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Council considers adoption of X-Plan

XENIA — After a year-and-a-half-long process of analysis and dialogue with Xenia citizens, the final draft of X-Plan is complete and will be presented to council on May 23 for formal adoption following a public hearing.

The public hearing will be held 7 p.m. in the city council chambers, Second Floor, City Hall, 101 N. Detroit Street, to invite any final comments from citizens before the plan is adopted.

X-Plan is Xenia's Comprehensive Plan - a vision for future development and community improvement in Xenia and a roadmap of how to achieve that vision. It will guide future decisions by City leaders regarding land use, infrastructure planning and maintenance, economic development, downtown and neighborhood revitalization,

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Beavercreek police to change up schedules

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BEAVERCREEK — Beavercreek Police will be changing schedules to better serve the residents, beginning June 2.

According to information presented at Monday's city council work session, patrol officers will work six 12-hour shifts, plus one eight-hour shift over a two-week period.

The change should provide better patrol coverage for peak accident and call times, according to Chief Dennis

Evers.

"Sixty six percent of all overall calls occur between 11 a.m. and 11 p.m.," Evers told council. Seventy-three percent of all crashes occur during that time as well.

The one eight-hour day will be slated for training, Evers said.

The idea to change to 12-hour shifts has been discussed since 2011, when Evers became chief.

"Every year we evaluate the schedule, to see if it's meeting our needs," he

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Historical society to host special event

XENIA — The Greene County Ohio Historical Society is hosting a special "Evening on the Titanic" event 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 1. Hors d'oeuvres and desserts from the First Class menu will be served, and music of the time period will fill the air. The captain will mingle with guests, and there will be a short program about the ship and its people.

Reservations are required for this event at \$15 per person, payable in advance by cash or check, and may be made at the historical Society office, 74 West Church St. For information contact the Greene County Ohio Historical Society at 937-372-4606 or gchsxo@yahoo.com.



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Learning to swim

A family of geese enjoy the warm weather with some swimming lessons.



Businesses expand into downtown Cedarville

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CEDARVILLE — A slew of new places to shop and eat has shown up on Cedarville's Main Street. And most of these young businesses aren't too worried about having to close anytime soon.

"I'm not looking to get rich," said Peggy Lawson, who owns Sassy Katz, a boutique that opened Dec. 1. "But if I can pay my gas and pay the mortgage then I have a little place to be while my kids are all at school, and it just works out."

Lawson and her family live in Blanchester, and she runs the boutique — which offers dresses for young girls, purses, and other gift items — while her three young great nephews attend school in Cedarville and while her

daughter goes to classes at Cedarville University.

"I don't look to close," Lawson said. "We did a lot of work, and I see it staying for awhile."

Patrick Wade of Cedarville Diesel and Automotive Repair, which opened in January, also said he didn't start the shop to get rich.

"If we can help people out, that's our biggest thing," Wade said.

He said he is not concerned about being able to stay open competing with the other auto places in town.

"I've actually had people come in, and they've said Cedarville can handle three shops in town," Wade said.

Both Wade and Sassy Katz's Lawson said business at their shops has been good

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Officials remind motorists to share the road with motorcycles

XENIA — In recognition of May as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, Greene County Safe Communities reminds motorists and motorcyclists alike to "share the road" conscientiously and courteously to help prevent motorcycle crashes which remain one of the most prevalent causes of death and injury on Greene County roads.

In addition to stressing the mutual responsibilities shared by all users of the road to prevent motor-

cycle crashes, Laurie Fox, Safe Communities Coordinator, said the safety campaign — initiated by the Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), state and local safety officials nationwide, and motorcycle safety groups everywhere — will also have increased enforcement by local police throughout May to make sure motorcyclists, and drivers of all types of vehicles, are obeying state

and local laws.

"Safety is a mutual responsibility for motorists and motorcyclists alike," said Fox. "Motorcyclists are about 30 times more likely to die in a crash than passenger vehicle occupants, so whether you are driving the family sedan, an SUV, a school bus, a delivery van, or an 18-wheeler, drivers should always be on the lookout for motorcyclists.

Drivers must be aware that a motorcycle, as one of the smallest


of vehicles on the road, can be 'hiding' in your vehicle's blind spots. Always check blind spots, use mirrors and signal before changing lanes or making turns."

She added, "Motorcyclists have responsibilities too. Riders should obey all traffic laws and be properly licensed, alert to other drivers, conspicuous at all times, never ride impaired or distracted, and always wear a Department of Transportation-compliant (DOT)

helmet and other protective gear."

This safety advice is particularly timely as motorcycle fatalities in 2011 showed a continued increase to 4,612. Motorcycle fatalities accounted for 14 percent of total highway deaths for the year despite motorcycle registrations representing only about 3 percent of all vehicles in the U.S.. Ms. Fox offered the following tips for drivers to help


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Local professor earns fellowship

WILBERFORCE — Dr. Kimberly D. Kendrick, chair, the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, College of Science and Engineering is among 19 professors across the nation selected to participate in the Executive Leadership in Academic Technology and Engineering (ELATE) Program at Drexel University in Philadelphia this 2013-2014.

Kendrick, a Dayton native, graduated from the Miami Valley School in Kettering in 1999. She received dual Bachelors of Science degrees in mathematics and business in 2003 and 2004 respectively from the University of Pittsburgh in Pittsburgh, Pa. She received a Master's degree and a Doctorate degree in mathematics in 2006 and 2007 respectively from Auburn University in Auburn, Ala. Kendrick is the daughter of Lillie Howard and the late Willie Kendrick of Dayton.

"Central State University's College of Science and Engineering is extremely proud of the fact

that, Dr. Kimberly Kendrick, the new chair of mathematics and computer science, has been chosen as a fellow of the Executive Leadership in Academic Technology and Engineering (ELATE) Program for 2013 -2014 at Drexel University - a joint program by Drexel University and Drexel University College of Medicine," said Dr. Subramania I. Sriharan, interim dean, College of Science and Engineering.

"This recognition is based on Dr. Kendrick's experience with excellence in academics and leadership. Her participation in the program will enable professional development for her in the areas of leading and managing change initiatives and strategic management of resources. Dr. Kendrick's participation will contribute to the enhancement of the missions of her Department, College and the University," he said.



Kendricks

The 2nd incoming class of ELATE at Drexel includes 19 experience and diverse women faculty in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields. They come from a range of universities and colleges across the country, many with global experience. Nearly half of the fellows have experience with leadership at levels of center directors, department chairs, and associate deans. Each was nominated by her dean or provost and will contribute to institutional initiatives as she expands her leadership skills.

The program focuses on increasing personal and professional leadership effectiveness, leading and managing change initiatives within their institutions, using strategic finance and resource management to enhance missions of their organizations, and creating a network of exceptional women who bring organizational perspectives and deep personal capacity to the institutions and soci-

ety they serve. Facilitated by leaders in the fields of STEM research and leadership development, the curriculum includes classroom lessons and activities, online instruction and discussion, an on-the-job application at each Fellow's home institution.

The Fellowship year concludes with the completion of an Institutional Action Project developed in collaboration with the Fellows' dean or provost. These action projects are not only designed to address an institutional or departmental need or priority, but also help the Fellows understand the challenges institutions face and the skills a leader must possess in order to address these challenges.

The work for this incoming class begins in May with online assignments and community building activities, and the program will conclude in March 2014 with a Symposium organized around their projects.



ExtravaBANDza 2013

Cedarville Middle and High Schools presented ExtravaBANDza 2013 in the new school's commons area. Under the baton of Director of Music Jason Mahan the combined bands played the "Captain America March" and "Superman" to the delight of the audience. *Submitted photos*

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but that they would like it to be better. Lawson said she was slow in January, and Wade said he thinks the university students like to get work done on their cars when the weather is nice.

"It seems like the winter time we didn't get a lot of business off of them," Wade said.

Now, with most Cedarville University students gone for the summer, the village's de facto population has been nearly cut in half and with it, potential customers for the village's businesses. However Mayor Bob Fudge says the businesses seem to make it through the summer.

"Our residents support the businesses enough for them to be open even when the university students are gone," Fudge said.

Taylor Minor, manager of the new ice cream shop The Neapolitan, says even though the village gets smaller in the summer, there's still a good amount of people.

"We opened Sept. 1 of last year," Minor said of The Neapolitan, "so it was kind of near the end of ice cream season. We're just kind of getting going in this year's ice cream season, but it's going very well."

Lawson said she originally thought university students would make up more of her business than they actually do.

"I thought the college girls would be the ones to really shop," Lawson said. "And it turns out they're probably about 35 to 40 percent of my business."

Cedarville Area Chamber of Commerce Business Liaison Sherman Mackereth has more hope during the

summer for places such as the new Chinese restaurant Double Dragon than he does for gift shop-type stores like Sassy Katz.

"Summer time is a hard time for them if they're not an eating place or a hair place or a garage," said Mackereth, who's own Cedarville business — a book and variety store — is closing at the end of May. "Those businesses do well here year round basically."

Fudge said those non-food businesses are concerning to him.

"I hope they listen to what their customers want," Fudge said, "and stock their stores with things that people are willing to buy and price them at prices people are willing to pay."

Mackereth's advice for these types of businesses is to have consistent hours and be involved in the community. He said this is how he has run The Christian Nook, which he has owned for 12 years.

"They will not last," Mackereth said of Cedarville's non-food businesses if they don't have regular hours and get involved in the community. "They will be closed down. Either that, or they might sit there, but they're not going to make any money. They're going to lose tons of money."

According to Fudge, catering to both the people in the village and students at the university is what these new businesses need to do to survive.

"I know people that come from 20 miles away just to have Colonial Pizza," Fudge said. "Sell a good product and people will come and buy it."

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said. "When I was a captain, we discussed the feasibility of looking at a 12-hour shift, but the timing wasn't right."

The department now has enough officers to institute the new shift policy. The change does not affect the minimum contractual standards Beavercreek Police have with the Fraternal Order of Police.

Beavercreek will not be the only area police department using the 12-hour shifts. Fairborn Police are on a 12-hour shift, Evers said. Xenia has officers on 12-hour shifts on a seasonal basis.

"This is popular in the medical field," Evers told council.

The change should help the department cut back on overtime, Evers said, which is budgeted \$150,000 annually.

Calling overtime "part of the cost of doing business," Evers said there are some situations where overtime just can't be avoided, such as an injury crash that occurs just before a shift ends, or an officer who has worked an overnight shift and has training to attend the next day.

This new shift policy should help reduce some of that overtime, he said.

The policy, which goes into effect June 2, will be evaluated at the end of the year.

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and general quality of life improvement.

The final draft of the plan, as well as the X-Plan Quick Reference Guide, is available in the X-Plan portion of the City's website

www.ci.xenia.oh.us/x-plan.html. Hard copies of the draft are available upon request by contacting the City Planner at 937-376-7285 or the city clerk at 937-376-7235. Copies of the Quick Reference Guide are available at City Hall, 101 N. Detroit St. or the Public Service Center, 966 Towler Road.

Once adopted, the City will use X-Plan to guide zoning and development decisions, annual budget planning, departmental work plans, grant-seeking, and civic partnerships. X-Plan also includes an Action Plan that identifies initiatives that are either already underway or will be pursued within the next three years.

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keep motorcyclists safe on our roadways.

- Remember, a motorcycle is a vehicle with all of the rights and privileges of any other motor vehicle. The person under that helmet could be a mother, brother, doctor, or friend;

- Always allow a motorcyclist the full lane width — never try to share a lane;

- Perform a regular visual check for motorcycles by checking mirrors and blind spots before entering or exiting a lane of traffic, and at intersections;
- Always signal your intentions before changing lanes or merging with traffic;
- Don't be fooled by a flashing turn signal on a motorcycle — motorcycle signals are often not self-canceling and riders sometimes forget to turn them off. Wait to be sure the motorcycle is going to turn before you proceed;

- Allow more following distance - three or four seconds — when behind a motorcycle to give the motorcyclist time to maneuver around obstacles in the roadway, or stop in an emergency;

- Never ride distracted.

Fox said motorcyclists can increase their safety by:

- Wearing a DOT-compliant helmet;

- Using turn signals for every turn or lane change, even if the rider thinks no one will see it;

- Signaling intentions by combining hand signals and turn signals to draw more attention to themselves;

- Wearing brightly colored protective gear, and using reflective tape and stickers to increase conspicuity;

- Positioning themselves in the lane where they will be most visible to other drivers; and

- Never riding while impaired.

"Our message to all drivers and motorcyclists is: Help to share in the responsibility of keeping all road users safe, and do your part by safely sharing the road," Fox concluded.

For additional information on motorcycle safety, visit www.nhtsa.gov/Safety/Motorcycles. For more information on the Greene County Safe Communities coalition and how you can get involved, call 937-374-5669 or email lfox@gcchd.org.

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