Heather Ziegler



Two-Legged **Alley Cats**

There was a time in Wheeling's developing years that many neighborhoods were identified by their ethnicity. Our dad grew up in the mostly German enclave of homes in Center Wheeling. In particular, his home sat where the former Ohio Valley Medical Center stands today.

He often spoke of walking home from St. Alphonsus School and experiencing the sights, sounds and smells he encountered in the alley behind those homes. Some of the houses actually faced the alley. He said it was commonplace for many of the immigrant families to bring their recipes for delicious and aromatic foods with them. He bragged about certain baked goods his mother would produce to the delight of his family.

He also realized his first taste of home-brewed beer in that alley. The garages and outbuildings in the alley served as mini breweries for the selfmade crafters. The alley was a busy place.

When my parents moved their growing family to the Woodsdale area, it was a world much different from that of our dad's upbringing. But the good thing was there were and still are many alleys in the Woodsdale neighborhood.

Since our garage was at the far end of the yard and faced the alley, we spent a good deal of time exploring the "back sides" of our neighbors. On rainy summer days, our dad would pull the barbecue grill into the garage, open the large door and cook chickens on the spit. He would sit there for hours with a transistor radio, the family dogs and several curious kids for company It must have reminded him of his childhood spent in the alleys.

My siblings and I loved the alleys in our neighborhood. The alleys held a curious collection of garages, sheds and even a few barns left over from the area's original designation of farms and orchards.

A few neighbors were lucky enough to still maintain apple and pear trees on their properties. A few of those trees were within reaching distance from the alley and we often dodged the deer and property owners to grab a few pieces of fruit. A portion of the alley

behind our Hamilton Avenue home was built of bricks. It made for a bumpy ride on our bicycles. When I was a young teen, I would take my littlest brother and sister for walks up and down the alley. Early in these walks we discovered an old, abandoned mail truck tucked between two garages. It became our secret destination where we sometimes packed a bag lunch and enjoyed a picnic at "the truck."

In that same alley, we would spend hours in the summer watching in awe as the construction workers operated their diggers and cement mixers and built Peterson Hospital. Little did they know that as soon as they left for the day, we crawled in and around the scaffolding to see what they had accomplished each day.

Photos Provided vices System Helinski Shelter in Wheeling.

Cheryl Pompeo, Oglebay Institute School of Dance Director, teaches a dance to a group of teen girls at the Youth Ser-

GETTINGLIFE



Iglebay Institute Gives Helinski Shelter Girls Chance to Dance

their sock feet in the middle of a small conference room-turned-dance studio, facing a 19-inch flatscreen monitor.

pushed to the walls to make room for with Miss Cheryl from Oglebay Institute School of Dance.

It takes a while for Miss Cheryl to ap-Helinski staff work to make the elusive "Can you resend Zoom connection – the link?" "It's asking for a password." "You shouldn't need a password." "Can you hear me now?" "Can you see me?"

Once the connection is made, the girls can see Miss Cheryl – a.k.a. Cheryl Pompeo, OI School of Dance director – but she can only see them from the waist more opportunities," Scott said. down. It's part of the shelter rules to protect the identity of the girls at the emergency residential facility run by YSS.

Healing through Movement This is the second dance class in a year-long series of weekly classes Pompeo will lead for Youth Services System. The program is possible through a grant OI applied for and received from the Women's Giving Circle, a group of local women who pooled their resources through the Community Foundation for the Ohio Valley and use them to support projects and programs that benefit women and girls.

The initiative's goal is to introduce

WHEELING - It's 10 a.m. on a Fri- dance to girls who otherwise might not day in mid-January at the Youth Services have the opportunity, providing them said. System Helinski Shelter for girls. Three with physical exercise and a creative outteens in sweatpants and T-shirts stand in let that can improve mental health and

aid in healing from trauma. "The arts rewire the brain, how they think about themselves. It teaches the The long table and chairs have been brain a different path from left to right," ished to the walls to make room for Pompeo said. "I really believe when them to stretch, spiral and shimmy to anybody is in a situation that is highly Jay-Z during their hour-long session stressful, music and movement get the endorphins going. ... It contributes to the nealing process.

During the first class a week earlier, pear on the small screen, as she and the Margo Scott, longtime Helinski Shelter director, joined the girls in some of the stretches and attempted some of the dance steps herself.

'It was fun! We all laughed. It's great exercise, and it's good for them to be working together as a group. The class allows them to learn something new, which I always encourage. It introduces them to

Sock Hop

During the second dance class, the teens are taking a while to loosen up, most likely because someone is there taking pictures and asking them questions – questions they field with oneword replies, hands stuffed in pockets. But after 20 minutes of stretching and 10 more reviewing the steps they learned the week before, they are smiling and interacting more with Pompeo and each other. Pompeo, who doesn't know the names of the girls, identifies them by their socks.

"Štriped socks, you got it!" Miss Cheryl calls out.

"Pink socks, good job!"

"I love working with them," Pompeo

Community Connection

Pompeo said Oglebay Institute has a responsibility to the community to "reach out and help wherever we can help." Providing opportunities to all youth, no matter their circumstances, is an OI priority.

'Maybe the kids (at Helinski) were in dance but had to leave it because of a bad situation, or maybe they never had the chance. You never know, they could be the next Misty Copeland or Janet Jackson.'

Each dance class ends with a time of relaxation during which Pompeo teaches them breathing and mindfulness techniques they can use throughout their week whenever they encounter difficult

emotions or situations. 'It puts you in a nice place. You can be

wherever you want to be," she said. **Favorite Day**

Scott is grateful to the Women's Giving Circle and to Oglebay Institute for caring about teens who often get overlooked in society.

Cheryl is great with our kids, even though she couldn't even see them! She is encouraging and patient. I really think the girls are enjoying it," Scott said.

As more girls join the class, the plan is for staff to set up the Zoom on the larger TV in the shelter living room so everyone has room to stretch and move. Scott said she, the teens and the staff are looking forward to it.

"I have them all hyped up about it," Scott said. "Fridays are everyone's favorite day!"

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sentation. From toys to in-

store signage to television

characters, more compa-

nies are featuring people

Supporting Social Acceptance of Disabilities

International Day of Ac-

Love and creator of the disabled; you are living." International Symbol of Acceptance (the trademarked wheelchair-heart logo). 3E Love represents the organization's call to "embrace diversity, educate society, and empower each other to love life." The logo combines a convey a message of love and acceptance for people

with disabilities. After Annie unexpectedly passed away on Jan. 3E Love cofounder, Stevie Hopkins, helped to honor her memory with a celebration of her life and the symbol she creat-International Day of Acceptance and ability-related laws. continues to be embraced around the world.

"Tell the world you emtional Day of Persons with differences in people's age awareness, underties in entertainment, adclusivity we hope to fostrace who you are; a Disabilities on December lives every day." standing, and respect for vertisements, leadership, ter throughout the Ohio person with social rights, 3. The resolution aims to Locally, Easterseals people of all abilities. As and other means of repre-

WHEELING - Jan. who has an opinion, who promote an understand-

embrace all abilities, but it social, economic, and culis our hope at Easterseals tural life. that people demonstrate acceptance every day

Supporting Disabilities Easterseals treats a va-

riety of needs, but serving ceptance in an effort to those with disabilities is change perception of disheart and a wheelchair to the foundation of the organization, both locally and nationally. People vice announcement, Anthe largest minority in the of National Easterseals, world and are the most said, "Disability is not in-20, 2009, her brother and marginalized group, other ability. A person's ability than women.

ed. Jan. 20 has since been tries currently have an-limitless possibilities. ti-discrimination or dis-

by people of all abilities Nations General Assem- the world defines and To quote 3E Love, observance of the Interna- ing profound, positive

20 was recognized as the has interests, who has ing of disability issues goals, and who loves life; and support the dignity, a person who is empow-rights, and well-being of It is dedicated to the ered to make a difference people with disabilities. social acceptance of dis- in the world and not be Additionally, the goal is ability and honors Annie without a voice in soci- to raise awareness of the Hopkins, founder of 3E ety. You are not living need to integrate people with disabilities into ev-This one day calls us to ery aspect of political,

International Day of Acceptance takes those efforts one step further by prioritizing social acability.

In a recent public serwith disabilities represent gela F. Williams, CEO More than one billion an ability – no matter people live with some one's race or age; no mattype of disability, yet less ter one's physical or menthan 25 percent of countal condition. We all have these efforts. Our ser-seals' mission, we strive take to increase aware-

Williams added, "Easterseals is driven by pur-In 1992, the United pose: to change the way bly proclaimed the annual views disability by mak-



may be different but still A young boy proudly displays the International Symbol of Acceptance, a wheelchair-heart logo created by Annie Hopkins.

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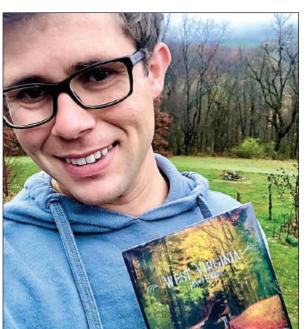
Representation Matters We work to educate the acceptance is to include community and encour- people with different abil- ilies we serve, and the in-

with disabilities and special needs. You can buy a Barbie doll with a prosthetic leg, see a child that uses a wheelchair on the wall of Target, and watch a doctor with autism on a major network. Čan you imagine how it would feel to finally see yourself represented in these ways? Seeing someone that looks like you is powerful on many levels. Representation matters

because it lets people know they are included, accepted, and celebrated regardless of their ability. It also benefits those that Photo Provided are able-bodied and developmentally typical to see a variety of abilities represented.

A small step you can follow Easterseals Rehabilitation Center on Facebook (@WheelingES-One way to facilitate RC). You will learn about the work we do, the fam-

Woman's Club of Wheeling to Meet Friday, Eli Lambie to Perform



LAMBIE

Club of Wheeling will meet on Friand online. day, Feb. 5, at Monument Place, Kruger Street, in Elm Grove.

The executive board will meet at dent Joyce Spurlock presiding.

practice social distancing.

his band, "Hit Play." The club wel-

Visit the club's Facebook page for a link to the amazing video.

A 2016 graduate of West Libing will begin at 1 p.m., with Presi-education, technology and performance, Lambie also plays violin In light of COVID-19 concerns, and saxophone, as well as piano. cal bands, he has written for ABC, sician who has performed for the singer for the Wheeling Symphony. club both as a solo artist and with He is a music teacher for Marshall County Schools.

ia Home" and was recognized by be collecting monetary donations officers. Hand sanitizer and masks W.Va. Gov. Jim Justice. He also and household supplies for local will be available at the meeting, and released his first album of original recovery centers. The Environment chairs are spaced for social distancpiano music, "West Virginia Piano Community Service Program will ing.

WHEELING - The Woman's Poetry." The CD is available locally be recycling plastic water bottles. Members may bring bottles to the meeting and the committee will recycle them. The Northern District Environment project is collecting 10:45 a.m., and the general meet- erty University majoring in music old mascara wands, to be sent to the Appalachian Refuge for the rehabilitation of small animals.

Many clubs events have been all members will wear masks and In addition to performing with lo- cancelled or delayed because of this difficult time, however the club is After the general meeting, Wheel- engineered music for Miss America still trying to do the much-needed ing native Eli Lambie will perform. pageants and Miss West Virginia community service that it has done Lambie is an accomplished mu- pageants and performed as a solo for many years. It is understandable that some will not feel comfortable attending meetings even with safety measures in place. Members can comes him back after he recently wrote and produced a music video for his song "My West Virgin- Abuse, Addicts and Recovery" will or by calling other members and

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thereafter.

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We were found out and made to end our after-hours hijinks when the neighbor's basset hound followed us and fell into a basement well. He was safely rescued by city firefighters but we were banished from the job site

The alleys were pretty safe in those days except for an occasional interaction with a neighbor's not-so-friendly German shepherd. Yet walking or riding through the alleys could prove profitable at times. Since trash collections were made from the alleys, we always knew when someone got a new refrigerator when a large cardboard box was put out with the trash. We would pilfer the boxes and use them to build forts down by the creek or use them as makeshift sleds in winter.

The alley trash was telling in other ways, too. It always amazed us when we would find a treasure amid the trash. We wondered why someone would throw out a perfectly usable bean bag chair (covered in duct tape) or a doll carriage missing only one wheel. We were always dragging things home to the chagrin of our parents.

Later I would learn the alleys in my hometown through my work here at the newspaper. I walked the 15th Street Place alley to the City-County Building nearly every day for 10 or more years. I learned alleys as shortcuts to fires and other newsworthy events. For me, alleys will always have a place in my book of memories. I bet they do for you, too.

Heather Ziegler can be reached via email at hziegler@theintelligencer.net.

United Way Helps Provide Meals to Local Residents

WHEELING – United Way of the Upper Ohio Valley has launched a food insecurities grant in partnership with Southwestern Energy.

The grant is open to organizations in Brooke, Ohio, Marshall and Wetzel counties that are providing food products and meals to local residents.

'Southwestern Energy is a strong community partner and aware that food insecurity is one of the biggest issues our community members are facing," Jessica Rine, executive director of the United Way of the Upper Ohio Valley, said.

"This grant will fund programs addressing these concerns so that they have the funding to provide for more families.'

Amy Dobkin, community relations manager for Southwestern Energy, explained that their company is committed to giving back to the communities in which they operate.

'As families continue to face hardships and challenges in our region, Southwestern Energy is grateful to partner with the United Way to administer grants to help with food insecurity," Dobkin said.

There are so many organizations supporting individuals and families throughout the Ohio Valley, and we want to support them as they continue to fulfill their heartfelt missions of providing essential food items and meals to those in need.

The applications can be found at UnitedWayUOV. org, and the deadline for submission is Friday, Feb. 5.

Several Thursday Music Club Activities Canceled

WHEELING - The Thurs- Club officials said they were day Music Club has canceled sorry to announce that The its monthly luncheon meetings until May 6.

May, everyone will be vacci-nated and healthy. More infor-on February 2022 for the audi-The mation will follow in April. Call tions. Information will be sent has been canceled until October Judy Szymialis at 304-242- out in October 2021. For more information call 5423 for more information.

Club officials said they were 304-551-1414. Members said hopefully by Feb. 27 at Vance Presbyterian mation, call Chops at 304-551information call Anita Chops at Lynn Welsh at 304-277-4730.

Chorus practice has been Young Musicians Auditions canceled until October 2021. are canceled for Feb. 26 and If interested or for more infor-

The Music Club Study Group

Ohio University Continues Investment in Student Success

ATHENS, Ohio – One key ingly diverse backgrounds and have already made great strides element of Ohio University's experiences that require varied in our efforts to increase opporbeen the identification of critical number of students can effectively reach their potential. Under the leadership of Presi-

Elizabeth Sayrs, efforts have been made to identify supports and barriers to student success across our campuses.

ing an affordable, high-quality their families," President Nellis said. "We fully recognize that Murphy. our students come from increas-

Student Success Initiative has approaches to ensure they thrive. tunities for student success,' Our end goal is to provide a resources to ensure the greatest world-class education that helps resources to support curricular each and every student meet and co-curricular planning and their educational goals." and experiences we will be better po-

dent M. Duane Nellis and Exec- successes of career engagement, utive Vice President and Provost central advising support, and their post-graduation success." experiential learning work underway at OHIO, the University announced that the Career and strong commitment to provid- and Experiential Learning have been aligned within the Office of

"Ûnder Jen's leadership, we students.

Sayrs said. "By bringing together In an effort to leverage the sitioned to support all facets of a student's education, including

Murphy originally was charged with implementation of the OHIO Guarantee+ Gradua-Leadership Development Center, tion Plan in fall 2020. The OG+ "Ohio University has made a Allen Student Advising Center, Graduation Plan provides individual student plans that map out academic, experiential learning, education for our students and the Provost, under the leadership and career milestones aimed to of Assistant Vice Provost Jen support achievement of equitable outcomes for all undergraduate



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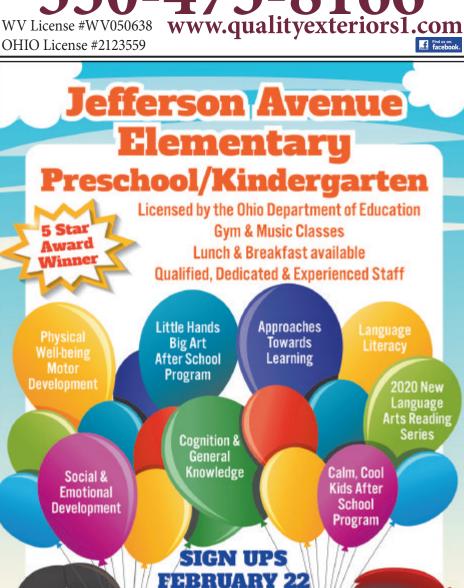
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This position requires a proactive and positive leader who is an excellent communicator (both written and verbal), anticipates well, is data driven and goal achievement oriented, has great business acumen, can work with many types of personality styles, can meet deadlines, is exceptionally organized, can effectively problem solve complex matters and propose appropriate solutions, can build trusting teams, will create and sustain a positive work culture/environment with other elected official offices, while serving and working on behalf of the citizens of Ohio County, WV.

Position Requirements: Bachelor's degree in Public Administration, Business, or related field is required. A Master's degree is a plus.

• Candidates must have at least five (5) years of previous innovative and progressive leadership as a County Administrator or equivalent which includes the management of Human Resources experience

for a county similar to or greater than Ohio County in population and geographic size. Candidates that have a high level of business acumen, strategic planning/execution, and other previous business experience is preferred.

Previous experience working with other elected public officials and agencies and others (city, municipalities, agencies) and grant organizations is required.

 Previous experience researching and helping support grant opportunities and working with county development areas (STIF/TIF Districts and Opportunity Zones) is a plus. Previous experience in county or business-related economic development and recruitment of business is preferred.

 Previous experience with a County which has an airport is also preferred. · Previous experience with running county elections or responsibility with general oversight is preferred.

 Candidates must be very technology savvy and be able to use a wide array of technology platforms to enhance the effectiveness and operations of the County. • Candidates must be well organized, be able to lead a team, be flexible with their thinking/solutions, finding win-win solutions, be an effective collaborator, build and maintain quality professional

relationships, and effectively project manage.

 Must have and maintain a current WV driver's license in good standing. May require National Incident Management System (NIMS) Compliancy Training and/or Certification within 12 months of hire.

Position Summary: The County Administrator serves as the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) of the County for the County

providing proper and appropriate leadership, communication, support, and direction. **Primary Responsibilities:** • Acts as a project manager or delegates this authority when needed on all projects, including, but not limited to, buildings - internal and external infrastructure/repair/replacement for all county owned

Commission. It also serves as a consultant to outside agencies and/or organizations as directed or required by the Commission. This position also actively supports and upholds the County Commission's mission, vision, and values on behalf of the citizens of Ohio County. This position also takes on the management and supervisory responsibilities of all County Commission employees and leads them by

property (outside of the Highlands Development - unless support requests are approved by the Commission). Other projects include, but are not limited to HVAC, roofs, office space, electrical, plumbing, security, and landscaping/grounds maintenance, etc.

 Serves as a liaison for the Commission for other County development projects as needed or directed and/or to serve as a resource to the Ohio County Development Authority. Must appropriately communicate and interact with the public, including being very responsive and timely to questions, concerns, and related matters for the County Commission.

Will serve as the public spokesperson when needed or required by the County Commission to deliver communication or responses.

• Directs, coordinates, and helps to execute (when needed) the activities and functions of the various County offices, departments, boards, and committees when implementing the requirements of the County ordinances and policies of the Ohio County Commission. Assures the effective and efficient utilization of the County Commission employees, funds materials, facilities, and time and will produce required data about county assets to make informed decisions.

Represents the County to the community at large, the city, county villages/municipalities, state legislature, Congress, and other government related entities/agencies as may be required or directed.

• Conducts research and provides reports/summaries, which identify any federal, state, local, and private grants for funding opportunities that align and help support the County Commission's vision and related strategies, goals, objectives, needs, and prioritizations.

 Prepares financial forecasts, reviews financial reports, and provides supporting/correlating data of other agencies for grants, contracts, and budget management purposes. Prepares the budget and provides systematic budget overviews for unified budgets and special projects requiring County fiscal support and input.

• Prepares, RFP's, RFQ's and conducts the bidding processes/requirements for any building construction, upgrades, and improvement projects along with any other services the County Commission deems necessary or in compliance with regulation or other requirements.

• Tracks all necessary and requested data (using technology as needed or required) and prepares periodic reports on any legal matters (in conjunction with the County Solicitor), the fiscal status of the

• Evaluates and monitors projects and contracts that involve the County Commission and/or delegates such responsibilities to other Commission team members. Evaluates and monitors projects and contracts for grant compliance.

county, status of grants, and other resources/projects. · Serve as a liaison between the County and outside funding agencies and groups, by participating in meetings/calls at the federal, state, and/or local levels.

 Provides assistance in resolving issues and conflicts with agencies by participating in meetings/calls that may impact the or affect the County or the Commission. • Serves as a resource to all County non-profit organizations and departments regarding funding programs.

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 Serves as the Purchasing Card Administrator and/or approval of Purchase Orders as needed or will delegate such duties with oversight. • Oversees and is responsible for the secure and proper execution of elected official elections within the County. Performs other duties as required, directed, and/or assigned by the County Commission. Physical Demands: Sedentary to Lite Compensation and Benefits: This position will be classified as exempt salaried. Compensation is competitive and commensurate with experience level. This position is eligible for all full-time benefits, which

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