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**“I am looking to gain independence and exposure to new ways of life during college and that’s exactly what an out-of-state liberal arts school education offers.”** — Ava Shaker



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# Spreading their wings



**Hannah Jones**  
Brigham Young University  
Provo, Utah

Not all Solon seniors staying close to home

By **MICHELE COLLINS**

While most of Solon High School’s Class of 2023 graduates are going off to college, many have chosen to stay close to home, opting to stay in Ohio.

But for these five seniors, going to college will mean traveling over 750 miles or more from Solon.

These adventurous students shared their reasons for their choices as well as what they will miss most about their hometown.

Zachary Rosen will be attending the University of Colorado, in Boulder, Colo. He plans to major in Neuroscience with a minor in Political Science.

“I chose this college because I love the outdoors, and having the opportunity to live out in Colorado

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**Brian Hong**  
University of California – Los Angeles  
Los Angeles, California

## Local couple brings fun to city mission children

By **MICHELE COLLINS**

For Michaleen and Bob Paul, early May is the time to hit up their family and friends for donations.

Not for themselves, but rather for the children living in the Cleveland City Mission’s Laura’s Home, a crisis center for women and children who are escaping dangerous home situations.

“I got involved with the Laura’s Home gala a few years ago, and then I started thinking about the children who were at the home. I thought that people are often generous at Christmas time with toys, but what happens in the summer?” Michaleen asked herself.

The answer? Not as many

donations come to the women’s crisis center in the summer months.

So Michaleen and Bob decided to change that.

They created an annual Toy Drive, which this year, took place last Saturday at the couple’s real estate office, Keller Williams Living, in Solon.

“We started the Toy Drive about four years ago, and now we have about 100 people who participate, bringing summer toys like bubbles, sand toys and beach balls.” The Pauls always donate a slew of baby pools as well.

“At Laura’s Home, they fill some of the pools with water, and in

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## Sobriety Checkpoint stops 733 vehicles

By **MICHELE COLLINS**

Of the 825 vehicles which went through the Solon Police Department’s Sobriety Checkpoint from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. May 13, 733 were checked and 19 were diverted for further review.

Twelve Solon officers and four auxiliary officers working the Saturday checkpoint on Aurora Road between SOM Center Road and Clearwater Court made two OVI arrests, one suspected marijuana seizure, and found one open container and one driver in possession of drug paraphernalia.

The Sobriety Checkpoint was among a series of advertised sobriety checkpoints carried out by the

Solon Police Department from time to time in its efforts to stop impaired drivers from harming others.

“The purpose of the checkpoint is to encourage safe and responsible driving, thereby creating a safer environment for the motoring public,” said Solon Police Sgt. Anthony Horvath.

He said the average stoppage time for drivers was just 20 seconds,

The Solon Police Department is a member of the Cuyahoga County Law Enforcement Task Force, a multi-jurisdictional coalition of 45 law enforcement agencies throughout the county that works together to make roadways safer by combating

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