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T-C Staff/Bud Motter

**NEWLY APPOINTED** Madison Local Schools Superintendent Rob Peterson (left) discusses his new position with interim superintendent John Thomas. Thomas had just returned to work due to 14 day quarantine.

## Peterson chosen as superintendent

By Bud Motter

Madison Local Schools has selected Rob Peterson as the new superintendent, replacing interim John Thomas.

Peterson has a long history with the school system which includes five years as an English teacher, two years as an attendance officer, nine years as an assistant principal and 12 years as principal.

He has been a head baseball coach, assistant basketball coach and head basketball coach and has been married to his wife, Heather, for 31 years. They have a

daughter, Morgan, 27; and son, Cory, 25.

Peterson said, "I feel honored to be selected to lead the Madison Local School District, and I would like to thank the board for providing me with this opportunity.

"I have a strong passion for Madison students, staff, and the Madison community and look forward to providing the necessary leadership and support to help move the district forward.

"We have great students at Madison, and we want to challenge them and support  
*(Continued on Page 18)*

## Lexington Mayor Brian White praises local community

By Village of Lexington Mayor Brian White

Lexington, like many small communities I expect, is staying virtually connected for work, school and social engagement. Technology is a wonderful tool during this challenging COVID-19 time.

I enjoy seeing neighborhoods coming together with their own Facebook pages and challenging photo scavenger hunts which is getting folks connected and outside.

Sidewalk chalk art has become very popular, with spring showers providing a new pallet every few days. Lexington has always been a walking, running and

biking community but is now heavily enjoyed while practicing appropriate social-distancing. I am sure all the extra walks are truly appreciated by the canine community. I am also hearing about many families taking advantage of the time to connect more closely with their kids and teach life skills like cooking and cleaning which we always seem to be too busy to master.

Local small businesses are appreciative of the many customers that continue to patronize them. Thank you to everyone picking up carry-out or curb-side from all of the local eating establishments. The

## Ballots must be cast by April 28

The Richland County Board of Elections is predicting approximately a 20 percent turnout for the March 17, 2020 Extended Primary Election.

To date, almost 14,000 voters have either voted early at the board office during the designated early voting period, or requested an absentee ballot by mail. There will be no in-person voting for this Election period which ends on April 28.

The only exception is a provision which allows any voter who falls under the category of Americans with Disabilities, or voters who cannot receive mail at their residence. These voters are permitted to come into the Board Office on April 28, between the hours of 6:30 am and 7:30 pm to cast their ballot on the Electronic ICX voting units, or with the assistance of our remote ballot marking process.

The absentee voting deadline is near. There is a two-step process under Ohio Election Law to obtain an absentee ballot by mail. A signed request application with the voter's original signature must be received by the Board of Elections before the actual ballot may be sent out to the voter. Absentee applications to vote by mail are available at [https://www.richlandcounty-oh.gov/departments/public\\_administration/board\\_of\\_elections/index.php](https://www.richlandcounty-oh.gov/departments/public_administration/board_of_elections/index.php) and tapping the Voter Information link at the left, then click on the Absentee Voting tab. An application can also be downloaded from [www.voteohio.gov](http://www.voteohio.gov) or requested by

calling the board office at 419-774-5530.

Voters must indicate on the application whether they want to be issued either a Republican, Democratic, Libertarian, or in a few precincts, a non-partisan/issues-only ballot. Applications for the mailed ballot must be received by noon on Saturday, April 25. Voters may return their voted absentee ballot by mail in the postage paid envelope provided, or they may be deposited in our locked drop-box which is located in the rear, lower level parking area near the board entrance at 1495 W. Longview Ave., in Mansfield. If the ballot is mailed, it must be postmarked by April 27. If it is dropped off or delivered in person, it must be received by 7:30 pm on April 28.

Unofficial Results will be available on April 28, 2020 after 7:30 pm. Any mailed ballots postmarked by April 27 and received by May 8 will be included and counted in the Official Results which are generated at least 10 days after the April 28 deadline. Those with questions should call the board office.



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**IT'S NOT TOO LATE** to get absentee ballot requests in. The deadline to get them in the mail is this Saturday, April 25. To help, the Mansfield Area YMCA will be available Thursday, April 23 for voters to drive up to register to vote absentee. From 9-11:30 am workers will bring an application and a stamped addressed envelope directly to cars. Those receiving the application can fill out the request, drop it in a mailbox and wait for the Board of Elections to send an absentee ballot. Once a ballot is received and filled out, it must be postmarked by Monday, April 27.

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# The Entertainment Examiner

By Ian Stumbo

Recently released on DVD and Blu-ray is *Jumanji: The Next Level*. This is the sequel to the 1995 *Jumanji* sequel called *Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle*. The original cast of Dwayne Johnson, Jack Black, Kevin Hart and Karen Gillan are reunited with Danny DeVito and Danny Glover in funny supporting roles.

Young Spencer is already back in the game of *Jumanji* when his friends discover that he is back in. They reluctantly decide to follow him to discover why he went back. Unfortunately the DeVito and Glover characters get transported as well so the main cast alternates their avatars throughout the movie which makes for a really fun time and good challenges for the actors. Spencer is in the body of actress Awkwafina who eventually finds his friends to defeat new villains and adversaries.

This sequel was actually just as good as its predecessor. A scene where the team

must out race a bunch of angry mandrills on several rickety bridges makes for a really fun sequence. All of the actors do a great job in becoming their characters and then having to switch between other characters. These last two movies are certainly different from the original starring the late, great Robin Williams but the updates with video games and the current cast still maintain the spirit of *Jumanji*.

*Jumanji: The Next Level* is a fun film for the family and Johnson and Black really impressed with their performances. The action sequences are really engaging and it's the definition of a fun popcorn flick.

Look for The Entertainment Examiner's video posts on YouTube.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



## Matthew Savick

Madison Comprehensive High School senior Matthew Savick celebrated his 18th birthday on April 19. He is the son of Scott and Amy Savick.

## Richland County Foundation relaunches Richland Gives

The Richland County Foundation believes that generosity has the power to unite and heal communities in good times and bad. A global threat like COVID-19 affects more than just the infected.

It is a time to come together to drive a spike of generosity, citizen engagement, business and philanthropy activation, and support for our community and nonprofits in Richland County.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Richland County Foundation Board of Trustees relaunches the Richland Gives giving platform Tuesday, April 14 to help nonprofits raise operating revenue during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Many nonprofit organizations are experiencing financial difficulties. Richland Gives traditionally is held on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving.

However, many charities need money now to deliver on their missions. The foundation will pay the four percent Mighty Cause platform fee. During this special edition of Richland Gives, donors only will be assessed a credit card fee of 2.99% plus .30 cents per transaction. The foundation also will run an advertising campaign to support the fundraising effort.

The Richland Gives COVID-19 Relief effort will run from April 14 to May 5. Nonprofits that participated in the December 2019 Richland Gives are automatically registered.

If a nonprofit new to Richland Gives wants to participate contact Maura Teynor at [mteynor@rcfoundation.org](mailto:mteynor@rcfoundation.org).

May 5 will be a global day of giving organized by the #GivingTuesday organization to help during the COVID-19 pandemic.

See the ad on page 12 of this week's *Tribune-Courier*.

## RPH sponsors contest

Richland Public Health is running a contest on their Facebook page. They are asking people to post their face mask picture for a chance to win a \$25 gift card.

The link to the contest is <https://www.facebook.com/richland-health.org/photos/a.387684491272109/4057398380967350/?type=3&theater>.

Entries are being collected until Friday, April 24.



THE PRE-K classes at Mansfield Christian School celebrated their teacher's birthday by driving by her house. Some like Adalyn Foote (left) even made signs. Teacher Ellen Lilly said it was good to see her students even if was from a distance.



DAVID AND GAIL WOLFORD of the Madison area will celebrate 40 years of marriage on April 25. The couple were married in a candlelit ceremony April 25, 1980 at Mayflower United Church of Christ, Madison area. A family celebration was held in January. They have three children Jeremy (Jenna) Wolford, Jolene Wolford (Dennis Young) and Jessica (Ben) Steele; and two grandchildren, Audrey and Cody Wolford.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

If you attend a regularly scheduled meeting each month, please contact the organization to clarify if meetings are currently cancelled. The Community Calendar listing will return to the *Tribune* when COVID-19 ceases to cause scheduling conflicts.



**LEXINGTON WESTERN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** educational aides Connie Pritchard and Belinda Pressey created a "We Miss You" message for students



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## News Briefs

A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, April 25 and 26.

Acceptable items include aluminum and metal cans, milk jugs, detergent bottles, plastic bottles with number 1 or 2 on the bottom (please remove lids and rinse), cardboard, all papers included with the newspaper but no other magazines or paper.

★  
CACY services are still in full operation as an essential mental health service for Richland County. Although the office lobby is currently closed to public walk-ins, personnel can still respond via email or telephone. For a quicker response, email any prevention educator directly or call the main telephone number 419-774-5683 and leave a message. For general questions, email andersont@cacyohio.org.

Several online lessons and resources for youth and parenting support is also available.

★  
HEAP may be able to help residents with winter heating bills. To apply, fill out the application available by calling the Area Agency at 419-524-4144 or 800-860-5799 Monday-Friday 9 am to 5 pm. Anyone age 18 and older may apply for this assistance. Those 60 and over can get assistance with filling out the application. All heating types are eligible for energy assistance programs – electric, wood, coal, natural gas, propane and kerosene. The heating assistance deadline has been extended to June 1, 2020.

★  
Due to the current outbreak and health risk of contact, the Richland County Veteran Service Commission will not be conducting face to face interviews, allowing walk-in clients or transporting to the VA Medical Centers until further notice per the State of Emergency declared by Governor Mike DeWine.

Those seeking financial assistance can call the office to speak with executive director Ken Estep. Answers to benefit questions and issues will be available by phone.

Those who have symptoms of fever, coughing, sneezing and trouble breathing should not leave their home. Veterans whose family physician is the VA should call 800-368-8262.

Anyone who cannot contact their physician should contact Richland Public Health at 419-774-4500 or the State of Ohio Health Department at 614-722-7221.

★  
The Olivesburg United Methodist Church, 4748 Rt. 545, men's prayer breakfast that is usually held the second Saturday of each month is cancelled until further notice.

★  
The North End Elder program will be cancelled until further notice. All other large group meetings will be cancelled as well. All staff remains available during regular working hours via phone, email, video conference and scheduled in person meetings.

NECIC and Temp2Higher are open by scheduled ap-

pointments only. Walk-ins are not being accepted at this time. Jobseekers are encouraged to apply at [www.temp2higher.org](http://www.temp2higher.org) or call 419-522-1611. NECIC will continue to find work for jobseekers.

The best way to stay informed is [www.necic-ohio.org](http://www.necic-ohio.org), on Facebook and by calling 419-522-1611.

★  
A video was created by Madison Comprehensive High School senior National Honor Society member, James Wagner. The members and advisor wanted to encourage their fellow RAM staff and students to persevere through this new situation of distance learning.

National Honor Society's purpose is to create an enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote worthy leadership, and to encourage the development of character in the students of Madison. The video can be viewed at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1aE3qZ0KzrKnq-I6hVPfSI7Ith3yvR6lkd/view>.



**MAREN THOMAS**, a Pre-K student at Mansfield Christian, watches her teacher, Ellen Lilly, perform a science experiment during one of the class' Google Meetings.



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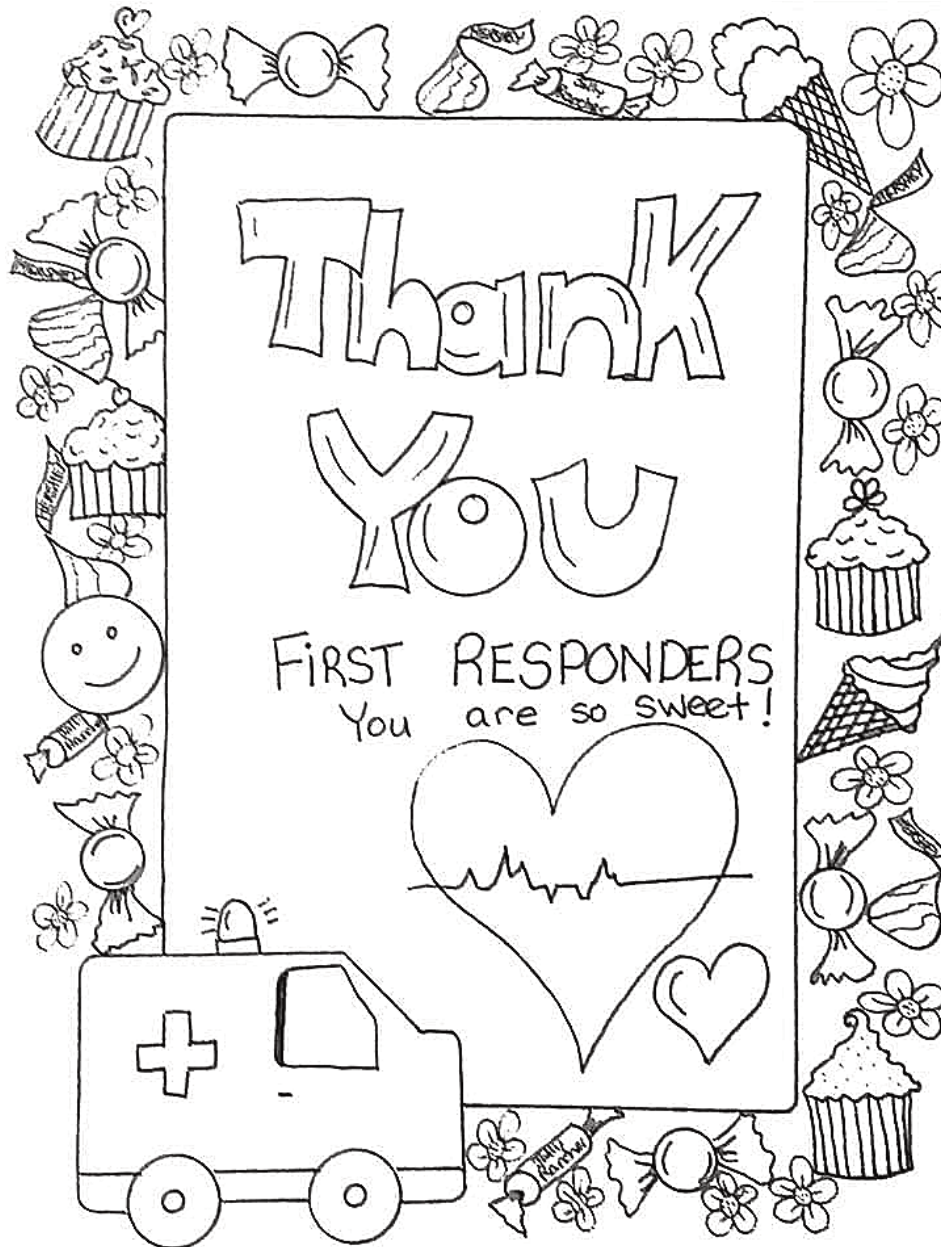
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Amanda Thurber of Ontario  
RN,BSN,RNFA, CNOR



Angela Jameson  
Registered Nurse  
Emergency Department  
Avita Health System



Jolene Wolford, BSN, RN  
Heartland of Centerville, Dayton  
(Madison High School graduate)



Carol McFarland  
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Megan Tucker  
food service worker  
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Cindy Ling  
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Alisha Reinhart of Lexington  
RN - Staff Nurse  
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Noah Dunn, RN,BSN and  
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Starletta Cole of Lexington Social Worker, MSW, LSW Mt. Carmel East Hospital (Madison High School graduate)



Harold Brown, D.O., Family Practice Physician with Avita Health System He works with patients face to face and by teleconferencing.



Ben Ricker Firefighter/Paramedic Springfield Township Fire Department



Hannah Schaefer 2014 Lexington Graduate Adult Psychiatric Patient Tech OSU Harding Hospital



# Richland County Shows Its Heart



**RACHEL MUTTI** and her mom, Anne, decorated their front door thanking all delivery workers in honor of "The Heart Movement." Rachel is a sophomore at Lexington High School and Anne is a seventh grade English teacher at Lexington Junior High School.



**BROTHERS CARSON AND JACKSON PIGG** of Lexington set snacks out by their front door to thank delivery workers and postal carriers. The hearts on the door also thank restaurant workers, teachers, doctors, nurses, grocery store workers and truck drivers. Parents are Brandon and Dawn Pigg.



**TYLAN VICKERS, 4**, stands at his "Grammy's" decorated front door (Chontru' Jefferson-Wentworth).

## Church Directory

### **Risen Savior Lutheran Church**

1685 Lexington Ave., Mansfield • 419-775-1175  
Pastor Brad Wright • risensaviormansfield.com  
9 am Sunday Family Bible Time • 10 am Sunday Worship

### **Southside Christian Church Disciples of Christ**

2055 Middle-Bellville Rd., Mansfield • 419-756-3436  
Pastor Paul Lintern  
10:45 am Sunday Worship

### **Lexington Presbyterian Church**

35 West Church St., Lexington • 419-884-1330  
Reverend James Randas  
10:30 am Sunday Worship  
Bible Study 2 pm Wednesdays

### **Ontario United Methodist Church**

3540 Park Avenue West, Ontario • 419-529-4345  
Rev. Chris Bell  
Grace & Eggs (breakfast) every Sunday 8:30-9:30 am  
Kingdom Kids (Sunday School) 10:15 am  
Adult Sunday School 9:15 am  
Sunday Worship 10:15 am  
Bible Study Tuesdays 6 pm (A study for all: families, singles, seniors)

### **Hillside First Church of God**

2369 Bowman Rd., Mansfield • Pastor Glenn M. Phillips  
Sunday Worship 10 am • Wednesdays 6 pm  
hillsidefcg@hotmail.com

### **Ridgeway Church of God**

1380 Park Avenue East, Mansfield  
419-589-5385 • RidgewayCOG@aol.com  
Pastor John Dodds • Associate Pastor Billy Saunders  
9:30 am Sunday School • 10:40 am Sunday Worship  
6 pm Sunday Family Events  
2 pm Wed. Joyful Journey Bible Study • 6:30 pm Wed. Night Kids

### **Mayflower Congregational Church**

548 North McElroy Rd. • 419-589-6612  
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9:15 am Sunday School • 10:30 am Sunday Worship  
Wednesday Bible Study 11 am  
www.mansfieldmayflower.com

### **Cornerstone Grace Brethren Church**

1905 N. Lexington-Springmill Rd., Mansfield  
Les Vnasdale, Philip Moeller • 419-747-5012  
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Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer 6:30 pm  
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### **St. Peter's Catholic Church**

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### **Promise Land Fellowship**

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# Richland County Shows Its Heart



**MEGAN BOGGS AND AMY MOUNT** brought sunshine to their customers by working with other employees to decorate the drive-thru lanes at Mechanics Bank's Madison location on Ashland Rd.



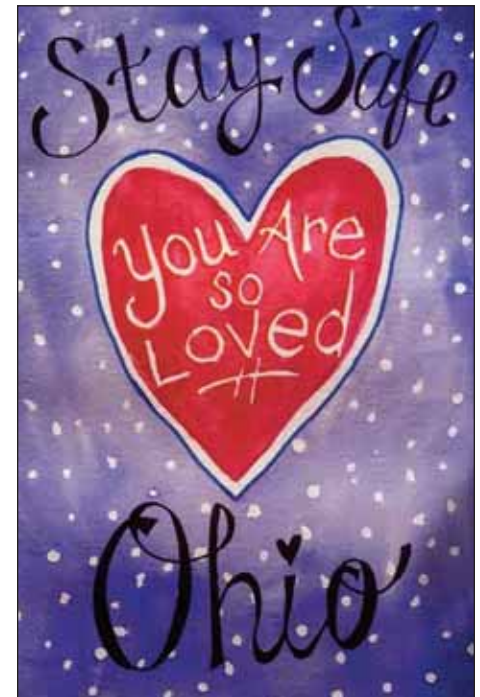
**SIBLINGS SOPHIA AND CARSON FISHER** got in the spirit of "The Heart Movement" by drawing a message on their porch. They are students at Lexington Central Elementary School. Sophia is a second grade student and Carson is a third grade student.



**ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL** students in Key Club participated in a card drive to deliver positive messages and encouragement to those in local nursing homes, including Mansfield Memorial Homes, Winchester Terrace Nursing Center, Wedgewood Estates and Primrose Retirement Community. The card drive was led by junior Makayla Minard (left photo) who made 100 cards. Laura Beckett (right photo) also helped to make cards.



**MELINA SCHULTZ**, a junior at Lexington High School, leaves a treat and a thank you for delivery and postal workers.



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# LOOKING BACK: This Week in Tribune-Courier History

## Patrolman Stough Completes Training



April 21, 1967

### Ptl. Ted W. Stough

Ontario Patrolman Ted W. Stough has completed the 120 hours of Ohio Peace Officer's Training at Bucyrus, graduating April 12. Ptl. Stough graduated from the National Academy of Law Enforcement, Huntington Park, Calif., in 1965.

He was sworn into the Ontario Police Department Nov. 3, 1966 after serving three years with the Richland County Sheriff's Department and one year with the Imperial County Sheriff's Department in El Centro, Calif.

Ptl. Stough served four years in the U.S. Air Force as an electronic technician and is presently enrolled in the Cleveland Institute of Electronics. He will receive his radio engineer's license in July.

He attended Ontario High School and graduated from Mansfield Senior High School.

Ptl. Stough and his wife Jacklyn have a three year old son Ted, and they reside at 38 Tamarac Drive, Lexington.

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April 28, 1967



Relay Queen Shirlie Phillips is shown holding the first place trophy to be awarded Saturday at the Third Annual Ontario Relays. Surrounding Queen Shirlie is her court, back from left, Marijo Taylor and Linda Martin. Front from left, Janis Emboden and Cindy Gage.

### Ontario Hosts 3rd Annual Relay

Ontario will host the 3rd Annual Ontario Relays this Saturday, April 29. Six teams will participate for the championship honors.

Crestview will bring one of the finest high school discus throwers in the nation with John Casler. He has tossed the platter over 188'.

Shelby has won the Relays the past two years. This year Malabar has entered and the championship could be closely contested. Ontario placed third

in 1965 and was runner-up in 1966.

Many records are expected to be broken as there are many athletes who have already bettered existing Relay Records.

Teams participating will be Lexington, Crestview, Clear Fork, Shelby, Malabar and Ontario. Three boys may be entered in individual events, but only two may participate. Scoring will be on a 6, 4, 3, 2, 1 basis.

Awards will consist of winners trophy, runner-up trophy, ribbons for all five places in individual events and ribbons

for first two places in relay events.

#### ONTARIO RELAY RECORDS

Shot put — 51'9 $\frac{3}{4}$ ", Pittenger (Shelby) '66

Discus — 148'6 $\frac{3}{4}$ ", Casler (Crestview) '66

High jump — 6'1", Henkel (Shelby) '66

Pole vault — 12'5", Maier (Shelby) '66

Broad jump — 19'9 $\frac{1}{4}$ ", Fisher (Shelby) '66

Two mile run — 10:23.9, Fredericks (Mt. Vernon) '66

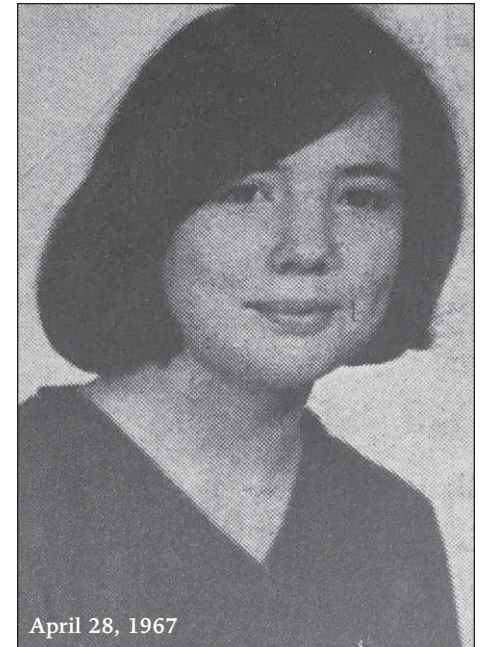
High hurdles — 15.5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", East-erday (Ontario) '66

April 22, 1983



READY FOR KINDERGARTEN — Kerri Rich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Rich, talks with Sister Timothy after registering at St. Mary's School to be sure she will have a place in the kindergarten class.

Marc Stumbo



April 28, 1967

## Introducing Linda Armstrong

By GERRY BERGER

Linda Armstrong, a freshman, is the secretary of the Student Council at Ontario Junior High School. Linda is the president of the 4-H Club, a member of the decorating committee for the Spring Dance, and a reporter on the Ontario Renegade.

Her favorite subject is English, but in her spare time she enjoys sewing and drawing. Linda's favorite sport is swimming.

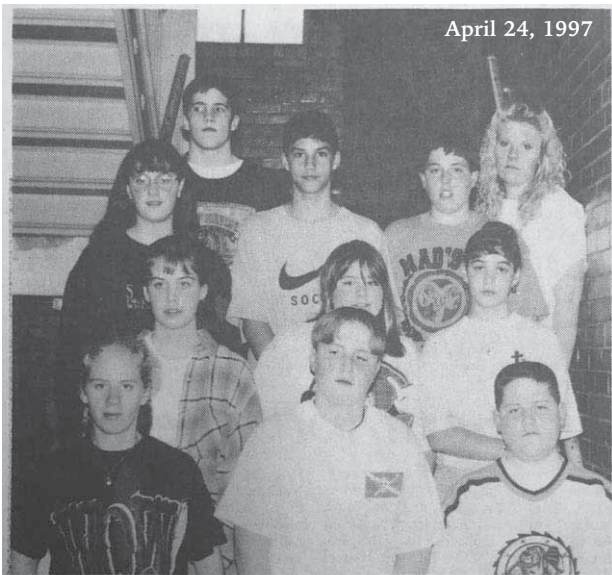
Linda lives at 211 South Lexington - Springmill Road with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Armstrong, a sister Cindy, who is a fifth grader at Bedford Elementary, and a brother Dan, a seventh grader at Ontario Junior High School.

Linda's opinion of the school is, "I think it's a great school to go to and I like most of the teachers." Linda hasn't made any plans yet for her future.

On April 23, 1954, Hank Aaron hit the first home run of his Major League Baseball career. Twenty years later, he became baseball's new home run king when he broke Babe Ruth's long-standing record of 714 career homers. Aaron was a native of Mobile, Alabama and began his professional baseball career in 1952 in the Negro League and joined the Milwaukee Braves of the major leagues in 1954.

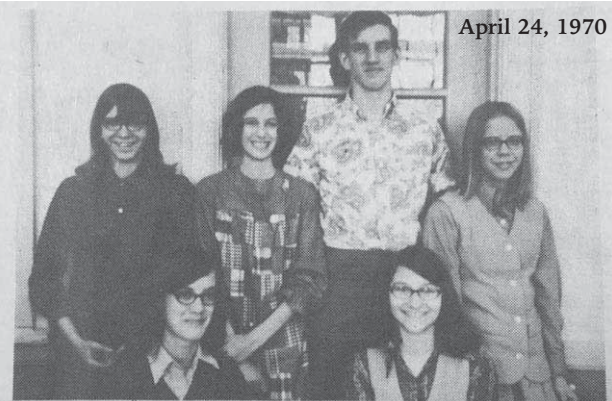


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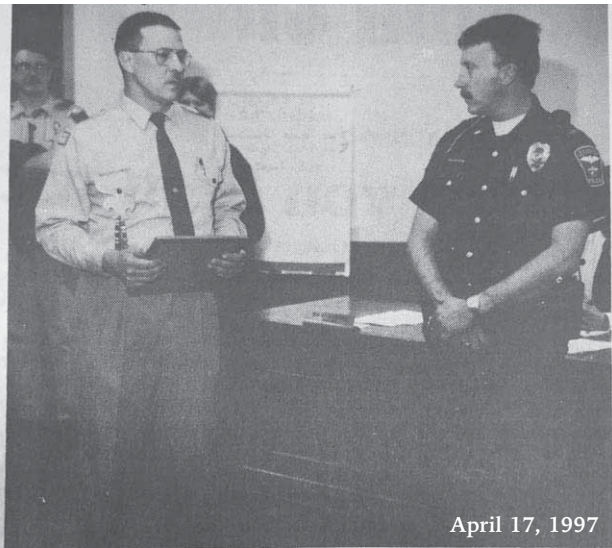
April 24, 1997

MADISON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL has named its citizens of the month for February. The students are, first row, Cassie Zeigler, Brad Worthington and Doug Foley; second row, Kim Kline, Leslie Fields and Elaine Finley; third row, Mary Simmons, Cameron Husty and Mark Hedrick; fourth row, Nate Yetzer and April Clark.



April 24, 1970

LEX SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS - Above are winners in the Lexington Science Fair. Seated are Julie Betz and Carla Kalinoff. Standing are Kathy Thomas, Sharon Shaughency, Kurt St. Clair and Holly Walter.



April 17, 1997

SCOUTMASTER KEN WOLF (above left) and Boy Scout Troop 152 of Lexington attended the Lexington Council meeting last week to present Patrolman Jeff Hoffer and Mayor Eugene Parkison with plaques for their work and time spent with the scout troop. Hoffer (above right) works with the troop on merit badge passing, especially on fingerprinting. Mayor Parkison attends most courts of honor of the troop and composes proclamations to honor those scouts who become Eagle scouts. Hoffer also works with the Lexington DARE Program.



April 22, 1983

THE WHOPPERS finished the Burger King Sixth Grade Girls' Basketball League with a perfect 5-0 record. In front are Mary Cougar, Tia Cortelletti, Tonya Swanger and Mindy Bosko. Standing are Kristy Eaton, Tammy Weber, Coach Karen Broach and Sandy Canankamp.



TONYA SWANGER of the Whoppers drives the base line in the game against the Apple Pies April 7, won by the Whoppers, 22-2. Setting a nifty pick against a player from the Apple Pies is Kristy Eaton. Tonya had nine points in the game and Kristy added four more.



April 24, 1970

Sue Carlson and Steve Wycoff, fifth graders at Bedford, arrive at stalemate.

## Bedford School students complete chess tourney

The fifth grade at Bedford Elementary School recently completed a double elimination chess tournament.

Starting last November, Gary Schwam, fifth grade teacher at Bedford, taught his students the fundamentals of chess. Then in February the tournament began with fifty-five students from the fifth grade signed to play in the tournament.

Chess was played during the noon hour in the office near a large window where viewers could watch. April 10 Steve Wycoff came out winner, with Sue Carlson, consolation winner.

Following the tournament the fifth graders decided to challenge the sixth graders to see if they remembered what they had learned about chess last year under Mr. Schwam's direction.

## April 26, 1968 Introducing Your Student Council

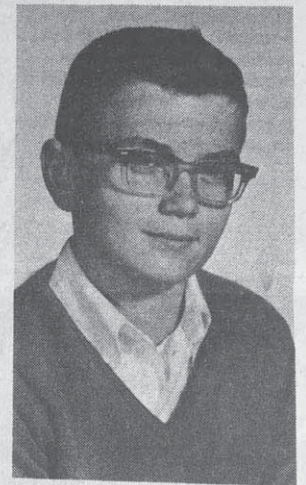
By CAROL COOK

Mike Rupp, a twelve year old seventh grader is presently serving on the student council. He is a representative for homeroom 309. Mr. Carlton Smith is the teacher.

Mike is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Rupp. He has two sisters, Kim and Karla and one brother, Scott. Mike has not lived in Ontario all his life, he was born in Honolulu, Hawaii.

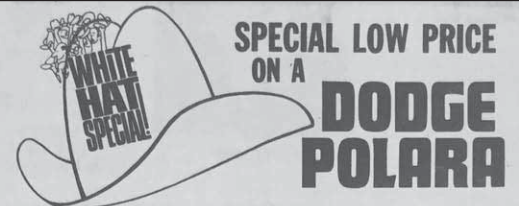
His hobbies are Dart Kart racing and he also enjoys skiing and golf.

When asked his opinion of Student Council, he stated that it was very well organized, but could improve.



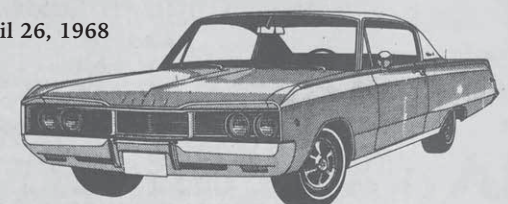
MIKE RUPP

April 23: Historians believe playwright William Shakespeare was born on this day in 1564, the same day he died in 1616. His earliest plays, including *The Comedy of Errors* and *The Taming of the Shrew*, were written in the early 1590s. He wrote tragedies such as *Romeo and Juliet*, *Hamlet*, *Othello*, *King Lear* and *The Macbeth*.



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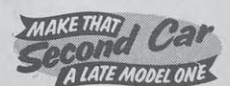
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# LOOKING BACK: This Week in Tribune-Courier History

April 26, 1968



Above are members of the staff for the Ontario High School production of "The Boyfriend," a musical take-off on the roaring twenties. The musical features an all-school cast and will be presented May 24, 24 and 26. In the cast are, from the left, Rick

Flockenzier, Janet Kiernan, Gayle Holmes, Susie Hewitt, Judy Loeber, Bill Cotopolis (above), Roger Au (below), Terry Polles, Bob Schraedly and Pat Lodahl. Wilson Skelton, OHS speech instructor, will direct the production.

## OHS Slates Broadway Musical

"The Boy Friend," a tuneful take-off on the Roaring 'Twenties, has been selected as Ontario High School's first production of a famous Broadway musical comedy. Costumed in flapper dresses, blazers, and boaters, an all-school cast of 25 O.H.S. students are busy rehearsing the toe-tapping songs and high kicks so typical of that nostalgic era.

Scheduled for performances on May 24, 25, and 26, "The Boy Friend" is being directed by O.H.S. speech instructor Wilson Skelton. The colorful production numbers featuring the popular dances of the 1920's -- the Charleston, the Tango, the Two-Step, and the Black Bottom -- will be staged by Mrs. Terry Bodager, well-

known area dance instructor, John Watkins will conduct the 15-piece pit orchestra, and James Garberich will be in charge of the vocal music. The original New York production of "The Boy Friend" in 1954 was the musical show in which the popular British entertainer, Julie Andrews made her American debut in the role of Polly Browne, a "poor little rich girl" who personifies a familiar type of heroine from the 'Twenties. In the Ontario production Polly will be played by O.H.S. junior Judy Loeber. Roger Au will be seen as the honourable Tony Brockhurst, the object of Polly's affections and a seemingly poor messenger boy who turns out to be an aristocrat in disguise. Bob Schraedly will appear as Percival Browne, Polly's widower father who

rekindles an old romance with Mad-ame Dubonnet, played by Susie Hewitt, the sentimental headmistress of Polly's finishing school on the French Riviera. Chuck Guzman and Sherry Miller will play Lord and Lady Brockhurst, Tony's eccentric elders. Nedra Pyles will appear in the role of Hortense, a pert maid. Singing and hoofing as Polly's scatterbrained school chums will be Kathy Beilstein, Jan Forsythe, Maureen Garrett, Rhonda Griffon, Jane Hellinger, Gayle Holmes, Janet Kiernan, Pat Lodahl and Janie Rhodes. Their dapper boy friends include Bill Cotopolis, Rick Flockenzier, Chuck Kaber, Dennis Kaber, Jerry Polles, Terry Polles, Bill Rowley, Bob Wagenhals and Bob Weaver.

April 24, 1997



George Billmon

**LAUREN BLACKSTONE lets up after handing the baton off to teammate Tiffany Grant in the 800-meter relay. The Lex girls placed third in the event.**

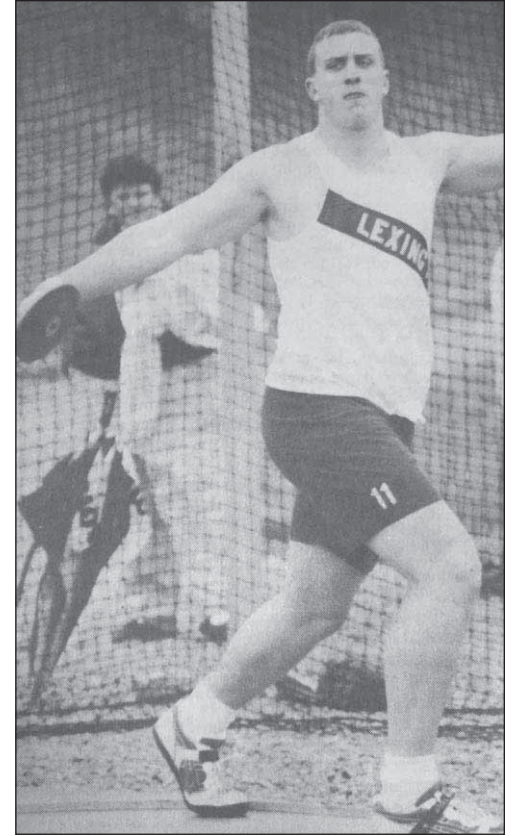
## Lexington gals compete in Dublin

DUBLIN — Coach Jan Burns and her Lexington Minutemaid thins competed in the Dublin Coffman Invitational Saturday. The Minutemaids finished sixth with 34½ points in the 18-team event.

Allison Furr continues to impress for Lexington as she finished first in the 100- and 400-meter dashes, setting a new school record of 59.6 in the 400-meter event. Allison also placed second in the long jump.

The 800-meter relay team of Lauren Blackstone, Tiffany Grant, Trisha Hertzler and Allison Furr placed third. Julie Studer took a sixth in the high jump.

Coach Burns told the *Tribune* that it was a very competitive meet. Her Lady Lex tracksters all had very good performances — Most of them turning in personal bests.

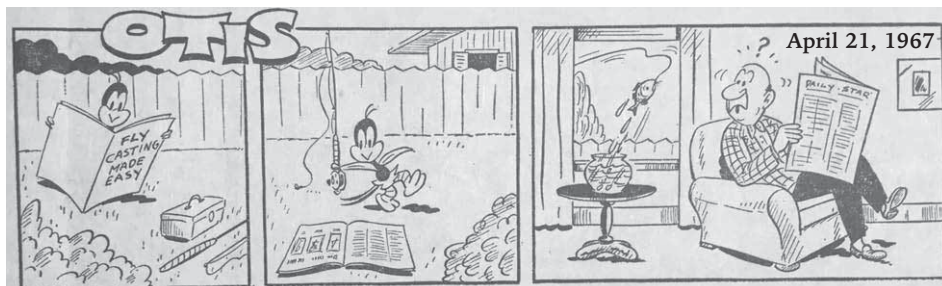


April 17, 1997 — Mark Simmons won both the shot put and the discus competition at the Lexington Invitational. He is shown here in action in the discus where he flipped the disc 170' 0". His effort in the shot put was 57' 3". He wasn't seriously challenged in either event.



April 17, 1997

THESE STUDENTS WILL APPEAR in the spring musical, "The Color Factory," at Ontario Stingel Elementary School. In the photo, from the left, are the professor, Cameron Thompson, and factory workers Braydon Thomas, Stephanie Tsavaris, Amy Neutzling, Abbey Ballard and Aubrey Kreisher.



April 21, 1967

## Cheerleaders Chosen

By CAROLYN MIU

Last Wednesday, April 19th, eleven freshmen girls tried out for 1967-1968 reserve cheerleading. The girls that were chosen are Connie Shafer, Becki Dockman, Bonnie Bonham and Laura Pollock.

The girls were judged for personality, appearance co-ordination, posture, pep and voice, and eye contact. They had to perform one group cheer "Raise That Score", a cheer with a partner, "O.H.S.", and an individual cheer, "We Strive to Win".

Judges for the competition were Miss Ramsey, Miss Baer, Mrs. Schuttera, Mrs. Battisti, Miss Hamrick from Malabar, and Mrs. Wilson from Lexington. Also serving as judges were Becky Stoffer, Cindy Gage and Janis Emboden who were this year's senior varsity cheerleaders.



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## LEGAL ADVERTISING

### LEGAL NOTICE

The following is a succinct summary of the legislation adopted by the Council of the City of Ontario, at their special meeting held on April 15, 2020.

The complete text of this Ordinance may be viewed and copies obtained at the Office of the Clerk of Council, Ontario Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio, during regular business hours.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-08 – A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE A STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO COVID-19 VIRUS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 20-12 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE (THE CHIEF OF POLICE), TO APPLY FOR A DONATION OF A CANINE BULLET PROOF VEST BY VESTED INTEREST K9 FOR THE CITY'S K9 PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Cathy VanAuker  
Clerk of Council  
City of Ontario, Ohio  
4-23, 30, '20 (32L)



**MADISON MIDDLE SCHOOL** faculty and staff worked together to send a message to their students while school continues from home.



**LANDRIE YOUNG**, a pre-k student at Mansfield Christian School, begins her e-learning day at home with the pledge.



**HARLOW BRANE**, a preschool student at Western Elementary School in Lexington, has a video chat with her teacher, Heather Kapustar.

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**BIRTHDAY GIRL** — Lexington's Aubree Parnell turned six on April 18. A birthday party was planned but had to be cancelled due to the COVID-19 epidemic. To make the day special, her parents surprised Aubree with a social distancing birthday parade with family and friends. Cars drove by and dropped off gifts and waved to Aubree. She also had a surprise chalk art drawing in the driveway, which was created by Kelsey Nicole. She celebrated with cake and by opening her presents at home. Aubree is a kindergartn student at Western Elementary School in Lexington. Her teacher is Mrs. Kist and Aubree is in her PM class.

## Foundation awards special grants

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Richland County Foundation Board of Trustees has redirected its Unrestricted/Community Fund to meet emerging needs. The fund will provide grants for health and human services on a rolling basis to non-profit organizations in Richland County.

To support this effort, donors are encouraged to contribute at <https://www.richlandcountyfoundation.org/donate>. Any Community Fund gifts received throughout 2020 will be used to assist nonprofits directly impacted by COVID-19.

The foundation believes that generosity has the power to unite and heal communities in good times and bad. A global threat like COVID-19 affects more than just the infected. It is a time to come together to drive a spike of generosity, citizen engagement, business and philanthropy activation, and support for our community and nonprofits in Richland County.

This week a total of \$371,733 was awarded. Of that total \$203,386 went to COVID-19 Rapid Response grants funded from the Community Fund and Donor-Advised Funds to:

American Red Cross for general support, Ashland Community Foundation for its Emergency Fund, Avita Health Foundation for personal protective equipment and general support, Bellville Neighborhood Outreach Center for meat in its food pantry, Catalyst Life Services for personal protective equipment, telehealth and tech support, Community Foundation of Otsego

County for its COVID Fund, Domestic Violence Shelter for general support, Grace Episcopal Church for its outdoor food pantry and food, Mansfield Area Y for general support, OhioHealth Foundation for lodging for frontline healthcare providers and Salvation Army for general support.

Other grants awarded were for summer internships and programming to Catholic Charities, Children's Cupboard Inc., City of Mansfield Community Development, Friends of the Gorman Nature Center, Kingwood Center Gardens, Little Buckeye Children's Museum, Mansfield Area Y, Mansfield Art Center, Mary McLeod Bethune Intervening and Enrichment Center, North End Community Improvement Collaborative, Ohio Bird Sanctuary, Renaissance Performing Arts Association, Richland Academy of the Arts, Richland Community Development Group and Salvation Army.

Other grants were awarded to Mansfield Art Center for its building fund, Raemelton Therapeutic Equestrian Center for its general fund and Waleska United Methodist Church for general support.

A Career Technical Education scholarship was awarded this week. The CTE scholarships are reviewed and awarded on a rolling deadline to better meet the needs of students.

The Richland County Foundation, a not-for-profit 501c3, was established in 1945 as a way for individuals to pool and invest their gifts for the long-term good of Richland County and its residents.



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**April 14 – May 5**

**Give at [richlandgives.org](https://richlandgives.org)**

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Richland County Foundation Board of Trustees will relaunch the Richland Gives giving platform to help nonprofits raise operating revenue during the COVID-19 pandemic. Many charities need money now to deliver on their missions. The Foundation will pay the four percent Mighty Cause platform fee. During this special edition of Richland Gives, donors only will be assessed a credit card fee of 2.99% plus .30 cents per transaction.



May 5 will be a global day of giving organized by the #GivingTuesday organization to help during the COVID-19 pandemic.



# Surprise OCC Championship highlights Lady Lex basketball season

By Jim Warne

**LXINGTON** — An incredible improvement in the Lady Lex basketball team over the past season resulted in an unexpected outright OCC championship after enduring a rocky start to the campaign. Gabby Stover and Avery Coleman came on to post a lot of double doubles to lead the squad to a 10-2 conference mark and an overall record of 15-9; this despite averaging a 41-40 victory over the 24 games. The exact margin of victory was one and a half points per contest. Although most scores will deviate quite a bit from the season average, the girls did have one tiff that was a very close match when they won a 43-42 thriller at Clear Fork on January 21.

The slate ended as it began with a big loss to area powerhouse Shelby, but in the opening contest the Whippets at one time held a 44-7 lead and LHS was without Stover. In the concluding conflict at the sectional finals, Lexington put up a much better fight before bowing out 67-42 where Stover scored 18 points and Coleman 14. The Whippets have an incredibly good program and have yet to lose a game in their league, the MOAC. It is hard to believe that they fell 99-25 in one of their rare setbacks this year!

Lizzie Hamler was a mainstay in the offense while Lady Lex was short handed at the onset of the campaign. Hamler notched seven versus Shelby and nine going against Westerville South, another strong opponent.

Hopes were not high when LHS entertained Wooster in the first OCC battle, as the Generals were one of the preseason favorites along with perennial OCC girls cage crown contender West Holmes. But Lexington played Wooster tough every quarter, with each period seeing the clubs stay within two points of each other. The locals won both periods in the last half by narrow margins to pull out a 43-41 nail-

biter in what turned out to be a crucial league encounter. Stover poured in 18 counters while Coleman began a streak of yanking down 15 or more rebounds in four consecutive games. Coleman was this squad's bear on the boards, pacing the club with 282 caroms. She beat out Stover 146-115 for the defensive rebound top slot. She had no equal on the offensive end where she garnered 136. Stover was also second in this stat with 46.

Kayleigh Leadbetter was the third best Lady Lex player at corralling rebounds, nabbing 85 for the year. She earned 36 of those while on offense and it enabled her to rank fourth on the squad in scoring with 64 points, just ahead of a trio of teammates.

Coleman had a huge night in the home matchup with Ashland scoring 18, hauling in 16 boards and blocking three shots. This was one of Lexi Blasberg's best outings with seven rebounds and four defensive assists. Her highest tally of boards in one contest was nine at Ontario. Coleman's string of 15 or more rebounds per game ended with the showdown versus Clyde in which she also tossed in 15 points. Josie Dahlinghaus was hot at the outset firing in 10 counters as LHS built a 14-0 advantage but the Fliers got hot late and with a stunning rally emerged a 46-44 victor. The LHS gals got over the bad taste of this debacle by blasting Norwalk 54-33 in their next engagement at the Wayne Roller Holiday Classic at Mansfield Christian.

In a tough fracas versus Madison to close out calendar year 2019 Stover put up 24 points to lead Lexington to a 44-36 triumph. She also authored six steals while Dahlinghaus ruled the glass pulling 10 caroms and Coleman stuffed the Rams four times. But the rematch at the beginning of February was not close. Coleman established her career pinnacle at 30 points shooting the lights out cashing 13 of 16 field goal attempts and 4 of 5 free

throws. She also snagged 14 rebounds and pilfered the Rams four times. This was another good night for Hamler who scored eight.

Lizzie's top effort of 11 points came in the first tiff of 2020 beating Mansfield Senior 39-26. Stover issued a season high seven assists in this one, a feat she also accomplished at Centerburg. Stover held sway this year in doling out assists, firing off 95 of them. Lexi edged out Lizzie 34-31 for second place in this statistic.

Stover's three point shooting prowess made her the club's top scorer, getting past Coleman 306-271. Gabby made 45 of the team's 56 treys this season. She cashed over 30 percent of her long shots and a hot 5 of 9 evening from beyond the arc led Lady Lex to a victory over Tiffin Columbian, the sole non league win for the locals on the home hardwood. Lexington was 6-0 at home contending with OCC schools.

Coleman rarely tried shots from downtown, preferring to dominate the paint. She connected on 109 of her 225 two pointers and canned the most free throws, 53 of 86. Avery posted an 11.3 average on points per game and an 11.8 mean on rebounds per contest.

Another late rally spoiled a great LHS effort at Wooster where the Generals wrested a 59-54 overtime triumph despite 18 points and 11 rebounds by Stover along with 18 points and 14 boards from Coleman. But the Generals helped out in a big way late in the slate knocking off West Holmes to hand Lexington the outright title.

The Knights had command early but Lady Lex rallied to topple West Holmes 40-36 in the big showdown on January 23 to pull even in the standings at the time. Again the top two came through with double doubles, Gabby with 15 counters and 13 caroms while Avery notched 13 points and 15 caroms. Madi Basilone tossed in six counters in the pivotal clash.

Emma Sturts had her best night handing out assists issuing five as LHS routed Ashland in the second round. The Tygers threatened to be a spoiler in the rematch running off 12 unanswered points at the start, but Leadbetter enjoyed one of her best varsity outings with six points and eight rebounds and a Stover rampage generated a 19-2 Lex comeback. She scored 18 and cleared the backboards 12 times.

Coleman provided 26 defensive assists during the campaign, the most being five

versus Centerburg. Lady Lex shutout the Trojans in the third quarter of that fray. Blasberg nipped Stover 10-9 for second place in defensive assists.

Coleman dominated the season ending OCC battle with Mount Vernon that clinched the loop outright crown, the first since 2007 for the locals. Avery flipped in 16 counters and garnered a like number of rebounds. She blocked three casts at the hoop and pickpocketed the Yellow Jackets on four occasions. Hamler made 5 of 7 shots acquiring her 10 markers. Lizzie was the team's third highest point producer with 147. Basilone and Dahlinghaus tied for fifth with 57 counters apiece while Blasberg was right behind at 56.

Josie rated fourth on the glass pulling down 75 rebounds. Lexi scrounged up 63 caroms while Lizzie nabbed 57. Josie ranked third grabbing offensive rebounds shading Kaleigh 37-36.

In the tournament Lady Lex went 1-1, again taking down Clear Fork in a close confrontation. Blasberg, Sturts and Dahlinghaus each tallied six points in the joust while Leadbetter corralled seven rebounds. Lexington scored exactly 700 points total in its 15 victories and needed just four more points to have chalked up 1000 counters for the campaign.

Stover pilfered the opposition 65 times during the year while Coleman authored 48 thefts. Blasberg generated 29 steals, Basilone and Hamler both made 27, with Dahlinghaus following next at 22. Avery was the premier shot rejecter, bashing away 46 of the opposition's attempts. Kaleigh swatted the foe seven times, Lizzie stuffed five shots and Josie four.

Stover nipped Coleman 653-648 in playing time minutes. Hamler was on the court for 597, Blasberg for 493 and Dahlinghaus 428. In addition to the players listed below with five different statistics totals, a couple of other gals saw some varsity action but did not have any of those stats. They were Alli Reed and Claire Vallance.

## Lady Lex 2020 Basketball Season Statistics (Field Goals Made-Free Throws Made-Total Points-Rebounds-Assists)

Gabby Stover 111-39-306-161-95.  
Avery Coleman 109-53-271-282-10.  
Lizzie Hamler 63-18-147-57-31.  
Kaleigh Leadbetter 22-20-64-85-4.  
Josie Dahlinghaus 24-9-57-75-15.  
Madi Basilone 19-18-57-37-12.  
Lexi Blasberg 20-12-56-63-34.  
Emma Sturts 13-4-33-37-19.  
Sydni Clever 1-1-3-8-0.  
Emma Schaefer 0-2-2-0-0.



By Kenn Spencer

Ontario Youth Sports is proud to offer our community YOGA LIVE. Now on Tuesday and Thursday at 1 pm, we will be featuring Aimee Monroe as our Yoga instructor. We will offer All Levels Yoga, Pilates and Family Yoga. Keep following OYS on Facebook for more details

July 20-24: OYS Soccer Boot Camp is Live - If you are looking for an opportunity for your child to expand his/her love of soccer, have fun, form friendships, and improve soccer skills, the camp is five full days of soccer. It is located at Marshall Park where kids have tons of fun. This is the eighth year and we are excited to meet new players and welcome back returning players. Last year, soccer boot camp sold out, so register now to ensure your camper's spot!

Thank you to the families that took time

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**LOCAL BUSINESSES** and agencies were asked to Wear Blue in recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Richland Public Health Workers (above) and CACY employees (left) joined together to support the cause.



T-C Staff/Bud Motter

**THE RICHLAND COUNTY COURTHOUSE** front lawn is covered with pinwheels which represent the number of cases of child abuse reported to local authorities last year. The month of April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

## Small businesses invited to join the Ohio 2020 Economic Recovery Task Force

The Ohio 2020 Economic Recovery Task Force is inviting small businesses to share their story about the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, State Rep. Riordan McClain announced. Speaker Larry Householder created the Ohio 2020 Economic Recovery Task Force to begin looking at ways to lay the foundation for economic renewal in the wake of COVID-19.

“Across the state, we have seen businesses struggling day-to-day to make ends meet,” said McClain.

“They have had to make many sacrifices due to the coronavirus, and I encourage them all to give their insight on how they’ve been affected. These small business submissions will help the task force further un-

derstand the situation and recommend how our state should move forward in reopening our economy.”

Once submitted, the task force is reviewing and inviting owners to participate in virtual meetings.

Those interested can email [Ohio2020@ohiohouse.gov](mailto:Ohio2020@ohiohouse.gov) the following information, name and location of the business, number of employees, years in business, business owners contact information (email, phone) and a brief description of the nature of the business

Additionally, businesses can submit written responses to the task force. If submitting or speaking before the task force, the panel asks businesses focus:

- If/how they are able to operate during the coron-

avirus

- What kind of financial strains have been brought on by this? If they have been in business for many years, how has this been compared to other financial downturns

- What kinds of obstacles do they see ahead of them once they are able to fully open up again?

- Any governmental roadblocks ahead that the legislature should be aware of

- Any ideas that they might have on protocols they believe would be helpful to return to work while maintaining a level of safety to provide confidence to their customers

For more visit [www.facebook.com/OHTaskForce2020](http://www.facebook.com/OHTaskForce2020).



# Richland SWCD celebrating Stormwater Awareness Week

Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD) is celebrating Stormwater Awareness Week from April 13–19. Stormwater management is particularly important at this time of year due to spring rains and potential runoff. The purpose of stormwater management is to control runoff, soil erosion and drainage concerns as much as possible.

A Rain Garden & Barrel Workshop and Proclamations from various townships, cities and villages were planned, but postponed due to health concerns associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. The Rain Garden and Barrel Workshop is re-scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 20 at 6 pm. Watch <https://richlandswcd.net/> or call 419-747-8686 for details.

Daily stormwater management practices are being shared on Richland SWCD Facebook, Instagram and Twitter social media pages. Additional ideas on how to help control stormwater at home, work and on agriculture fields are below.

## Rain Barrels

A rain barrel is a container that is used to collect and store rainwater that can later be used in gardens, landscaping, and lawns. When used this way, water is filtered through the soil and pollutants such as fertilizer, pesticides, phosphorous and nitrogen may be reduced or prevented from entering lakes, rivers and streams.

To find out how much stormwater runoff comes off a roof, multiply the square footage of the roof by .6 to get the total gallons of runoff each time it rains 1 inch. To get the square footage of a roof, multiply the roof length by the roof width. Collecting rain water helps waterways and also conserves water.

Richland SWCD is taking orders for anyone interested in purchasing a rain barrel. The cost of \$70 includes the barrel, hardware, assembly instructions and a rain barrel brochure. Orders may be placed by emailing [RSWCD.Data@Richlandswcd.net](mailto:RSWCD.Data@Richlandswcd.net).

Rain gardens capture the “first flush” of pollutants that are carried by surface runoff during rain events. Most of these pollutants are then stored in the soil or are taken up

by native plants, which break down pollutants by natural processes over time. Incorporating native plants into the rain garden design is not only aesthetically pleasing but also very beneficial to pollinator species that have been in decline in recent years. Common Milkweed does well in rain gardens because of its ability to tolerate wet soil conditions and has the added benefit of hosting the Monarch Butterfly throughout most of the Monarch’s life cycle.

Native plants that have deep rooting structures allow for greater infiltration of surface water into the soil where pollutants can be filtered out before that water finds its way into nearby streams. A rain garden that is well designed and implemented can almost fully reduce stormwater runoff from a property and provide habitat and food for a variety of pollinator species. Those thinking of creating a rain garden or adding to landscaping, should consider purchasing native plants through the Native Plant Sale. Orders and payment are due by June 5 and details are available at [www.richlandswcd.net](http://www.richlandswcd.net).

When it comes to reducing stormwater runoff, agriculture producers have options, too. Grassed waterways, riparian buffers, and buffered field inlets help reduce sediment and nutrient loss from fields. When these practices are used, nutrients stay on the field instead of running onto neighbor’s fields.

Another beneficial practice is planting cover crops. The roots of cover crops help break through the hard crust of the soil and allow water to penetrate deeper into the subsoil. This gives the soil the ability to hold more water and keep it from running off.

Vertical tilling helps the soil absorb more water too. Setting the equipment to plow smaller furrows further helps the soil absorb water. When cover crops are combined with no-till, the soil macro and micro communities heal the soil and allow it to hold more storm water than other fields.

For information on these practices or other stormwater management, visit [www.richlandswcd.net](http://www.richlandswcd.net) or call 419-747-8686.



By Bob Carter

**THE OLDEST BUILDING IN LEXINGTON** is still standing on the southeast corner of the town square. The old tavern building was built in 1827 by Eliab Lindley on a lot he paid \$70 for. The tavern was finished and doing a brisk business the following year. An addition to the rear was added later. As the most valuable property in town, its real estate taxes in 1839 were \$7.99 a year. In the 1880s era picture, on the left you can see a two story building attached which held the post office and a retail store. The next building held a saloon, which was built on the second floor — a very unusual choice. Early stage coaches stopped at the tavern and the bar room was used for dances, elections and a makeshift court room. Stables for horses and livestock were behind. To their credit, present owners have maintained the building and the ancient building still guards the town square.

It is with great pleasure that I inform you that Richland County has received official notification that we have been awarded a three-year renewal of the “Storm Ready” recognition from the National Weather Service.

The process included the application which detailed community information, National Weather Service reception equipment, local weather and eater monitoring equipment, local warning dissemination, community preparedness and administrative tools/record keeping.

The National Weather Service also did a site visit to the local office to observe and confirm Emergency Operations Center, 911 Communications Center and Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) and Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) Radio Room. The Emergency Management Agency was also required to make a site visit to the Cleveland office of the National Weather Service to observe their operation and how we can assist each other during severe weather.

The process of renewing is the accumulation of the past three years of the listed application details and throughout the past several years our office has continually maintained the requirements to remain Storm Ready.

Rick Evans  
Director, Richland County EMA

## Alzheimer’s Association offers free virtual education classes

While the COVID-19 pandemic threatens the health of millions in this country and around the world, the novel coronavirus presents unique challenges for more than 5 million Americans, including 220,000 in Ohio, living with Alzheimer’s and their caregivers.

The Dementia Capable Coalition, under the leadership of The Alzheimer’s Association, Northwest Ohio Chapter, is offering free virtual education programs in the coming weeks to help all Richland County caregivers and their families. The Alzheimer’s Association offers a number of education programs that can help those living with Alzheimer’s and their families understand what to expect so they can be prepared to meet the changes ahead and live well for as long as possible.

“During this challenging time, we want to ensure that caregivers and their families have access to Alzheimer’s Association resources even if they cannot venture out,” said Pam Myers, Program Director. “These online programs allow us to connect with the community and provide necessary information even amid the current crisis.”

Each virtual education program is approximately 45 minutes and allows the audience to ask questions and engage with others going through the journey online.

Upcoming virtual education programs include:

Thursday, April 23, 1 pm, Understanding Alzheimer’s and Dementia

Wednesday, April 29, 1 pm, 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer’s

Tuesday, May 5, 2 pm, Understanding Alzheimer’s and Dementia

Tuesday, May 12, 1 pm, Effective Communication Skills

For a complete list of upcoming programs, or to register for a program, visit [alz.org/crf](http://alz.org/crf).

In addition to the virtual education classes, the Alzheimer’s Association offers online community resources at [alz.org](http://alz.org) including ALZConnected®, a free online community where people living with Alzheimer’s, caregivers, family and friends can ask questions, get advice and find support.

**The Tribune is collecting recipes!**

**Email to [news@tribune-courier.com](mailto:news@tribune-courier.com)**

(A photo of someone making the dish is welcome)



# Western Elementary teachers work to keep parents and students connected

By Cindy L. Shasky, Educational aide  
Lexington Western Elementary

As we dive into our fourth week of on-line school, many were saddened to find out we will not be returning to our physical schools in May. This has been so hard for everyone. Far different than the typical end of year good-byes and closing of a classroom before summer break. So many questions of what the next month will hold. So many end of year activities and celebrations we look forward to each year that will not happen... at least not yet.

The best thing we can all do is stay positive, be supportive, and live each new day filled with joy, determination, empathy, and thankfulness. Teachers, support staff, therapists, and students continue to love those smiling faces we get to see while communicating on line. Smiles are also seen with drive by waves or drop offs. So much love, support, and caring is a part of each new day.

Parents, grandparents, and caregivers have been amazing and the teachers and administrators appreciate their patience and hard work in keeping the learning going with their children. One thing is for sure, we have an amazing

community of staff, parents, students, therapists, and other community groups pulling together to make the most out of this new on-line teaching and learning experience. We love the creativity and the love being shown.

First grade teachers at Western created videos of mystery readers for their students to view. Mrs. Stephanie Sauers chose *April Foolishness* as the first Mystery Reader. Mrs. Shelly Knapp read *The Easter Bunny's Assistant* the second week. Mrs. Jenn Brane followed with *There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Frog*, and Mrs. Jacki Gaither read *The Wonkey Donkey* last week. Hopefully it was comforting for the students to see their teachers sitting in their normal classroom reading chairs.

Western Elementary Principal, Mrs. Genelle Eggerton, continues to start each school day with Facebook live morning announcements at 9:15 and end the school day with a read aloud. She has added guests too, which has been a lot of fun! Mrs. Amy North, second grade teacher, will be on Facebook live Wednesday, 10:30 am for an Earth Day project, and third grade teacher, Mrs. Stephanie Coffman, will return with another science experiment 10:30 am Thursday.



**LEXINGTON'S PTO** surprised staff at Central, Eastern and Western Elementary schools last week and brought a huge smile to their faces when each person received a poem and gift cards for local businesses in the mail. What makes this token of appreciation extra special is the fact that Kennedy Lamp, a seventh grade student at the junior high, asked her mom, Jenn, who is a PTO officer, to help with this project as part of her online learning. She needed to complete a community project for her Life Skills Class. Kennedy not only wrote a poem, but she cut and pasted the poem into the cards and hand wrote each staff member's name in them — all 147 of them.

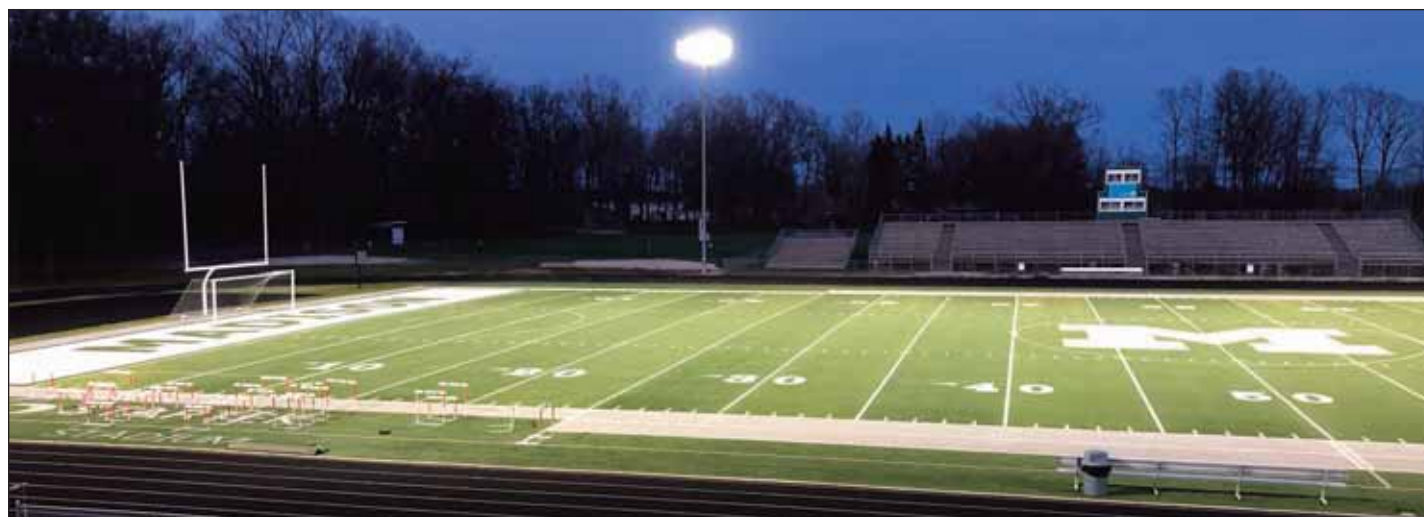
**MRS. TRISHA HUGHES**, third grade teacher at Lexington Western Elementary, mails out special surprises to her students each week. (Top photo) Last week they received posters to color and resources for reading and writing response letters. She stated she loves the 1:1 opportunities with virtual conferencing to touch base with each student, offer support, and stay connected. Some staff also use Facebook messaging to see and assist their students. (Bottom photo) Mrs. Hughes meets with her student, Djoser. Mrs. Hughes said he really wanted to read with her. She said she loved hearing his voice and passion for reading.



**SCHOOL AWAY FROM SCHOOL** — Hadley (left), a second grade student at Western Elementary in Lexington, displays last week's completed science experiment using Peeps. Mrs. Gaither, (right) reads to her first grade students.

**Mother's Day is May 10**  
Send a photo to recognize your mom, grandma, aunt or other special woman in your life by May 4.  
[news@tribune-courier.com](mailto:news@tribune-courier.com)

(Photo can include multiple people but please identify everyone)



**MADISON COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL** joined other schools from around the state to celebrate the 2020 high school seniors by turning on the stadium lights for 20 minutes and 20 seconds on April 20. About 100 cars showed up to show their support by leaving their headlights on for the duration of the lighting.

## Juvenile court receives technology grant

The Richland County Juvenile Court was awarded nearly \$3,500 in grant funding from the Ohio Supreme Court emergency remote technology grant opportunity.

The funds will be used to purchase teleconferencing equipment which will allow essential hearings to be held without subjecting the parties to unnecessary health risks.

"We are very grateful for the Ohio Supreme Court's assistance in our efforts to provide the families and children of Richland County with continued access to the Court during these difficult times," said Judge Steve McKinley.



# Destination Mansfield switches focus to meet local needs

As the COVID-19 crisis began impacting Richland County, Destination Mansfield instantly shifted its focus from promoting the region to out-of-town guests to filling needs within the community. Its mission suddenly became providing critical information about issues related to quality of life, health, employment and other resources important to local residents. Understanding how the crisis was affecting the area's events, restaurants, hotels, experiences was key.

"Our jobs changed overnight as we instantly shifted into a mode that supported our local businesses and our residents," said Destination Mansfield President Lee Tasseff. "The people of our region have a collaborative

spirit and a commitment to creative problem solving that bring us together to support one another in difficult times of crisis such as this. One of our roles now is to facilitate community support for these local businesses and residents," Tasseff said.

Tasseff added that his team is working on strategy for promoting the region to visitors as soon as travel reopens, saying that area attractions, hotels, restaurants, events and travel-related businesses will be positioned for success if local audiences stay connected to them and remain supportive.

As soon as the state ordered the closing of all restaurants and diners, Destination Mansfield-Richland

County created the first and most comprehensive listing, along with a blog, to offer a list with links to all local restaurants that offer carry out and curbside pick-up. It quickly became the most viewed page on DestinationMansfield.com. Destination Mansfield is funded by membership contributions and bed tax paid by visitors. Its recent pivot included working hand-in-hand with The Richland Area Chamber and Downtown Mansfield, Inc. to include the entire business community and share restaurant and other information.

Using hashtags such as #RichlandResilience, #InThisTogetherOhio and #RichlandLIVE, a robust social media calendar and multiple blog posts have been spread across all digital and social media platforms. They feature local partners, restaurants, makers and other businesses; virtual attraction tours; a list of grocers offering curbside pickup and delivery; local winemakers and brewers with delivery and take-home beverage service; and countless other relevant COVID-19 updates. Content is being shared on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, as well as the Destination Mansfield blog.

The social media campaign features "Dinner and a Show," in partnership with local restaurants with musicians. The series shines a light on essential workers, while supporting restaurants and musicians, which are particularly hard hit during the stay-at-home order. Each week, Destination Mansfield will feature a local restaurant offering carryout options alongside local performing artists in a virtual "show." In the past, these artists performed live at these locations, but now they will perform virtually via live broadcasts on the Destination Mansfield-Richland County Facebook Page.

Efforts also include sharing details on which businesses and parks are open, virtual events and information on other opportunities for exercise, learning and entertainment during the crisis. This is particularly important as parents stay home and work to educate their children.

As the stay-at-home order was signed, Destination Mansfield built a positivity campaign that highlights contributions to the community made by individuals and businesses. It continued partnering with the Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development and Downtown Mansfield, Inc. on the campaign. Beyond positive messaging, the campaign demonstrates that area economic development organizations are working together for the entire community's wellbeing.

Destination Mansfield continues reaching out to its members and the greater community to learn about their efforts to weather the crisis. The organization is also collecting and sharing important industry, such as "Clean is the new Green," thinking where to a hoteliers offer travel-sized sanitizing products alongside shampoo, lotion, etc. What local tourism leaders learn through industry webinars, research, etc. is being passed on to local travel businesses and how on how to not only maintain, but communicate and display their sanitizing efforts as part of ongoing efforts to reassure the traveling public. Destination Mansfield sent information to area hospitals on hotels offering rooms for medical staff who are unable to go home due to quarantines. Working with the Richland Area Chamber, Destination Mansfield serves as a clearinghouse for this and other information, connecting area businesses that have specific needs with those that can offer resources and solutions.

Tasseff and his team invite all area businesses, non-profits and organizations to share what they are doing during the COVID-19 crisis to feed, educate, entertain and otherwise help the community. Tips, news and ideas can be sent via email to [info@destinationmansfield.com](mailto:info@destinationmansfield.com). The organization will continue to actively share all information with the public.

"Destination Mansfield's goal has always been to promote economic development and move our community forward. How we do that just looks a little different these days," said Tasseff. "Our visitors will be back soon. But the very amenities they come for are also essential for our quality of life, which makes Mansfield and Richland County a great place to live and work. We must do all we can to support them during this time."

## Board approves employment to begin preparation for next school year

The Ontario Board of Education met April 14.

Mike Ream, director of education, gave an update on Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment.

The board voted to approve a resolution declaring an emergency and modifying procedures for board meetings.

The board approved the rescheduling of the public hearing regarding the hiring of retired employee Lisa Carmichael as superintendent for the 2020-'21 school year. The board has declared their intent to hire Carmichael back as a retire/rehire into her current position. The hearing is set for June 9, during the regular board meeting.

The board approved the non-renewal of Bob Cramer, bus driver, effective at the end of the 2019-'20 contract.

The resignation of April Furr, music teacher, was accepted, effective at the end of the 2019-'20 contract. The board authorized the payment of half of her high school/middle school choir supplemental totaling \$2,740.

Logan Armstrong, fifth grade teacher, resigned effective at the end of his 2019-'20 contract.

Hired on one-year limited contracts for next school year were Jeremy Barrett, high school Spanish; Aaron Eckert, high school social studies; Bessie Guy, high school science; Erin Shoyer, high school intervention specialist, MD unit; Doug Basham, middle school industrial

technology; Wendy Wilging, middle school English/literature; Brooke Alt, kindergarten; Hannah Beh, kindergarten; Haley Ingle, preschool special education; Natasha Jolin, fifth grade; Frankie Munday, third grade; Shelbi Ohl, Stingel Intervention Specialist; Casandra VanCura, third grade; Kyle Ward, Stingel Intervention Specialist; and Kayla Zingale, preschool special needs/itinerant.

Three-year contracts for the 2020-'21 school year were granted to Adam Kime, high school English; Bryan McHenry, Transitional Resource Center; Janey Fulk, sixth grade science; Karen Kaufman, middle school physical education/health; Melissa Muzic, middle school family and consumer science; Leigh Ann Patterson, middle school intervention specialist; Lauren Reichenbach, middle school intervention specialist MD unit; Jennifer Shaver, sixth grade language arts; Annalee Stover, eighth grade math/algebra; Michele Hasten, Stingel Intervention specialist; Caitlin Horst, third grade-multi age; Jordyn Lusk, first grade; and Mike Schwall, music.

Danielle Basham was employed as a seventh grade math teacher on a continuing contract for the 2020-'21 school year. Employed on two-year contracts were Elaine Lamp, Stingel cook; Marie McGinty, high school study hall monitor; Cathy Hargis, Stingel playground aide; and Shawn Coleman, Stingel playground aide.

Michelle Brown was employed as a bus driver and playground aide and Steve Santmyer was employed as bus driver on continuing contracts.

Extracurricular/supplemental contracts for the 2020-'21 year were approved for Mikayla Stockhaus, middle school and high school choir (50%) \$2,740; Luke Webster and Head Varsity Boys Tennis Coach (25%) \$1,018.

One-year extended time contracts were approved for Jim Buker, 10 days; John Boyd, 15 days; and Julia Miller, 10 days.

A three-year extended contract was given to Meissa Muzic for 10 days.

Gunnar Lane was approved as summer help for facility and transportation maintenance, effective May 1, at \$10 an hour and Matt Wentz was approved for the 2020-'21 school year under a nursing service contract for \$33.62 per hour.

Hired as a substitute custodian was Domenick Fama.

John Boys was approved as the Ontario Middle School's online school supervisor at \$30 per hour, not exceeding 80 hours.

The following were non-renew tutoring staff effective June 30: Beth Mulherin, Cheryl Washington, Susan Kurtzman, Brooke Breitingner, Airika Freeman and Jennifer Jarvis.

Approved to teach an eight-period per day schedule for next school year were Julie Buker, \$9,374; and Jim Buker, \$7,615.

OhioHealth MedCentral-Mansfield was chosen as the agency to provide physicals for bus drivers for next school year.

The board also approved the English Department's reading material for next school year.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 12, at 7 pm.



T-C Staff/Bud Motter

**A MADISON AREA NEIGHBORHOOD SQUIRREL** came to visit the Motter home on a sunny afternoon recently.



# Richland Newhope Early Intervention continues to serve infants/toddlers and families via technology

Written by Connie Emery,  
Early Intervention Specialist

Ivan Brewer is a super smart and very spirited two-and-a-half-year-old little boy. Like all boys, he loves trucks, dinosaurs, and his new swing set. Ivan, his little brother Joshua, and his parents Josh and Ivy Brewer are a part of Richland Newhope's Early Intervention Program. As an Early Intervention Specialist, I typically visit Ivan both in his home and in his Early Head Start classroom to address his expressive language and motor delays. I provide Ivan, his family, and his teachers with fun ways to build Ivan's strength, balance, and coordination and to increase his expressive communication.

Due to Covid-19 stay-at-home restrictions, Ivan's family, like so many of us, are sheltering in place, restricting some of their usual activities and sometimes feeling a strain with everyone at home. Because of social distancing, I'm unable to meet with Ivan in person. But just as Ivan's parents are determined to make sure that family together time means family fun time, Early Intervention is committed to continuing to serve families like the Brewers with infants and toddlers with disabilities and delayed skills. Because infants and toddlers with delays could experience regression if services are interrupted by COVID-19, other Early Intervention staff and I are using technology like Zoom, Duo, FaceTime, and conference phone calls to make sure that Ivan and other Early Intervention children and parents continue to make steady develop-

mental progress even in these difficult times. Tuning in for remote Early Intervention visits has been easy and familiar for the Brewers because Ivan's younger brother Joshua already receives remote Early Intervention services from an Early Intervention hearing specialist.

Of course, Early Intervention most frequently serves families in their homes, directly coaching parents and caregivers of

infants and toddlers with delays to implement high interest interventions, relevant to the child's delay area, and urging families to practice interventions during everyday routines and activities. When these services must be offered "remotely," these goals do not change. Moreover, since the children involved are infants and toddlers, fun therapy, embedded within a family's every day routines and activities,

is still the name of the Early

Intervention game. For language, sensory and fine motor play, we wash giant dinosaurs with shaving cream! We stir up springtime bunny cakes, baking, icing and then decorating them! We make homemade Kool-Aid play dough - kneading, rolling, cutting and poking! These are the types of activities I have demonstrated to Ivan's parents and encouraged them to replicate for home therapy. Ivy and Josh are very committed parents, following through on therapy recommendations for their children and seeing the resulting positive developmental progress. After one recent remote visit, Ivan and his family made their very own batch of play dough. After another remote visit, they made a spring bunny cake. That's Early Intervention shelter-at-home style!

Although home visits have necessarily been suspended due to Covid-19 restrictions on social interactions, Early Intervention has thus found creative ways of using technology to continue to deliver highly effective interventions to families like the Brewers—and to make shelter-in-place a more enjoyable and developmentally productive experience for sometimes restless infants and toddlers.

Richland Newhope supports more than 1,600 Richland County residents through early intervention, transition services, day services, supported employment, residential, therapy, and other family support programs.

"Supporting children and adults with disabilities throughout their lifetime."



Josh, Ivy, Ivan and Joshua Brewer

## •Peterson chosen as superintendent

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them every day so that when they graduate they are fully ready to be successful in the pathway of their choice," he continued.

"I hope to cultivate a strong sense of unity and trust throughout the district and the school community.

"We have a great group of teachers, classified staff, and a strong administrative team that really cares about our students. I look forward to providing our staff and administration with a strong system of support so that they can continue to provide our students with great experiences and a quality education.

"Our school district is the center of our community, and with the closure of our schools due to the pandemic, I know it has been difficult on Madison students, families, and staff, and I just really look forward to the day when we can all see each others smiling faces and gather again as a Ram Family."

On July 31, interim superintendent John Thomas will step aside as Peterson takes over. In parting Thomas said, "It is going to be hard to leave here, but I think the board made the right choice in choosing Peterson. I want to thank the Madison Board of Education and staff. I have enjoyed it here."



MRS. KNAPP, a first grade teacher at Lexington Western Elementary, created a Stay Home Stay Safe Pigeon activity for her students to hang in their windows, which she dropped off to each house. One student even made a pigeon that has a mask and hand sanitizer. Seeds were also passed out for planting. Photos are of Mrs. Knapp's students.