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Powell, Delaware on affordable list

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Two Delaware County municipalities are among the most affordable places to live in Ohio, according to a study by a Columbia-based realtor that rates housing first.

Powell and Delaware both rank in the top 25 of affordable places to live in Ohio, the study found.

"The rankings are based on seven categories: total costs, utility costs, total crime, median home prices, unemployment, adjusted median income and miscellaneous costs,

which includes clothing, entertainment, repairs and maintenance."

Only cities with populations greater than 10,000 were included in the study.

Powell scored in ranked fourth.

Moving into the more low entertainment costs

offered by the city, the low unemployment rate and the wealth of traditions.

"The city's real value is shown in its adjusted income department," the site also says.

"Laying out rankings for that category at No. 1, the adjusted income of this place is \$45,714. Even without all the tax breaks that still make this value a great location for households overall."

Delaware is not included, ranked at eighth overall.

The county tied in tenth for its low unemployment rate, adjusted median income and low cost of living.

Delaware County ranked No. 10 on the list, while Delaware ranked No. 24.

Author to sign copies Friday



Cynthia Van Vleet seated in her office at the home she built in Delaware. She is authoring the book "The Big Book of Ohio, The Ohio Book of Ohio" which is being signed by her at the book signing. She is the author of "The Big Book of Ohio, The Ohio Book of Ohio" which is being signed by her at the book signing.

When she was 12 years old, Cynthia Van Vleet wanted to be a teacher and a writer.

"I've done all those things," said the author of "The Big Book of Ohio, The Ohio Book of Ohio" which is being signed by her at the book signing.

She is a member of Delaware County Public-Teacher Relations, 28 W. Water St.

The journey from teacher to author began when she wrote a weekly column for the Delaware County newspaper. She is now a full-time author.

"This was one of something that I had done for me," she said. "I'm not quite a novelist, but I'm not quite a poet."

Abbey told her mother she felt she could write it. Her mother was skeptical, but she decided to let her try.

"I was 11 years old when I wrote the first book, and I was 15 when I wrote the second," she said.



John Lewis (center) meeting with Wesleyan University's faculty and staff in March 2012. In the background, from left to right, Wesleyan professor Michael Thomas, trustee of Lewis House McCoy and President, Herb Jones.

Civil Rights legend speaks at Wesleyan

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A legendary member of the American Civil Rights movement inspired an audience with advice and anecdotes from a remarkable life when he spoke at Wesleyan University.

John Lewis, the longtime "conscience of the Congress" from Georgia, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree, CWI's highest recognition, at Wesleyan on March 21.

He spoke to a group of about 200 people who were gathered in the Wesleyan University Center for the Performing Arts.

"I am honored to be here today and to receive this degree in honor of those who never give up," Lewis said. At 74, he is the last surviving member of the "Big Six" leaders of the Civil Rights movement in the 1960s.

The speech took shape with childhood memories of growing up in Troy, Alabama, as a youngster. Lewis wanted to be a politician and practiced his skills in the classroom and on the street.

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Glitter jar said to help assault survivors

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April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and among the events held in Delaware County is the Glitter Jar Workshop.

The workshop is a free, one-hour session where survivors of sexual assault create a "glitter jar" as a form of self-expression and healing.

The Glitter Jar is a jar filled with glitter and a note. The note is a letter to yourself, a friend, or a loved one, and it is a way to express your feelings and experiences.

The workshop is held from 1 to 2 p.m. on April 23. The location will be checked on registration by calling Powell at 740-385-1167 ext. 311.

Survivors also said the jar is a way to help them cope with their trauma and to connect with other survivors.

"It's not just about the glitter jar," said Dushak. "It's about the community we build together and the support we can provide for each other."

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