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Cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy at the new Cleveland Clinic Family Health and Surgery Center in Twinsburg will be able to look out the picture windows at a peaceful wooded scene. The center sits on 88 acres.

Cleveland Clinic center almost ready in Twinsburg

Emergency room will open July 11 at \$96.3 million site; outpatient facility on July 25

By Cheryl Powell
Beacon Journal medical writer

The Cleveland Clinic is making its first major push into Summit County this month with the opening of its \$96.3 million Twinsburg Family Health and Surgery Center.

The 190,000-square-foot facility off state Route 91 is the Cleveland Clinic's first outpatient center to include a full-service emergency department staffed around the clock by its emergency medicine physicians.

The ER is to open July 11. The outpatient surgery center with four operating rooms, physician offices and other specialty medical services will start operations July 25.

"We've packed a lot into the building," said Dr. Richard Kratche, medical director for the center. "Our goal was to make everything convenient for the patient."

The facility will house about 60 physicians who specialize in cardiology, cancer, endocrinology, gastroenterology, general surgery, neurology, infertility, orthopedics, pain management, pediatrics, sports medicine, urology and other fields.

The center will include radiology and diagnostic tests, as well as a chemotherapy suite with floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking the grounds.

The entire four-story health center features large windows with picturesque



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Dr. Richard Kratche, medical director for the Cleveland Clinic's Twinsburg Family Health and Surgery Center, gives a tour of the new emergency room.

views of the surrounding wooded area, including 37 acres being preserved to meet federal requirements for wetlands on the 88-acre property.

"It's going to be great for patients," said Dr. Cynthia Deyling, chairwoman of the Cleveland Clinic Regional Operations Institute. "You couldn't ask for anything more calming."

Although the Cleveland Clinic draws many patients from Summit County's

northern-most tier, its share of the market south of the Ohio Turnpike (Interstate 80) is about 10 percent, Deyling said.

"We feel very strongly that we want to open our doors to those people south of the Ohio Turnpike," she said. "We feel there's a need to bring world-class service to them."

The Cleveland Clinic staff tested the new 12-bed ER on Thursday during mock

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KSU to increase fall tuition 3.5%

University cites declining revenue from state, record enrollment as reasons for adjusting cost

By Carol Biliczky
Beacon Journal staff writer

Kent State is the latest tax-supported university in Ohio to hike tuition by the state-mandated limit of 3.5 percent this fall.

The university announced Thursday that undergraduate tuition per semester will grow by \$158 to \$4,673 and graduate tuition by \$168 to \$4,971 at its eight campuses in Northeast Ohio.

"Kent State is dedicated to ensuring student success and continues to be one of Ohio's most affordable public universities," President Lester Lefton said in a news release.

The university cited record enrollment and declining revenue from the state as the reasons for the increase, approved just as the state legislature hammered out the details of a two-year budget that begins today.

Based on the state budget

approved this week, Kent State will get about \$16 million less in the coming academic year, the university said. Media reports pegged the loss at Ohio State at \$60 million.

The tuition increase at Kent State will provide about \$10.4 million, based on current enrollment, the university said.

The state used \$600 million in federal stimulus money to buoy funding to tax-supported colleges and universities for the last two years, but that program has expired. However, the state is appropriating more in general revenue funds to compensate for some of the gap, Regents' spokeswoman Kim Norris said.

As outlined in the new budget, the legislature approved a 1 percent increase in the general revenue fund allotment for the student share of instruction — the amount of money that the state provides per student.

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Employers to receive small jobless tax cut

\$14 reduction gets little notice as debate rages on Capitol Hill

By Stephen Ohlemacher
Associated Press

WASHINGTON: Virtually every private employer in the United States will get a tax cut today.

It won't affect workers' paychecks. But the expiration of a 35-year-old "temporary" unemployment tax — about \$14 a year per worker — will mean real money for some big companies at a time when President Barack Obama is pushing Congress to raise taxes on businesses by closing some loopholes.

Amid a fierce debate over whether higher taxes should be part of a deal to reduce annual deficits — in exchange for letting the government go further into debt — the small cut in federal unemployment taxes has received little attention on Capitol Hill. Most employers probably don't even know they are getting it, especially those who are being hit with bigger

increases in state jobless taxes.

But business groups say every little bit helps, whether you're a small employer struggling to make a payroll or a huge company like Wal-Mart, with more than 1.4 million U.S. workers. That's nearly \$20 million a year in savings for Wal-Mart.

Some worry that reducing federal unemployment taxes while the jobless rate hovers above 9 percent will add to the system's financial problems. But the tax cut will save businesses nationwide more than \$14 billion over the next decade, according to congressional estimates.

"The death of any tax on jobs, no matter how big or small, is a historic moment and one to be celebrated," said Rep. Dave Camp, R-Mich., chairman of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee. "The fact that it has taken 35 years for this 'temporary' tax to expire clearly illustrates the dangers of higher taxes — once in place, they are unlikely to ever go away."

The expiring levy was a 0.2

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Clifford-Shoemaker Funeral Home co-owners Marilyn and Ken Shoemaker, with their son Steve, stand near a white building where they would like to install a crematorium.

Falls may end crematorium ban

Clifford-Shoemaker Funeral Home requests change in zoning law

By Gina Mace
Special to the Beacon Journal

CUYAHOGA FALLS: If you go to a Falls funeral home today and ask that you be cremated when your time comes, well, you may get sent out of town for that.

That's unless the City Council acts on a proposal from Ken Shoemaker of the Clifford-Shoemaker Funeral Home.

The city's current zoning law prohibits crematoriums at funeral homes, according to Law Director Paul Janis.

Shoemaker said the family-run business provides a cremation option for families they serve. But offering the option requires sending the remains to another facility.

"It seems like a better way to service the family if we have the facility here," Shoemaker said.

Only one Falls funeral home surveyed, Billows, has its own cremator — in its Fairlawn location. Others, like Clifford-Shoemaker, must contract outside facilities when families request the service.

"We want to do this to better serve our families," Shoemaker said.

The city is weighing a change, but with restrictions. Cremations would be limited to the funeral home's direct customers — not for other funeral homes.

Shoemaker said he doesn't mind the restriction.

"There is so much responsibility that goes into making sure the authorizations are correct and everyone responsible in the family has a say in

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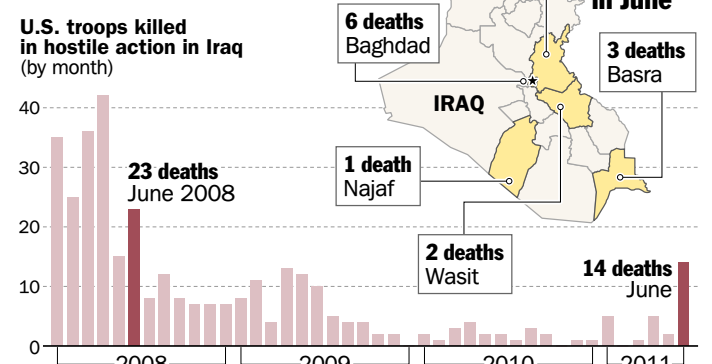


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U.S. troop deaths in Iraq spike

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More U.S. troops were killed in hostile action in June than during any month since June 2008.



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