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Laketrans hosting hiring event

Agency seeking up to 20 part-time drivers to launch Sunday Dial-a-Ride service

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Laketrans is hosting a hiring event from 2 to 6 p.m. on June 10 at its headquarters, with guaranteed interviews for all applicants. The transit agency aims to hire up to 20 part-time bus drivers to operate its Dial-a-Ride and Rides on Demand services.

Officials stated that the additional drivers will support the agency's expansion to a seven-day service, with the launch of Sunday Dial-a-Ride service this fall. Moreover, new hires will primarily serve seniors and people with disabilities, assisting customers in getting around Lake County and to nearby Cuyahoga County medical facilities.

"Being a public transit driver offers excellent career prospects at any point in life," said Laketrans CEO Ben Capelle. "Many part-time drivers progress to full-time roles, building long-lasting careers, while others find fulfillment post-retirement. "Our hiring event aims to raise

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Laketrans driver Ashley Romig picks up Madison resident William Jackson at the Lake County Elections Board in Painesville.

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COURTESY OF MERRITT

Merritt, a global leader in woodworking, has opened a training center in Mentor

Merritt opens training center for skilled craftsmen

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Merritt, a global leader in the delivery of interiors for prestigious estates and superyachts, recently opened its enhanced training center in Mentor. This facility and its expanded programs represent a major investment in cultivating the next generation of artisan craftsmen and supporting the continued growth of Merritt's team. "We are focused on delivering only the best for the most exquisite interiors in America and around the world," said G. Michael Merritt, chairman and visionary of Merritt. "We rarely find master craftsmen who meet the high bar we set, so we've built a system to grow our own. Through this Training Center, we can take passionate people and develop them into Merritt master craftsmen." According to a corporate news release, the new training center



COURTESY OF MERRITT

Lake County Commissioner Richard Regovich, center, takes part in the opening ceremony of the new Merritt training center in Mentor.

provides a dedicated space for structured classroom learning and hands-on skill development, complementing Merritt's on-the-job training and third-party educational programs. "Our talent is the key to our success," said Keith Merritt, vice

chairman and master craftsman. "We empower our team to deliver greatness by equipping them not only with advanced tools and equipment, but with continual learning, new techniques and mentorship. This Training Center and our pro-

grams are all part of that."

The Merritt Training Center will host enhanced training and development activities, as well as some new initiatives, such as:

- Squad Leaders — A multi-session training series for front-line leaders, developed in partnership with Cuyahoga Community College
- Project Management training
- Finish Carpenter skills training
- Woodcarving skills training
- Cabinetmaker skills training

All technical skills training at the Training Center will be conducted by Merritt's in-house master craftsmen. "Merritt has been a stalwart member of the Mentor business community for decades and we are thrilled to hear about their latest investment in their business," said Mentor Director of

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City moves closer to seeking tax increase

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Highland Heights recently sent a survey to residents to gauge response to a potential property tax increase. According to the survey, residents are on board. Conducted from March 17 to April 7 the survey asked residents to rate their quality of life in Highland Heights, how responsive they feel the city is, how much trust they have in their city leaders, and how they would want the city to address a funding shortfall. Among the 546 responses, 10 expressed dissatisfaction with "Most residents favor a balanced approach to addressing city financial challenges," the online results of the survey conducted by Burges & Burges Strategists stated. "One-quarter support revenue increases alone, while 20% prefer cuts only. Support for revenue increases was surprisingly

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FAIRPORT HARBOR

200th anniversary gala set

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The deadline is nearing for anyone who still wants to buy tickets for Fairport Harbor Marine Museum and Lighthouse's 200th Anniversary Gala. Tickets for the June 21 event must be purchased by June 13, and can be acquired online through the organization's Facebook page and website. The gala will take place from 7 to 10 p.m. June 21 at Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park, 301 Huntington Beach Drive. This event is being held to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the original Fairport Harbor Lighthouse at 129 Second St. Everyone who attends the celebration will be able to enjoy DJ music and appetizers, and drinks can be purchased from a cash bar.

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Bombardment dampens hopes of peace

Russia struck Ukraine with a thunderous aerial bombardment overnight.
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Change of crisis services announced

Starting June 13, Signature Health will take over operation of the Lake County Crisis Hotline, providing support. PAGE A6

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Trump can't deliver on promises

There's nothing Donald Trump believes in more than his own power of persuasion.
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STOCK MARKET

Wall Street gains ground following jobs

Stocks gained ground on Wall Street Friday following a better-than-expected report on the U.S. job market. PAGE B1

