

The school's senior class officers came up with the idea to purchase recyclable caps and gowns from Jostens in a conscious effort to help the environment, said one of those seniors, Laura Teigeler.

"We are big on being green," she said. "This was another way we could contribute to the environment."

The gowns are made with ric fiber from wood sources managed forests and has a E-Zip coil zipper with tape and teeth made from 100 percent recycled material.

If buried into the ground, the cap and gown will decom-

pose within one year, Jostens sales

representative Rich Kirbus

Each recyclable cap and gown, with tax, is \$31.25, about 25 cents cheaper than the regular cap and gown.

This is the first year Jostens has offered the environment-friendly cap and gown.

The Minneapolis-based company specializes in school supplies like yearbooks, class rings and graduation attire.

Perry High School is the school in the area, and sixth school in the state, to commission the recyclable gowns, Kirbus said.

A dollar from each purchase is donated to an environmental cause.

"Anything to help out the environment is a good thing," said class officer Brooke Walker.

Jostens is just like every other company right now, trying to be green, Kirbus said.

"Every company has to look for different ways to come up with solutions to the problems the environment has," he said.

"You think about it, millions of kids graduate high school and college each year. All those caps and gowns end up in landfills or are transported back to the company to be cleaned and those cleansers have chemicals in them. If you put this into the ground, it's gone within a year. This is some thing that is part of the future."

Senior Class Adviser Suz Tetonis said she is glad students are working to keep the environment safe.

"We are proud of these students for making this decision and that they are conscious of the environment," she said.

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