

Alumni Association seeking info

The Franklin High School Alumni Association is asking residents for information about a Glenna Blankenship (married name could be McGuire).

She attended Franklin High School, in 1954 and may have graduated in 1953, 1954 or 1955.

Anyone knowing her whereabouts is asked to contact, Liz Buchanan, Franklin High School Alumni Assoc., at lzrd275@gmail.com or 937-746-0875.

Parkinson Support Group meeting Oct. 13

The Franklin Parkinson Support Group will meet at 1:20 p.m. Oct. 13 at St. Mary Church Center, behind the church at 115 South Main Street, Franklin.

Speaker is to be determined. Persons with Parkinson and their care providers and friends are welcome. The facility is handicap friendly and the meeting is free.

For information, call Rose Wurst, coordinator at 937-231-3363.

Historical society hosting Evening of Trivia

The Franklin Area Historical Society will host "An Evening of Trivia" contest Sunday, Oct. 25, at J.D. Legends in Franklin.

Teams of four to six individuals will compete for prizes in the fund-raiser for historical society. The admission fee is \$20 per person. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

The contest will run from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The number of teams will be limited, so those wishing to participate should register soon by calling Mary Nenner, (937) 743-5832, or e-mailing her at mnenner@AAA-alliedgroup.com.

Other upcoming events planning by the historical society include a Victorian Activity Day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at the Harding Museum; a showing of a recently completed video on the history of Chautauqua at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 7, at the Deardoff Senior Center.

Franklin Board of Education develops new vision, goals, and objectives

By Peggy Darragh-Jeromos
For The Chronicle

A new vision, goals, and objectives adopted by the Franklin Board of Education are designed so that all of the district's resources are working efficiently and are focused on ensuring that district graduates are college-and-career ready.

The updated Continuous Improvement Plan was developed by the board in weekly meetings early this year, and was formally adopted at board meetings this spring. Each goal has a number of measurable objectives and action steps.

The vision and goals replace

those that the district had adopted and been operating under since the early 2000s.

According to district superintendent Dr. Mike Sander, everything the district does is to increase student achievement. "Our goal is to ensure that Franklin graduates are college-and-career ready and that the 13 years spent in Franklin City Schools are ones of academic growth," Sander said.

While a few of the objectives and action steps focus on internal procedures, many others will be visible to students, parents, building visitors, and the general public. Examples include enhanced building security features; soliciting

students' ideas for clubs and activities; a quarterly newsletter mailed to every household in the district boundaries; new busses to decrease the fleet's average age; updating the financial area of the district website; and updating the website, building signage, and logo.

The Board views this Continuous Improvement plan as a living document. They plan to periodically review the district's progress against the goals and will update objectives and action steps as needed in order to ensure and enhance students' preparation for colleges and careers.

The district's new vision is "The Franklin City School District will work in

partnership with families and the community to educate all individuals to be responsible, lifelong learners who possess the skills, knowledge, creativity, self-worth, and ethical values necessary to thrive in a rapidly changing, culturally diverse, global society."

Goals cover four areas: Student Success, Communications and Public Relations, Financial Resources, and District Support Services (Facilities, Nutrition, and Transportation).

The Student Success goal says "Every student progresses in his or her learning in order to be college- or career-ready upon graduation." Objectives for this goal are around the Ohio New

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Franklin Ridge administrator awarded

By Benjamin Mersch
Miami Valley Newspapers

Franklin Ridge Healthcare Center received a special recognition earlier this year when its administrator Anita Buddo was named the 2015 Administrator of the Year by the Ohio Healthcare Association.

Buddo received this honor earlier this summer at the annual Ohio Healthcare Association convention in Columbus. A panel conducted a blind review of all applicants to determine the recipient of the professional achievement award. The Ohio Healthcare Association represents about 800 centers throughout the state.

"It was an honor and something I will always cherish," Buddo said.

She has worked in the healthcare industry from more than 30 years and has been with Franklin Ridge since 2011. She started her career as a nursing



Photo by Ben Mersch

Pictured are Anita Buddo, Administrator at Franklin Ridge with Michael Coury, CEO of Generations Healthcare Management.

assistant, became an LPN, and later continued her education to an RN. She worked as a Director of Nursing while completing a business degree, and advanced

to become a licensed nursing home administrator.

Buddo was nominated for the award by Michael Coury, CEO of Generations Healthcare

Management, which owns Franklin Ridge.

"Working alongside Anita has taught me the importance of caring for the whole person, addressing not only clinical needs, but social goals as well. Anita is a great example of one who leads by her actions," Coury said.

Under Buddo's leadership Franklin Ridge achieved the Bronze Quality Award in 2014 and has worked to implement full integration of electronic health records, utilizing Advanced Excellence, LTC Trend Tracker, and other evidence based measures; and has implemented a FOCUS/PDSA model for quality assurance to identify problems and potential areas for improvement.

Franklin Ridge earned the Bronze Award in October 2014 during the National Convention of American Healthcare Association.

MVCTC SkillsUSA Chapter names officers

Submitted article

The Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC) SkillsUSA Chapter I held its first meeting on Sept. 21. The meeting included naming new officers for the year and introducing new students to SkillsUSA, fun and games.

The new SkillsUSA Chapter I officers for the 2015-2016 school year are:

President - Madeline Durham (Dental Assistant) Eaton;

Vice President - Emma Deranek-Williams (Cosmetology) Valley View;

Secretary - Bayley Boston (Dental Assistant) Brookville;

Treasurer - Alicia Jackson (Dental Assistant) Vandalia-Butler;

Reporter - Taylor Tucker (Dental Assistant) Tri-County North;

Parliamentarian - Kurtiss Jones (Cosmetology) Miamisburg;

Ambassador - Shelby Reed (Cosmetology) Carlisle;

Student Advisor - Taryn Haynes (Cosmetology) Twin Valley South.

The meeting included inspirational guest speaker

2015 MVCTC graduate Rayna Huffman, who placed at the National Prepared Speech SkillsUSA Contest in 2015. Rayna shared her success at MVCTC and encouraged students to get involved in SkillsUSA. The officers concluded the meeting with fun activities to help chapter members get to know each other better.

This year, the SkillsUSA Chapter I officers plan on making the meetings all about positivity and spreading happiness throughout each other's labs, the school, and

the organization as a whole. SkillsUSA is a great organization that is for all age groups that provides leadership skills and training, while promoting growth in individuals.

SkillsUSA improves the quality of America's skilled workforce through a structured program of citizenship, leadership, employability, technical and professional skills training. SkillsUSA enhances the lives and careers of students, instructors and industry representatives as they strive to be champions at work.

