

Reneker named cross country, track and field head coach at MC



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Recently-named the head cross country and track and field coach for Mississippi College, Matthew Reneker is pictured with his wife, Jennifer, and their canine family.

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Mississippi College athletic director Mike Jones recently announced Matthew Reneker as the head cross country and track and field coach for the university. Reneker served as the interim track and field head coach during the 2020 season.

Reneker joined the Mississippi College staff in 2016 as the assistant coach for the cross country and track and field programs. He previously served as the Director of Operations at the University of Akron.

"Matthew has been a part of our program for several years," said Jones. "His knowledge with our university, the cross country and track and field programs, along with our student-athletes made him the right

fit to lead us into our future. We are excited about this next step."

"I moved my family from Ohio to coach the runners on the distance team for Mississippi College four years ago. It is an amazing opportunity, and I am honored to now be at the helm, as the head coach for the track and field and cross country programs," said Reneker.

"Over the past four years, I have recognized something special here. I call it 'the MC difference.' This institution is a place I am proud to represent; from the vision set by the president, to the involvement of the faculty, the pride of the coaches, and the dedication of the athletes, I am honored to represent MC and lead this team forward into the next phase of the track and field and cross country programs," Reckner said.

Officers announced by Happy Gardeners Garden Club

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Officers of the Happy Gardeners Garden Club of Clinton have been announced for the 2020-2021 club year.

"Members join me in thanking our outgoing chairperson Janet Newman for her dedicated contributions to the club," said Judy Ferguson, who succeeds Newman in the leadership role of the club.

Officers include Ferguson serving as general chairperson; Paula Wim-bish, secretary; and Merrie Anderson, treasurer.

Committee chairpersons are Ann Howell, courtesy; Barbara Barnett, hostesses; Judy Fain, information; Dianne Martin, membership; Carole Kelly, public relations; Caroline Hoff, reminders; Becky Wright, year-book; and Cheryl Yeagley, special projects. Program committee mem-

bers are Becky Wright, chair, Kathy King and Julia Blaylock.

The Happy Gardeners Club meets from September through May. However, the final two meetings of the club's 2019-20 year were cancelled as members complied with efforts to curtail the spread of COVID-19. Meetings are typically held at the Clinton Nature Center. In addition to community service activities, club programs focus on helpful gardening information presented by a variety of specialists. Recent programs included creating flower arrangements with materials from one's own yard and attracting and nurturing bluebirds.

The Happy Gardeners evolved from the Newcomers Garden Club, established in September 1986 as a new activity of the Clinton Newcomers Club. In September 1992, the group was recognized independently as The Happy Gardeners.

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