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Chagrin Hunter Jumper Classic rooted in tradition

By SUE REID

At the age of 12, on her thoroughbred Watch Me, current Gates Mills Mayor Karen Schneider would begin a lifelong love of the horse show.

“This show is ingrained in my heart,” Mayor Schneider, 73, said. “I call it my passion project.”

Not only has Mayor Schneider’s involvement in the Chagrin Hunter Jumper Classic over the decades spanned numerous roles, including current board member, but her mother was the head of hospitality for the horse show at the Cleveland Metroparks Polo Field as far back as the 1960s, working on the box

seats and seating for special events.

Mayor Schneider has continued that history of family involvement, with her son, Eric, president of Schneider Saddlery, an integral part of the show, as is her husband Stan, who helps with sponsorship. Her granddaughter, Anna Schneider, is now riding, too, carrying the tradition

into a fourth generation.

“We have everybody working on it,” Mayor Schneider said. “This is the only major horse show left in Northeast Ohio.”

Mayor Schneider remains committed to its survival.

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Straight shooter



Photo by Michael Steinberg

Aurelia’s Mick McGuire, one of the village’s longtime bartenders, has expanded his creative side, embracing a passion for photography that includes nature, wildlife, portraits and more. He is pictured with his Nikon D7500 capturing a shot in a wildlife preserve within the Cleveland Metroparks. See story on page 4

Village Council ponders bridge project uncertainties

By SUE REID

What is the next step since Cuyahoga County received no bids for the long-anticipated North Main Street bridge project? That was a discussion point raised by village officials last week.

During a Committee of the Whole meeting that delved into the 2023 capital plan, discussion turned to the bridge project and what the future holds as well as the condition of the bridge itself.

“At the rate we are going, the bridge (project) might not even happen,” Councilman Andrew Rocky said.

“My gut is that it is unlikely that the bridge will be a 2023 project,”

added Councilman Mike Corkran.

“Obviously all of us are concerned to move this project forward,” Chief Administrative Officer Rob Jamieson said last week. “The county is doing their due diligence to make the project a reality this year if at all possible.”

Council members also discussed the condition of the bridge, and stated they have been asked by people in the community about it. They requested that Mr. Jamieson obtain a statement from the county as to its safety and condition.

“There are currently no weight restrictions or closures on either the roadway or the sidewalks on the

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Solar power coming to water treatment plant next year

By SUE REID

By this time next year, the village will be powering its waste water treatment plant with solar energy.

On Monday, Village Council unanimously approved an ordinance authorizing the mayor to enter into an agreement with YellowLite Inc., of Cleveland, to install a solar system at the plant as part of an approximately \$940,000 project.

While a number of solar installations have been installed throughout the village in residential areas, this would represent the first solar project at a village property.

It aims at controlling rising electrical costs.

In funding the project, the village will be receiving over half of the

installation costs as a result of grants and credits, with the village realizing a fixed cost for the electrical operations at the plant for the next 25-30 years.

In addition to the \$250,000 grant from Cuyahoga County, awarded through their American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA program, the village will also take advantage of a direct federal payment of \$376,000 as part of the Inflation Reduction Act signed into law by President Joe Biden last August.

The village will be taking out a 2.5 percent Ohio EPA loan for 20 years and will finance \$474,000.

The overall project is expected to result in a savings of 32 percent

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