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Title: Wildwood Playground and Kiwanis Pancake Day

24 Years ago on April 21st, 1993, many volunteers gathered here to begin building Wildwood Playground. This dedicated group worked with the architectural firm of Robert Leathers and Associates to accomplish that task. The playground features a multi-level wooden structure with interconnecting ramps, cubby holes, poles, slides and swings. This playground also provides room for imaginative and physical play for both handicapped and non-handicapped children of all ages.

Today, that same playground is a favorite gathering place for families, school groups from Granville but also from all over the county and state. It has become a treasured part of Granville by the residents that enjoy it. It is now beginning to see its 3rd generation of children come to play, grandkids of those that volunteered over 20 years ago.

The Granville Recreation District now maintains the playground and has determined that the structure needs to be updated. We will once again work with Leathers and Associates to rebuild Wildwood in the spring of 2018 so that generations to come will continue to have a safe and beautiful play space.

The Kiwanis Club of Granville will be hosting their annual pancake breakfast on Saturday February 18th, 7:00AM-2:00Pm at St. Edwards Catholic Church in Granville. Proceeds from this year’s Pancake Day will be used for renovations to the playground. The 75 members of the Kiwanis Club, known for putting on the Granville 4th of July Celebration, have has for many years sealed the wood at the playground as a service project – just one of many aspects of the Kiwanis Organization’s motto: “Serving the Children of the World”.

Kiwanis Pancake Day will also be the kick-off event for the GRD’s planning for the playground renovation. The GRD will be presenting an overview of the project on Sunday February 26th, 7:00-8:00Pm at the Granville School District Office (130 North Granger Street). If you would like to volunteer to be part of the committee, please sign up at the Kiwanis Pancake Day February 18th, plan to attend the GRD meeting February 26th, or contact the GRD at 740-587-1976.
Congratulations to the Aktion Club!

Aktion Club, Kiwanis International, LCBDD, Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities, provider agency

The new Aktion Club of Licking County received its official charter on Dec. 12.

The Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities was thrilled to be a part of the Aktion Club of Licking County’s Charter Celebration, held Dec. 12 at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Downtown Newark.

Aktion Club is a service organization for adults with disabilities that was founded by the global service organization, Kiwanis International almost 30 years ago. There are now 12,000 Aktion Clubs all over the world. (http://countydd.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Charter3web.png)

Clubs are member-led with a board of leaders — and participants have the opportunity to complete service projects they believe are important to the community.

Members of the local Newark, Granville and Heath Moundbuilders Kiwanis Clubs came together to sponsor the club over the summer and provide ongoing support to members and partner in service.

Receiving financial and organizational support from the Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities, the club meets twice a month — offering an afternoon and an evening meeting — rotating among various provider agencies in Licking County.
At Monday's celebration, officers and members of the Aktion Club were recognized and Club President Ray Shaw accepted the official banner, gavel and charter, dated with the club's official charter date, Sept. 1, 2016.

Officers of the new club are President Ray Shaw, Vice President Irene Flowers, Secretary Carl Gruber, Treasurer Brandon Music, Historian Ashley Blankenship and Sergeant-at-Arms Jordan Gaiters.

Members of the Board of Directors are William Butcher, Bryon Ferrin, Brittany Ferrin and Robert George.

The Aktion Club is in the process of fundraising and planning new service projects. The club is currently seeking new members.

For more information, go to aktionclub.org, or contact David McManus at the Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities at 740-349-6588 or david.mcmanus@countydd.org.

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Club at the high school and the Builders Club at the middle school-level, among programs. The K-Kids program objectives include the following:

- To provide opportunities for working together in service to school and community.
- To develop leadership potential.
- To foster development of a strong moral character.
- To encourage loyalty to school, community and nation.

Wilson noted, “Students will have a voice and be able to come up with ideas that impact the community. Students will be officers within K-Kids.”

Kiwani adviser and Division 10-E Lieutenant Governor Jennifer Lewis applauded the students for being the organization’s charter members and assured them that “in helping others, you help yourself.”

As charter members, each of the second-graders signed a special banner which was to be inserted into a time capsule.

Mayor Melissa Hartfield also presented the organization with a special proclamation.

“IT’s so important what you’re doing,” the mayor said. “What makes Granville a great and a safe place is the number of people who volunteer here.”

Before breaking for refreshments, K-Kids members pledged “to serve my neighborhood and my school. I will show respect toward my environment and I will try to make the world a better place in which to live.”

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Granville K-Kids celebrate Earth Day

STAFF REPORT

GRANVILLE - The Granville K-Kids celebrated Earth Day at their April 18 meeting with some special exhibits and activities featuring three stations that the 51 Granville K-Kids members visited.

At station one, they learned about preparing the sugar maple seedlings for distribution to students at Granville Elementary School.

At station two, K-Kids members met with TJ Harvey of Hope Timber. They learned how the company recycles pallets into mulch and how wood is reused.

The club's Buddy Bench (to be dedicated in May) is from Hope Timber Garden Center and donated by Kiwanis, and is a vintage bench that is being reused and repurposed into a Buddy Bench, intended for students who may not know what to play at recess or may need a friend at recess — that person sits on the bench and then a classmate will invite them to play and chat.

At station three, Terry Van Offeren of Granville Kiwanis shared information about recycling.

K-Kids learned about the process, saw a recycling demonstration, and learned about the recycling stations and compost that are used at the Kiwanis Fourth of July street fair.

Students were also given pencils made of recycled materials, crayons made from soy, and coloring books and information about recycling in Licking County.

Terry Van Offeren of Granville Kiwanis shares information about recycling with K-Kids members.

ROOMS HAVE MADE AN EARLY DEBUT

Some mushroom seekers will be waiting in Ohio's forests, meadows, fencerows, orchards, even backyards. They're easy to identify — they help make them pop and are at or two at a place of growing fungi are all it takes. Suit yourself.

But while you can enjoy your own beliefs on where to hunt, there's one guaranteed fact — the people who find the most simply start walking, all day if necessary. They walk and walk over this terrain and idea too, and some carry a light backpack with food and drink. Your walking should be slow. Move along just step by step, looking carefully in all directions, and when you find one sticking up through the leaves, stop and look even more carefully.

Some in butter or use in soup or gravy. If you have plenty, Google up "morel mushroom recipes" and experiment at length.

Finally, remember, if you get only a few or none at all, Michigan is waiting. The last big hunt is always near spring.