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Photo by Michael Steinberg

**Chagrin Falls Middle and High School students work alongside one another in the ever-popular coffee shop Tiger Perk, which opened for the semester last week. Hands-on job skills and valuable life lessons are embraced as part of the student-led business. Here, Tim Maisie (left) an education aide at the high school, readies for the morning rush alongside ninth-grader Bruin Spieth.**

# Brewing up job experience

By SUE REID

A long, familiar line formed outside the Chagrin Falls High School Commons last week as the student-run Tiger Perk staff readied for their first big rush of the morning.

For the first time, seventh-grader Kelly Anne Mooney, 12, worked the checkout, with student orders ranging

from a vanilla frappe coffee with marshmallow syrup and whipped cream to cinnamon sugar bagels and smoothies. “It feels like an actual job,” Kelly Anne, of Chagrin Falls, said. “It’s so amazing.”

The coffee shop, which opened for the first time this semester but has been in existence since 2017,

provides real-world career-and-job-skills training to about 60 students in grades 7-12, about half of whom receive special-education services.

It has grown and changed since its inception, going from a small room where students offered coffee made out of a Keurig to a dedicated warm and welcoming space filled

with professional coffee brewers, a professional ice-tea machine, quality syrups and Einstein Bros. bagels, among other enhancements.

“We are modeled off of any cafe you would walk into,” Tiger Perk supervisor Amanda Heintzelman said.

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## Chagrin to address cemetery constrictions

By SUE REID

Chagrin Falls is reaching capacity as far as in-ground graves available at Evergreen Hill Cemetery, and village officials took action Monday to address that.

By a unanimous vote, Village Council approved a motion instructing the administration to cease pre-need grave sales until Feb. 27. This is based on a recommendation from the village’s Cemetery Commission and is an effort to ensure that Chagrin Falls families who need to bury loved ones are able to do so.

The village currently has about 25 full-body graves available for sale and typically sells 19 or 20

in-ground sites annually.

“Our full-body-grave inventory is lower than ideal, and I don’t want families ending up in a situation to lay a loved one at rest, and we don’t have anything for them,” Councilwoman Erinn Grube, liaison to the cemetery commission, said. “Our graves are selling faster than expected, and we have a limited inventory.”

“My concern is we need to have a plan so, when our families have a death, they have options to bury their love ones locally,” she said. “It’s our obligation as a cemetery manager, if you will.”

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## Barn plans on horizon for historical society

By SUE REID

The Chagrin Falls Historical Society is one step further toward erecting a new replica barn behind its East Washington Street building as part of an estimated \$350,000 project, part of which is to be paid through community fundraising.

The barn, planned to be constructed next year, is to be used for such things as housing the historic police car and to provide space to exhibit some of the society’s larger items from its Henry Church collection, President John Bourisseau said.

Last week, the village’s Architectural Board of Review gave preliminary approval of plans

presented by architect Philip M. Koepf and supported the demolition of the 672-square-foot existing two-car garage, which is at the northeast corner of the property and behind the house.

The new structure is planned at 1,136 square feet, with 240 square feet of that dedicated to the Henry Church blacksmith exhibit.

The zoning variances linked to the project in the area of size, height and setback are recommended for approval from the board due to the context of the site, which is at the rear of the property at 95 E. Washington St., and the fact that it

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