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CHERYL LONGNECKER (center) was recognized with a TORCH (Teachers Of Ohio Representing Character and Heart) Award. Congratulating her at a social distancing celebration were the teachers instrumental in nominating her for the award, Stacy Davis, Mary Haas, Katie Rogers and Amy Parker.

Pioneer Board of Education adopts resolutions for distance learning

At the regular meeting April 20, the Pioneer Board of Education adopted a Resolution Declaring a State of Emergency and modifying procedures for Board Meetings.

The board approved the appointment of Pioneer Superintendent Greg Nickoli to the Crawford County Tax Incentive Review Council.

The board adopted a resolution to grant the superintendent and treasurer authority due to the State of Emergency.

A resolution regarding distance learning was approved as was a Memorandum of Understanding between Pioneer CTC and the Education Association of Pioneer handling teacher and administrator evaluations during COVID-19 and payment of supplemental contracts during COVID-19.

The board adopted a resolution regarding evaluations of certificated staff and administrators and approved revisions to Policy 6152.01 (student fee waiver).

A resolution for Staff Appreciation Week and a resolution of recognition of the Byron Carmean Award winner were adopted.

Textbooks were approved for the 2020-'21

school year as were revisions to policy.

The board approved the appointment of Linda Schumacher as substitute to the Richland County Tax Incentive Review Council.

Employment of Certificated and Classified personnel for the 2020-'21 school year was approved.

Supplemental contracts for certificated personnel were granted to Darin Beal, maintenance of buses, 2020-'21 school year; David Such, maintenance of Pioneer vehicles, 2020-'21 school year; and John Yohe, Summer School Coordinator for 2020.

The board accepted the resignation of Tim Slone, maintenance security, effective July 31, 2020 and approved employment for him as maintenance technician, effective Aug. 1, 2020.

The board approved employment of Edgenuity Instructors for Summer School 2020. Instructors will be Dan Burtscher, math; Tina Duckworth, English; Robin Hager, social studies; and John Yohe, science.

The board approved the non-renewal of substitute classified personnel.

Social Distancing Celebration held for Lexington Eastern's Cheryl Longnecker

By Teresa Vore

Cheryl Longnecker, Intervention Specialist at Eastern Elementary School in Lexington, has been recognized with a TORCH (Teachers Of Ohio Representing Character and Heart) Award.

The TORCH recognition honors five extraordinary teachers annually by celebrating their efforts to model strong character and a heart for their students, colleagues and communities.

Mary Haas, Eastern art teacher, found the information about the TORCH Award and she and a group of teachers knew immediately that they wanted to nominate Longnecker. The group of Stacy Davis, Mary Haas, Katie Rogers and Amy Parker came together to write the nomination.

Many months went by and then COVID-19 happened and the world that we knew turned upside down. Bright and welcoming news came to Davis from the head of the TORCH committee at the beginning of April. They informed her that Cheryl Longnecker had won for our region.

There are five regions in Ohio and our region had the most nominations. Bachelder-Davis and the Eastern staff were determined that COVID-19 wasn't going to take this celebration away from Cheryl.

A "pseudo" staff meeting was held on Zoom on April 28 at 9 am. The staff already knew it was going to be a "fake"

meeting to celebrate Longnecker's award. Longnecker was invited by Jeremy Secrist and Mike Ziegelhofer to sit in on the Zoom meeting in the Lexington Schools Board Office. She was told that it was a meeting from Ohio Department of Education Representative Mona Al-Hayani, regarding COVID-19.

Mona Al-Hayani, who is last year's Teacher of the Year, was present via Zoom, but it was to make the very special announcement to Longnecker. A few were in attendance in the board room and many teachers, staff, friends and family were all anxiously awaiting on Zoom in their cars in the high school parking lot.

Leaving the board room, Longnecker was then greeted in the parking lot with applause, gifts, signs and smiley cut-out cookies.

Longnecker said, "These past 30 years has gone really fast. I feel very honored, thankful and blessed to have the phenomenal teachers that came before me. I

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Lexington BOE approves contracts

The Lexington Board of Education met Wednesday, April 15. Board president Robert Whitney called the meeting to order.

The retirement of Tom Brownell as physical education teacher at Central was accepted, effective June 1 and the resignation of Shelby Swart as an Intervention Specialist at Eastern was accepted, effective at the end of the 2019-'20 school year.

Jody Rutschilling was employed to teach third grade at Western, effective Aug. 21, 2020, under a one-year contract.

Administrator contracts were granted to Kathy Weidig, Central Principal, one-year (retire/rehire); Kyle Trittschuh, Technology Assistant Director, three-year; and Justin Smith, Head Mechanic, three-year.

Janelle Wyant was approved as head volleyball coach for the 2020-'21 school year.

The board granted approval of the revised Lexington substitute list dated March 18, 2020, as presented by MOESC.

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The Arts at Lexington Eastern Elementary

Lexington Eastern Elementary School highlighted "The Arts" during the week of April 20-24. Students shared Spring Community Porch Concerts and a Window Art show. Art teacher is Mary Pierce Haas and music teacher is Kay Hewetson. This event took place instead of the planned "Shine Night" which was scheduled for May 6.



Cooper Watters, Sixth Grade with his brother Klete, Second Grade



Ian Smith, Sixth Grade



Gabby Long, Fifth Grade Violin



Maddy Hock, Fifth Grade Trumpet



Elisabeth Newland, Sixth Grade Viola



Brailey Slone, Sixth Grade

Military News

Seth Cole committed to The United States Marine Corps during his senior year. He graduated from Lexington High School in May 2019 and was sworn in Sept. 17 of that year.



Seth Cole

He left for boot camp at Parris Island, SC, on Jan. 13, 2020 and graduated April 10. Seth earned the title of United States Marine after completing the 54-hour crucible test on March 28, that is required for all recruits.

During the test, recruits experience food and sleep deprivation and over 45 miles of marching. If recruits don't complete the test or fail, they do not earn the respected title United States Marine. Seth earned the title of Sharp Shooter while going through training.

Due to COVID-19, all travel was denied and he was not permitted to return home for leave on April 10. Instead he was shipped straight to Camp Geiger in North Carolina to begin Military Combat Training (MCT) for 29 days.

Immediately after, he will attend his Military Occupation Specialties (MOS) training for another two months.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MAY

- 1 — Kelsey Carder, Ontario (17)
- 2 — Audrey Wolford (12)
- 3 — Daphne Peterson
- 7 — Jim Warne, Ontario

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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.

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The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. Corporate Board Meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 14, at 2 pm will be held virtually and will not occur in person. The public can attend virtually through <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/862531789> or by phone: +1 (872) 240-3212 access code: 862-531-789. For more information contact Susie Danuloff at 567-247-7105.

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The Richland County Children Services Board will hold an emergency board meeting on Tuesday, April 28, at 3:30 pm in order to discuss the compensation of public employees. A conference call number is being utilized so that social distancing can be followed. To call into the meeting, interested individuals should dial the conference call number 425-436-6341. When prompted, enter access code 858603.

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Optional: Send a photo of someone making the dish or a photo of the person from which the recipe originated
(Ex. Great Grandma Jan's Potato Soup)

News Briefs

University Samaritan Medical Center has temporarily changed the hours of its UH Samaritan Richland Health Center Urgent Care to Monday through Friday, 9 am to 4:30 pm, closed Saturday. The center is located at 1033 Ashland Rd., Madison area. Patients needing urgent care can also visit UH Ashland Urgent Care, 663 E. Main St., Ashland, Monday through Friday from 9:30 am to 5:30 pm and Saturday from 9:30 am to 3 pm. For emergencies, visit UH Samaritan Medical Center's Emergency Room, 1025 Center St., Ashland, open 24/7.

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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 are available for youth and parenting support is also available.

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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.

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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 fur-

ther 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.

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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.

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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 appointments only. Walk-ins are not being accepted at this time. Jobseekers are encouraged to apply at www.temp2higher.org or call 419-522-1611. NECIC will continue to find work for jobseekers.

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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.



MADISON RESIDENT Tom Ellis was surprised with a parade of former students and athletes on April 25, in honor of his 88th birthday. Coach Tom's Mifflin area neighbors supported the drive-by parade by holding "Happy Birthday" signs along the route. Pictured with Coach Tom is his wife, Marlene, and former wrestler Lew Birmelin.



STAFF, FAMILY AND FRIENDS came to Lexington on April 28 to recognize Cheryl Longnecker and celebrate her being a recipient of a TORCH Award.

•Social Distancing Celebration held for Lexington Eastern's Cheryl Longnecker

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learned from them and it helped me become the teacher I am today."

Two of those special teachers are Nancy Krieger and Ce Ce Cunningham. Both are retired from Eastern.

Longnecker's fellow teachers said that she has always demonstrated dedication by going the extra mile, coming in early or staying late to work with her students, having direct communication with her students' parents and by putting their well being first. The smiley-face cookies were purchased because of Longnecker's signature smile.

She graduated from Walsh University as an under grad and from Ashland University with a Master's Degree.

She will be teaching physical education at Central Elementary School in Lexington next year.

Al-Hayani pointed out that teachers all over the country are making history with this COVID-19 crisis showing the dedication by adapting to teaching online learning practically overnight.

"We will continue the dedication and hard work one day at a time," said Al-Hayani. "We are in this together and we will continue to grow together."

The nomination letter included:

Cheryl Longnecker often goes the extra mile to create an uplifting atmosphere at her school. She greets her peers each and every morning with kindness, and even decorates the teacher's lounge with inspirational messages and decor. Ms. Longnecker teaches special education social studies, science, math and ELA at Eastern Elementary School.

Ms. Longnecker voluntarily begins her day two and a half hours earlier to accommodate students who are too old to qualify for before-school YMCA care. She spends her summers creating outdoor bonding activities for her students. Students fish and engage in many other summer camp activities to help ease their transition into the new school year.

She provides parents with daily pictures and videos to show the progress of their children. She is always in communication with the parents of her students, and her students stay in contact with her long after they leave her classroom. Ms. Longnecker has accompanied families to Nationwide Children's Hospital for diagnostic testing, and she purchases clothing and school supplies for students in need. She consistently puts the well being of others over her own.



RETIRED EASTERN ELEMENTARY teacher Nancy Krieger came to show her support of Cheryl Longnecker.

READERS' FORUM

HNCO would like to share some good news during this COVID-19 season that has changed our lives in such a dramatic way. We all have heard the news outlets, it is no secret people are making cloth masks and have been seen taking precautions however they can, anything to protect themselves from the viral war.

In spite of fear the community has really stepped up with support to Hospice of North Central Ohio. Local business and community members have greatly blessed our Hospice Heroes as they continue to serve. To have the support of so many people in our community is just heartwarming. We received critically needed (PPE) personal protective equipment / supplies from many kind generous supporters.

From Business like Brenda Stafford, Mary Kay; Brent Lasater, Lasater Funeral Home; Chris Laux, MWD Logistics; Kyle Stang, Janotta and Herner; Knox Community Hospital; Lowes of Mount Vernon, Knox County; and Todd Snyder-Snyder Funeral Home.

From Emergency management agencies

Crawford County EMA; Knox County Health Department; Mark Maxwell- Knox County EMA; Richland Co EMA; and Tracey Elder, American Red Cross.

We have also been blessed with donations that have come from within our agency, family of employees from Andy Repp, Christy Schaad, Dee Snively, Jason Giffin, Wesley Geiger and employees Misty York and Tina Marie Heibert, as well as the continued support from our HNCO volunteers have made face masks and cloth gowns for employees.

Those who would like to donate can contact HNCO at 800-952-2207. Or visit us at www.hospiceofnorthcentralohio.org

Hospice of NCO serves more than 200 patients daily in Ashland, Crawford, Huron, Knox, Morrow and Richland counties who are living with chronic and terminal illnesses.

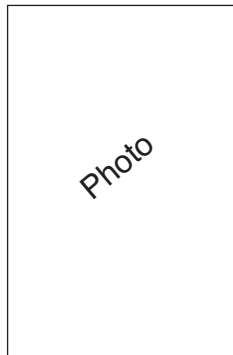
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RPH contests continue

Richland Public Health is holding its second "coronavirus" #richlandcountystrong contest on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/richland-health.org>.

The Facebook challenge is a photo or video on "How Do You Social Distance?"

One winner will receive a \$25 Amazon e-gift card. To Enter, "LIKE" the post and share a photo, gif or 10 second video in the comments section.

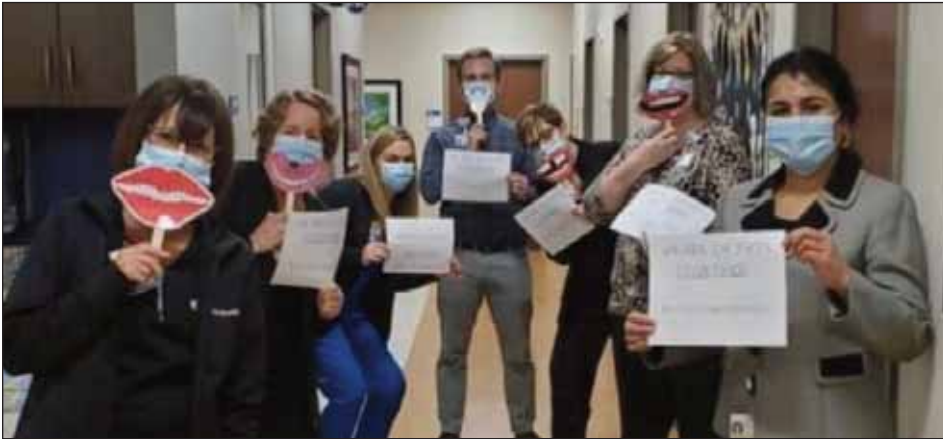
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Seniors in Stacey Wampler's Madison High School Health Science Technologies Program Serenity Keogh and Helanna Hicks are Resident Assistants at Wedgewood Estates



OSU Harding Hospital: Kristy Casto, Hannah Schaefer, Brandon Ruvalcaba and Ande O'Neil



The OhioHealth Physician Group Family Practice in Lexington



Kim Hershner
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BSN, RN in ICU Dept.
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Robin Shafer
Registered Nurse
Ohio State University
Wexner Medical Center



Ashley Brown, RN, BSN
Emergency Department
OhioHealth Mansfield Hospital
(Madison High School graduate)



Becky Gordon
and Alexis Heuss
Registered Nurses
OhioHealth Mansfield Hospital
(Madison High School graduates)



ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR Lysandra Owens has taken time during the stay-at-home orders to re-read the required books from sophomore English class. Her favorite from school is William Golding's *Lord of the Flies*. Her favorite book is *Him*, a work of poetry by Pierre A. Jeanly.

Great Lakes Science Center launches new virtual series of early childhood STEM programming

Great Lakes Science Center launched a new virtual series of early childhood STEM programming videos to continue its efforts during the statewide shutdown to provide educators and families with a unique range of engagement options.

The program features a series of videos on the Science Center's website aimed at families with children age five and younger. Each video features a book that families can read along with, and a related experiment that can be conducted at home using common household items. Topics include skyscrapers, rockets, wind power, and slimy science, and introductory concepts such as sorting, coding and buoyancy.

The activities encourage learning through play focusing on concepts that are important for young children's developing brains, as well as critical problem solving skills.

"We are born scientists and engineers - the Science Center's program is designed to support young children's natural curiosity and exploration," said Science Center President & CEO Kirsten Ellenbogen. "We know that birth to age five are the most critical years of brain development. The neurological development of those early years is an optimal time to set a strong foundation for a lifetime of learning."

This new web-based series of early childhood learning activities adds to the significant shift the Science Center has undertaken during the current health crisis shutdown to provide free virtual engagement to the community. These course corrections are critical for the Science Center to continue to serve its mission during the necessary closure.

The Science Center's website continues to add assets to appeal to families looking for virtual options from trusted sources as they stay at home. We know the importance of shared family time that supports fun learning experiences, and are committed to continuing to support families while

we respond to the current health crisis. The Science Center's new online resources are also designed to be useful for teachers looking to supplement virtual classroom activities as they shift to online learning.

Check out the series of new videos on GreatScience.com and visit the Science Center's YouTube channel for more at-home STEM videos.



ABBIGAIL MCGINTY uses Zoom to interact with her classmates from Lexington Central Elementary. Helping Abbigail is her dog, Phoebe.

Church Directory

Risen Savior Lutheran Church

1685 Lexington Ave., Mansfield • 419-775-1175
Pastor Brad Wright • risensaviormansfield.com
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Pastor Paul Lintern
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3540 Park Avenue West, Ontario • 419-529-4345
Rev. Chris Bell
Grace & Eggs (breakfast) every Sunday 8:30-9:30 am
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Adult Sunday School 9:15 am
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Hillside First Church of God

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1380 Park Avenue East, Mansfield
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6 pm Sunday Family Events
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Wednesday Bible Study 11 am
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Cornerstone Grace Brethren Church

1905 N. Lexington-Springmill Rd., Mansfield
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Sunday School 9:30 am
Sunday Worship 10:30 am
Tuesday Young Adult Bible Study 6:30 pm
Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer 6:30 pm
Wednesday Word of Life (children 4 years through 6th grade) 6:30 pm

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Western Elementary finds ways to meet family's needs

By Cindy L. Shasky, Educational aide
Lexington Western Elementary

Online learning and the stay at home order is different for each family. Many parents, grandparents, and caregivers have become active participants in the education process. Families with students with disabilities face challenges as well as working parents during these remote learning opportunities.

Mallory Westerheide is a single mother of two boys with disabilities. Even though Mallory is a teacher, she has found this task to be unique to her family and a new experience for her, but something she knew she needed to do.

Mallory's youngest son, Max, is in the preschool class at Western Elementary. He enjoys seeing his teacher, Mrs. Kapustar, and his school friends faces every Friday through video conferencing. An educational aide, Mrs. Julie Jungeberg, works with Max online. She goes over his classroom morning routine which includes days of the week.

They count shapes together and work on colors. Max has especially loved doing color poems with her. Mrs Jungeberg reads to Max and encourages him while he plays with a toy or a puzzle. She uses the preschool's weekly themes for activities for Max to complete.

This week they will be working on flowers and plants. She has incorporated his love of music into videos she prepares for him to watch online. Besides his academic videos, she created a "Miss You" video he loves to watch. She took pictures of some of his favorite places at school and pictures of school staff he is familiar with, putting the pictures to music so he will remember them until he returns to school next fall. Max enjoys seeing

pictures of his school and working with Mrs. Jungeberg.

Micah is in Mrs. Jenn Brane's first grade classroom. He also gets to see his teacher and classmates through video conferencing each week and gets very excited. Mrs. Tessa Mowry, an educational aide, works with Micah during the week. Their time together includes his morning routine going over days of the week and the weather. Mrs. Mowry reads to Micah and does brain break activities throughout their video session. Micah loved getting surprise mail with craft materials for an activity she did with him recently, as they studied the letter R and made a rainbow.

Mallory gets classroom lesson plans each week as well as suggestions for activities to work on with her sons from the school therapists. Therapists at Nationwide also work with both of her sons online.

You can imagine her calendar, but Mallory appreciates and is impressed with everything being done for her sons. School staff and therapists have stepped up to assist her in creative ways. Even though school is remote and not in a building, Mallory said she was literally blown away in the school's preparation for next school year when the staff, that will make up Micah's team for next year, came together for an online training for his new speech device.

Micah and Max both need hands-on all day long, which means she has to be by their side for each online learning experience as well as the work she completes with them to try and keep them actively engaged. Despite this help, she said it is still very hard not to feel overwhelmed, but she continues to remember and be encouraged that we are all in this together and she is not alone.



MAX WESTERHEIDE works with his teachers and aides during the Stay at Home Order. He attends Western Elementary's preschool class.



MICAH WESTERHEIDE works on schoolwork from home. He attends Mrs. Jenn Brane's first grade class at Western Elementary.

Local road construction projects ramp up as weather turns warmer

The area road construction report has been released for the week.

SR 13 in the Village of Bellville, between SR 97 and Ogle St., will be reduced to one lane of traffic for a bridge repair project. The project is expected to be complete August 2020.

The US 30 westbound exit ramp to SR 39 northbound is closed at night from 7 pm to 7 am only, to complete relocation work. The detour route for motorists headed to SR 39 northbound will continue on US 30 westbound to the Trimble Rd. exit, turn left onto Trimble and re-enter US 30 eastbound, then take the US 30 exit ramp to SR 39. The ramp is scheduled to reopen May 1.

US 30, from 4th St. to SR 309, will have shoulder closures in both the eastbound and westbound directions for bridge pier work. Crews continue concrete work on bridge piers. The project is expected to be complete August 2020.

US 42, from Fox Road to the City of Mansfield corporation limit, will have single lane closures for a resurfacing project. Traffic will be maintained by periodic flagging operations as needed. The project is expected to be complete July 2020; however, all work is weather de-

pendent and is subject to change.

US 42, from the City of Mansfield corporation limits to the Ashland County line, will have single lane closures for a resurfacing project. Traffic will be maintained by flaggers. Crews have begun work on catch basins, corrective pavement work, and pavement markings. The project is expected to be complete June 2020.



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I-71 northbound and southbound, from the Morrow County line to SR 97, will have single lane, day time closures and double lane, night time closures for a resurfacing project. Crews continue night work on I-71 from the Morrow/Richland County line to the SR 13 exit. Work will progress in both zones simultaneously. The project is expected to be complete

October 2020.

SR 603, between Pleasant Valley Rd. and SR 95, is closed for a maintenance repair project on a retaining wall. The detour route for motorists headed northbound on SR 603 will travel east on SR 95 to SR 39, northwest on SR 39 to SR 603, and reverse for southbound motorists. The road is expected to reopen May 28, 2020.

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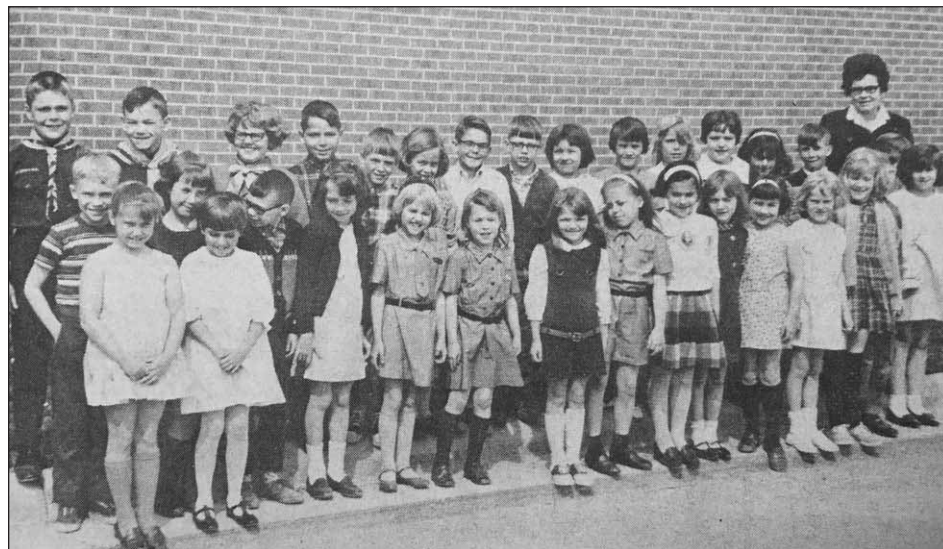
LOOKING BACK: This Week in Tribune-Courier History



April 29, 1983

COMEDY A SUCCESS — Ronnie Moore, Dan Bishop, Laura Mitchell and Mike Myers are shown in a scene of the Madison senior players presentation of "Once Upon a Mattress." The musical comedy was attended by record audiences. This photo was taken during last Friday's performance.

Mark Bohland



May 3, 1968 — Bedford Elementary School



April 29, 1983

TURN IN TICKETS — Tina Gombosch, 4th year student at Mifflin Elementary, turns in her lawn fete tickets last Monday to Mrs. Larry Carrocci. Other 4th and 5th year students who also sold tickets are in background. The Mifflin Lawn fete is set for this Saturday, April 30.

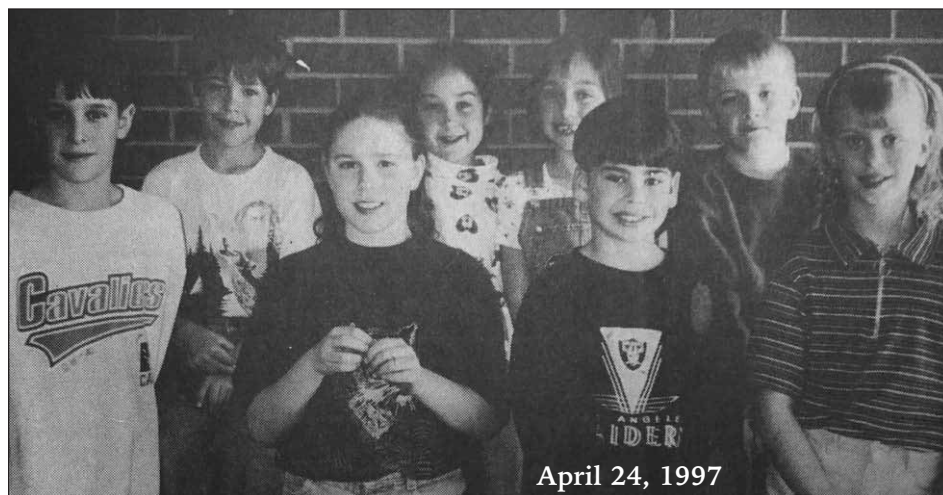
Marc Stumbo



April 29, 1983

KAREN BROACH of Madison easily won the high jump at Saturday's Ontario Relays, outleaping her nearest competitor by 6¾". She also grabbed first in the long jump with another impressive margin, leading her team to a third place finish in the meet.

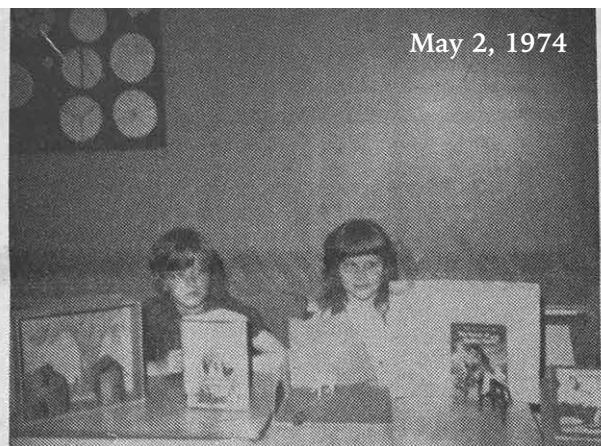
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April 24, 1997

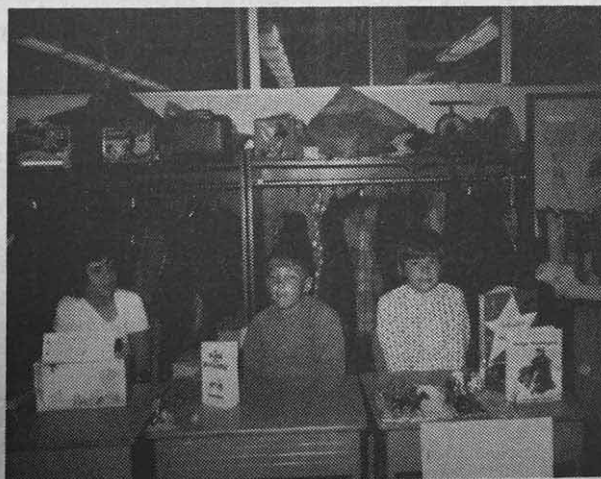
ONTARIO STINGEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL recently announced its Wall of Fame winners for the third nine-weeks grading period. Students honored were, front, Todd Spangler, Libby Metz, Ryan Bryant and Amy Craig; back, Brian Arter, Laura Uselton, Abby Ballard and Danny Flanagan.

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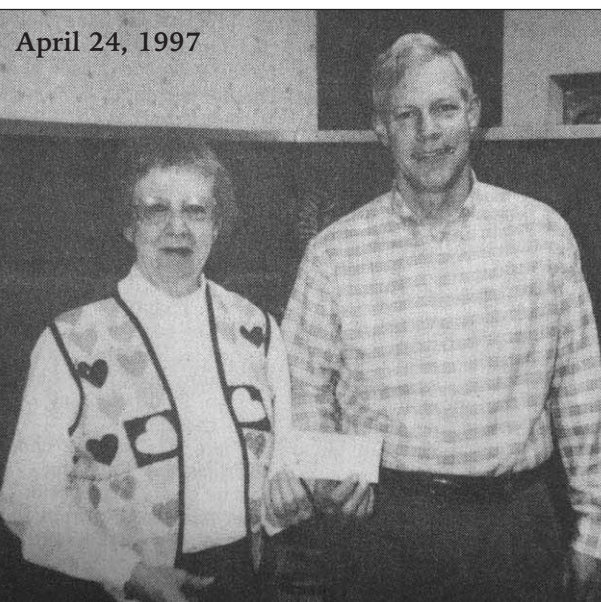


May 2, 1974

OBSERVE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK — Students in Western Elementary and parents toured the room of Mrs. Johnson's third grade during the recent book celebration. Denise Lee is shown with her project "Little House on the Prairie," and Kendra McDonald with "The Secret of Shadow Ranch." The children found that books are lots of fun to read. Photos by Marie Fish

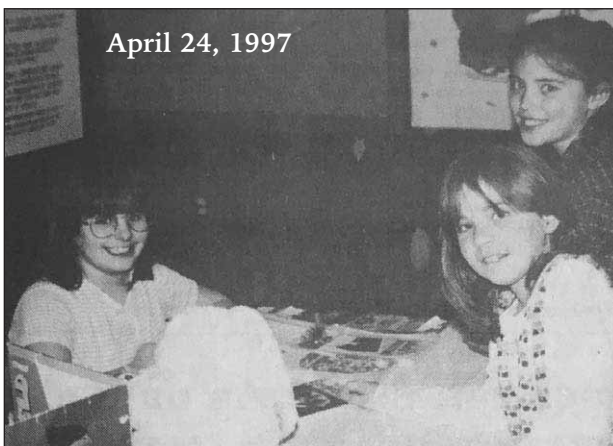


BOOK CELEBRATION — Students in Mrs. Johnson's third grade class at Western Elementary in Lexington held a book celebration on Monday and Tuesday to observe National Library Week. Each child chose a favorite book which he had read and did a project to show what the book was about. Lori Elek chose "Charlet's Web"; Scott Hout, "The Mouse on the Motorcycle," and Scott Young, "George Washington."



April 24, 1997

MARTHA BISHOP presented a check for \$100, donated by Ontario Chapter 256 of OAPSE, to William Pittenger of the Red Cross at the Red Cross facility on North Park St. in Mansfield last Thursday. The money will be used to assist flood victims in southern Ohio. Martha is president of the Ontario OAPSE chapter.



April 24, 1997

LANAE SAUDER, bottom right; Jenny Sizemore, left; and Alisha Evans check out the displays.



CORY RUPERT makes change for Chris Cochran looking quite pleased with a sale he just made. Mark Prince is looking on.

Program helps students to develop good skills, habits

The third grade students at Madison Mifflin Elementary School have been earning play money throughout the year for good work habits, organizational skills and positive behaviors.

One way they get to spend their earnings is at a flea market held in the school cafeteria.

They each have the opportunity to bring in items from home that are either used or made by them at home. They must do their own pricing, create any advertising and set up their items in a pleasing display.

The youngsters then shop at the many "stores," making many choices and perhaps even asking for a lower price! Many economic principles are learned first-hand. Math skills as well must be used for making change.

"It sure is a 'real-life' and fun way of learning," Principal Martin Breitingner told the T-C.



April 29, 1983

OUT OF PERSPECTIVE — To better accommodate their 4-year-old son Christopher, Mike and Nancy Huntsman erected this basketball hoop and backboard last Saturday at a height of about 5 feet. Looks a little unusual in the picture, but Christopher seems to like it just fine. The future cager sinks quite a few buckets with his underhand free-throw style. Marc Stumbo



April 29, 1983

RAFFLE QUILT — Sandy Hoffman, 5th grade teacher at Mifflin Elementary, holds the decorative nine-square design quilt that will be raffled off at the Mifflin Lawn Fete This Saturday, April 30, from 3 to 7 pm. The design squares in the quilt were made by Sandy's grandmother-in-law, and the remainder was hand-quilted and pieced by school volunteers. Marc Stumbo



April 29, 1983

DON SOWASH, manager of Hawkin's Market, receives the Madison Lions Club Annual Citizenship Award from Robert Schambre during the Lions Annual Charter Night Dinner.

On April 30, 1993, computer scientist Tim Berners-Lee released the source code for the world's first web browser and editor. Originally called Mesh, the browser that he called WorldWideWeb became the first royalty-free, easy-to-use means of browsing the emerging information network that developed into the internet as we know it today. Simple Web browsers like Mosaic appeared a short time later, and before long the Web had become by far the most popular system of its kind. The creation and globalization of the web is widely considered one of the most transformational events in human history.



By Kenn Spencer

Baseball/softball registration has been extended to May 8. At this time OYS baseball will begin on June 1 and play until July 19. We will not play MOC games on July 4 weekend. We are still planning on an end of the season tournament — OYS teams will play a full schedule. We are working with the City of Ontario to make sure our fields are ready to play. Please practice at home and keep working on your skill set.

Thank you to the 400 plus families that joined us last week for YOGA live. This week we will once again be offering our community YOGA LIVE Thursday at 1 pm with Aimee Monroe. We will offer all Levels Yoga, Pilates, Family Yoga. Keep following OYS on Facebook for details July 20–24: OYS Soccer Boot Camp is Live. Parents looking for an opportunity for a child to expand his/her love of soccer, have fun, form friendships and improve soccer skills should sign-up. The camp is five full days of soccer at Marshall Park. 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!

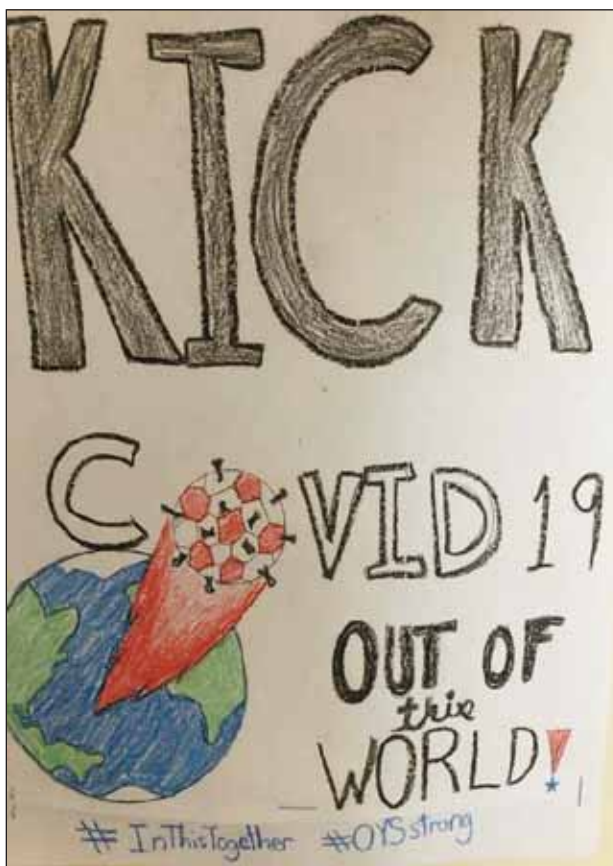
Join us on Facebook for our sidewalk chalk contest. Here's how the contest works:

1. Come up with an idea for your driveway or sidewalk — gather your thoughts, pull out your sidewalk chalk and get started. The bigger the better! If you don't have a driveway, ask a neighbor.

2. Submit your art! When your art is ready for the big show, text your name and a picture of your design to 419-566-8072. This will be the image that the community sees when they vote for your design. Once a design is submitted, we will take a look and approve it for scoring within a few days. All entries become property of OYS.

3. The community scores your art! On Saturday, May 2, at 10 am OYS will post all pictures and allow our community to vote. During the scoring period, people from all over Ontario will vote for your design. On Monday, May 4, at 11 am we will tally the votes and let Ontario know our winner — so be sure to spend this time shamelessly promoting it all over Facebook. BTW you can submit up to three entries. Please see more details and our amazing prize package on OYS Facebook.

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 •Call the sports director at 419-566-8072.



WINNERS were chosen for the Ontario Youth Sports 2020 t-shirt design. First place winner was Kailey Hale (left photo), who won ten shirts with her design, a \$10 gift card to The Cove Coffee Shop and \$25 gift card to Besta Fasta Pizza in Ontario. Second place was Carson, Addison, Peyton, Bryson and Preston Smith (top right), winning a \$35 VISA gift card and \$5 gift card to The Cove Coffee Shop. Placing third was Mariana Parilla (bottom right) who won a \$25 VISA gift card.



Artists and restaurants join together for continuation of virtual concert series

A virtual concert series was launched recently on Facebook LIVE.

“We’re sharing Facebook LIVE concerts from local artists on our Facebook Page,” said Destination Mansfield-Richland County President, Lee Tasseff. “Local artists are partnering up with area restaurants to support each other and provide the public with “Dinner & A Show” in the comfort of their own home!”

Ricky Mitchell will be featured April 25 at 8 pm with The Vault in Shelby. Taylor Schlupp will perform May at 7 pm, The Happy Grape in Lexington; Kelly Knowlton will perform May 8, at 7 pm, DLX; and Henry J. Konczak will perform May 16 at 7 pm, The Wishmaker House.

Those who want to know how to order food, can go to the “Restaurants Open for Take-out and Delivery” page. They can pick-up dinner or have it delivered, then grab the best seat in the house (their house).

These concerts are a collaboration of Destination

Mansfield — Richland County, Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development, Downtown Mansfield Inc., and the local restaurants and artists of Richland County.

The concept was a natural after Destination Mansfield developed the Richland County Restaurants Open for Take-out and Delivery page.

“It seemed like the next logical step in bringing local entertainment into the homes of residents while putting a new twist on the ongoing take out campaign that’s been underway since the stay at home order went into effect”, according to Jennifer Kime, CEO at Downtown Mansfield, Inc.

“It made perfect sense to support local musicians in a fun way that made an evening out of it,” added Jodie Perry, Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development President & CEO.

Tips for both restaurants and musicians are encouraged to support employees and artists furloughed due to COVID-19.

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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.

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Clerk of Council
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Scammers take advantage of COVID situation

As the COVID-19 situation continues, residents are seeing rising scammer activity.

A local resident reported receiving a text on their cell phone stating "Someone you came in contact with has tested positive or has shown symptoms for COVID-19 & recommends you self-isolate/get tested" and lists a link to click.

Scammers might call to offer things like a "COVID-19 kit," "Coronavirus package," or Medicare benefits related to the virus or claim to be the Social Security Administration, IRS, Census, USCIS and the FDIC.

These fake government messages might speak about quick relief payments or cash grants due to the Coronavirus. The best advice is to hang up.

For more information on scams visit <https://www.ftc.gov/coronavirus/scams-consumer-advice>.

Alzheimer's Association offers tips for caring for loved ones

The Alzheimer's Association and the Ohio Health Care Association (OHCA) have collaborated to provide best practice guidelines to caregivers with loved ones in assisted living, home care or skilled nursing facilities at a time when the state is collecting COVID-19 case data from those facilities.

The guidelines for those in assisted living or skilled nursing units include options that help families connect with residents while observing guidelines that prohibit visitation. The home health care guidelines center around preventative actions a caregiver should take before allowing a paid health care professional in their home.

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine announced that he had directed the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) to collect more specific information regarding cases of COVID-19 in Ohio nursing homes, assisted living facilities and hospitals. Data will be posted to [Coronavirus.Ohio.Gov](https://www.coronavirus.ohio.gov) every Wednesday.

OHCA Executive Director Pete Van Runkle said the Ohio Health Care Association supports the state reporting. "Families and state officials need a complete picture of how COVID-19 is impacting our long-term services and supports providers to better understand the situation on the ground, and to provide the resources and support our members need to protect the lives of residents and employees."

According to the OHCA, long-term services and supports providers serve an estimated 234,000 frail, elderly, and disabled Ohioans. Since the outbreak of COVID-19, Ohio's skilled nursing and assisted living facilities have limited guests to facilities to protect the health of residents. On April 15, Dr. Amy Acton, Director of the Ohio Department of Health, issued an order requiring long-term care facilities to notify residents and families within 24 hours if a resident or staff member becomes infected.

"We are happy with Governor DeWine and Director Acton's decision. Ohio's long-term care facilities are working hard to help Ohio's most vulnerable citizens and prevent the possible spread of COVID-19 in their facilities. The decision to report publicly, and notify families is one that the thousands of family caregivers the Alzheimer's Association works with will welcome, and it will provide some peace of mind for them in these uncertain times," said Trey Addison, Director of State Public Policy for the Alzheimer's Association.

He added that "in this highly fluid time, the Alzheimer's Association is working to support family caregivers, and individuals living with Alzheimer's and dementia, by providing tips for our families, in coordination with OHCA, so we can ensure family members with loved ones in a facility can maximize their time with a loved one, while coordinating with facilities to create a safe environment."

In addition to taking advantage of virtual visits using videoconferencing technology, other suggestions for caregivers include:

- Sending photo albums or cards
- Sharing your loved one's favorite music on a device that can be played in their room
- See if the facility will allow an outdoor bird feeder your loved one can see

Van Runkle said the tips are important because although Governor DeWine is preparing to reopen Ohio's economy, it is unclear when it will be safe for Ohio's assisted living and long-term care facilities to allow family visits. "Until there is widespread testing and a more consistent supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) it will continue to be necessary to restrict visitations. Our number one concern is for the health and safety of those we serve and for the caregivers who are caring for them," Van Runkle said.

Currently 220,000 Ohioans live with Alzheimer's disease. Older people with Alzheimer's or other dementias have more skilled nursing facility stays and home health care visits per year than other older people. Nationwide, according to the 2020 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures report:

- Thirty-two percent of individuals using home health services have Alzheimer's or other dementias
- Forty-two percent of residents in residential care facilities have Alzheimer's or other dementias.
- Forty-eight percent of nursing home residents have Alzheimer's or other dementias

Addison said, "Ohio will continue to be better prepared because of public and private partnerships in the fight against COVID-19. Our collaboration with OHCA is just one of many as we work to support families and their loved ones throughout Ohio."

To get a full list of tips visit https://www.alz.org/centralohio/helping_you/covid-19-news-and-information.



JUSTIN ESTERLINE, a 2002 graduate of Madison Comprehensive High School, took his family to ride bikes at the high school to get some exercise recently. While he was there, he took his skateboard and showed off his skills. Helping with a jump skill were Jase Sprague, Jackson Esterline and Ryan Byus.

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.

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TEACHERS AT WESTERN ELEMENTARY in Lexington have been busy packing up students' desk supplies and delivering them to their homes or setting a special pick up time at school. These special deliveries were made by second grade staff Mrs. Lindsay Them, Mrs. Belinda Pressey and Mrs. Jackie Rhodes. Among those visited were the Parks Family, Emory Miller and Lola Earick.

Richland Gives continues until May 5

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 relaunched 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.

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



DOORSTEP SURPRISES were recently left from Lexington Western pre-K teacher Mrs. Heather Kapustar and her Educational Aides Mrs. Kentosh, Ms. Anthony and Ms. Eldridge.

Renaissance expands Creative Educational Activities Resources through QuaRENTine

With the continuation of the need to stay at home for work, school and most other activities, comes the need for a continuing effort to provide creative resources for students, teachers and families.

The launch of the Renaissance Theatre's QuaRENTine Education Initiative has provided just a glimpse into a variety of educational activities designed with creativity in mind.

The series, coordinated by Renaissance Resident Teaching Artist Dauphne Maloney, will be expanding its Renaissance Education offerings to the community in a series of live classes called QuaRENTine Classroom using Zoom with the first course beginning on May 5.

Maloney, trained by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., hopes that the expansion of the program will serve as another way in which the arts can enhance learning for a range of age groups.

Maloney says, "Author and poet William Plomer stated that, 'creativity is the power to connect the seemingly unconnected.' As we continue down this path of safety by encouraging families to stay at home, we've been reminded of that essential need to connect with each other in every way we can.

"The use of technology has allowed us to make that connection in ways we didn't expect. The arts encourage us to think more creatively; to engage with oth-

ers; and help to enhance our social and emotional growth — especially when used in a learning environment. The expansion of our QuaRENTine Education Initiative to include live, online classes is a natural progression which offers even more opportunity to families and educators."

Since April 23, interested parents and educators can visit the Renaissance website, www.rentickets.org, to register for a variety of sessions, or may register on EventBrite.

Registration is free, and each session has a limited number of spots available.

Information regarding any needed materials will be provided by Maloney prior to class sessions. All the material provided can be used by educators, as well as parents and students.

Material for the website will be updated, and expanded upon, regularly to include new material and resources for other activities and creative exploration.

For more information on Creative Educational Activities Resources or any Renaissance Education programs, visit www.rentickets.org. QuaRENTine Classroom is part of the Mechanics Bank Education Series.

The Renaissance Performing Arts Association is participating in Richland Gives which runs from April 14 through May 5.

Information on how and where to donate can be found in the article (above).



HELPING with the Madison South Food student breakfast and lunch distribution over Spring Break were Toris Phinnessee (New Jerusalem COGIC), Kristen Smith (Mosaic Church) and Stan Wertz (Trinity United Methodist Church).

Love INC continues service

This past year Love INC screened almost 3,000 calls for assistance and with this current pandemic, anticipates the need to increase exponentially. Love INC stands for "Love In the Name of Christ," and is a non-profit call center that provides churches an open door to serve its neighbors.

Love INC works to identify gaps within social service agencies and coordinate churches to meet physical needs that may not be part of a typical outreach in the community. Love INC strives to incorporate a holistic approach as volunteers listen to each caller and churches go into action to

meet physical, spiritual, emotional and relational needs. Churches reach out to their neighbors through food, furniture, appliances, bedding, gas cards, dog and cat food, personal care items, towels, kitchenware, cleaning products, curtains and a free legal clinic. Love INC is open and working with churches to serve anyone in need to connect them with available resources. Love INC is available for calls Tuesday-Thursday 9:30 am to noon at 419-522-1432, or leave a message anytime. Visit <http://mansfieldlinc.org/> or <https://www.facebook.com/mansfieldloveinc/> for information.



ART HARING AND TED RYAN (both from Berean Baptist Church) help with the furniture ministry.



MARILYN SNYDER and Jodi Ott (both from Lexington Church of the Cross) help at Love INC.

First Federal and Home Savings to merge

First Federal Bank of the Midwest (First Federal Bank) and Home Savings Bank, announced the upcoming unification of their banking businesses under the new name of Premier Bank. This announcement was planned as part of the strategic merger and upcoming integration of the two bank systems set to be complete in July of this year. At that time, both banks will begin operating under the name Premier Bank.

"I'm truly excited to announce this upcoming name change that will bring together all of our branches under one brand," stated Donald P. Hileman, CEO of First Federal Bank and Home Savings Bank. "We achieved our goal of selecting a name that represents and honors the commitment both banks

have made to our customers and communities by providing the best in financial partnerships for over a century."

The combined 77 branches will begin adopting the Premier Bank name and new branding in June with the transition being complete by mid-July.

Executive Vice President and Chief Banking Officer, Head of Community Banking, Vince Liuzzi, added, "We made sure our employees and customers had a voice during this rebranding process to ensure our outcome would reflect what sets us apart in the communities we serve. The Premier Bank name and brand are a reflection of our commitment to helping customers, employees and our communities achieve their best."



T-C Staff/ Bud Motter

MEMBERS OF Westwood Alliance Church in Ontario have been receiving their Sunday Worship service at home. The Praise Team of Luke Miller, Luke Howard and Rebekah Beasley lead songs and Pastor Jeremy Muncy gives the sermon. Last week, he spoke on Psalms 169. To see a live stream of the service each Sunday at 10:40 am, visit www.westwoodcma.org/live.



Madison South Preschool



Keegan Keck draws shapes in shaving cream

Students in Mrs. Lori Camillo's preschool class from Madison South Elementary School have been busy completing activities during home instruction.



Sawyer Wallace colors patterns



Ryleigh Adkins works on her name