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**VOLUNTEERS CAME** to help at the Independent Living Center of North Central Ohio's food distribution on Monday, May 4. Among those helping were Tywone Bentley, Doc Stumbo, Jacqueline Bentley, Executive Director of Independent Living Center of North Central Ohio Pamela Drake, Whitney Nichols, Wendy Byerly, Tim Sexton, Richard Byerly and City of Ontario Mayor Randy Hutchinson. See article on Page 2.

## Ontario to host drive-in graduation

Ontario Local Schools has released the plans for the graduating class of 2020.

Guidelines from local and state officials will not allow large group gatherings anytime soon, therefore both Senior Honors Night and prom have been cancelled. All awards and recognition will be distributed when students pick up their cap and gown Friday, May 22, from 10 am to noon and 1-3 pm in the OHS cafeteria.

At that time, students will turn in Chromebooks, textbooks and any other OHS materials and pay past due school and lunch fees. Social distancing guidelines will be strictly enforced.

OHS will conduct a "Drive-In" graduation on Friday, May 29, at 7 pm. The OHS parking lot will open at 6:15 pm and students are limited to one car per immediate family. Those with a split family will be allowed a second car.

RVs, buses limos and the like will not be permitted. The high school grounds will be off limits to extended family.

The graduation will be streamed live via WMFD Facebook Live and also at WMFD.com. Students and families will be able to watch and listen in their vehicle on their device of choice.

A full HD video of the drive-in graduation along with a Senior Video Scrapbook

will be provided by The OH Report and posted for all to view and download by Friday, June 12. OHS is providing this at no cost to students.

Seniors will register to participate in the graduation by a Google form that will be sent to their school gmail account. Those who choose not to participate will pick up their diploma, transcript and graduation day packet the week of June 1 in the high school office.

Graduates will remain in their cars until directed to the staging area, receive diploma and then return to their car.

In an effort to adhere to social distancing guidelines and to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students and staff members, there will be no interactions outside of vehicles for students or adults before, during or after receiving the diploma. Those who are not compliant will be asked to leave.

A detailed agenda will be provided to graduates when the cap and gown is picked up on May 22. Most parts of the traditional graduation program will be part of the ceremony.

Seniors or parents with questions or concerns regarding graduation and end of the year requirements can email cain.veronica@olsohio.org.

## Madison schools receive national recognition

Madison Local Schools has announced that Eastview Elementary, Madison South Elementary, Mifflin Elementary and Madison Middle School have been recognized as Project Lead The Way (PLTW) Distinguished Schools for providing broad access to transformative learning opportunities for students through PLTW Launch.

The schools are four of just 404 schools across the U.S. to receive this honor. PLTW is a nonprofit organization that serves millions of Pre K-12 students and teachers in schools across the U.S.

The PLTW Distinguished School recognition honors schools committed to increasing student access, engagement and achievement in their PLTW programs. To be eligible for the designation, Eastview, Madison South, Mifflin and the middle school had to offer at least two PLTW Launch modules at each grade level and have more than 75 percent of the student body participating during the 2018-'19 school year.

Studies show that students decide as early as elementary school whether they like, and think they are good at math and

science. Whether designing a car safety belt or building digital animations based on their own short stories, PLTW Launch students engage in critical and creative thinking, build teamwork skills, and develop a passion for and confidence in STEM subjects.

"It is a great honor to recognize Madison Local Schools for their commitment to providing students with an excellent educational experience," said Dr. Vince Bertram, President and CEO of PLTW. "They should be very proud of their work to ensure students have the knowledge and skills to be career ready and successful on any career path they choose."

Madison Middle School has also been recognized as a Project Lead The Way (PLTW) Distinguished School for providing broad access to transformative learning opportunities for students through PLTW Gateway. It is one of just 176 middle schools across the U.S. to receive this honor.

PLTW is a nonprofit organization that serves millions of Pre K-12 students and  
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## Need for Red Cross donors rises

With no known end date to the coronavirus fight, the American Red Cross is encouraging healthy individuals to make appointments to donate blood or platelets to ensure blood remains readily available for patients who still rely on transfusions.

The need for blood for trauma patients, children battling cancer, mothers experiencing childbirth complications, patients with sickle cell disease and others continues. Donated blood has a limited shelf life of 42 days for red cells and just five days for platelets, so the supply must constantly be replenished.

Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and additional precautions — including social distancing and face coverings for donors and staff — have been implemented to safeguard donors, volunteers and employees.

Healthy individuals who are feeling

well are asked to make an appointment to donate this May by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive and are required to wear a face covering or mask while at the drive, in alignment with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention public guidance.

Friday, May 8, 11 am to 5 pm, Heartland Church, 2505 S. Lexington-Springmill Rd. S.

Wednesday, May 13, 1-7 pm, Richland Mall, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario; and 10 am to 4 pm, American Legion Hall, 89 E. Main St., Shelby

Friday, May 15, noon to 5 pm, The Avenue Church, 1756 Park Avenue West, Ontario

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Released earlier this year on Amazon Prime Video is a movie called *Troop Zero*. McKenna Grace plays Christmas, a young girl growing up in 1977 Georgia who is fascinated by space and space travel.

She sits outside wearing a colander on her head with tin foil hoping to talk to whatever life is out there in the universe. Her father (Jim Gaffigan) is a struggling lawyer. He is really held together by his assistant Miss Rayleen (Viola Davis).

Upon learning one of the Birdie Scout troops is going to get to record a message for NASA's record, Christmas recruits a group of misfit kids to compete in the talent competition to win the prize. They must compete against a troop headed by the school principal played by Allison Janney.

*Troop Zero* certainly has its heart in the right place and is a very sweet film, almost trying a Wes Anderson style, and they really give everything to their characters especially young Grace who is sweet and excited in her entertaining role.

Honestly though, the movie never lives

up to what it could be. It has all these great elements, dialogue and montage sequences that come with the territory with movies like this but it just felt subpar compared to so many other coming of age stories that have done it better. The final sequence at the talent competition is executed well in terms of humor and emotion for this group of young people who have worked hard for this moment.

*Troop Zero* certainly isn't a bad film. It's fun to watch but it meanders and then comes back to being good again. Some more concentration on Jim Gaffigan's father character and maybe some bigger laughs would have made *Troop Zero* stand out from the pack. This is certainly watchable though not one that sticks with you like it could.

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



## Organization distributes food to community members with disabilities

The Independent Living Center of North Central Ohio is a non-residential community-based organization run by and for individuals with disabilities. The center works with individuals with disabilities to empower them to take control of their lives and decide what independence means to them.

The pandemic has presented an opportunity for the center to step up with support by sponsoring a fresh food distribution for its registered consumers.

A dairy distribution was held May 4 at the Independent Living Center. Holthouse Farms and the Community Market provided produce and dairy products.

A food card from Meijer in Ontario was provided to those with special dietary needs. The service was provided to approximately 300 in a no-touch operation.

"We want to extend a huge thank you to Graham Automall for the helping hands

to unload trucks and stage the boxes for distribution," said Pamela Drake, Executive Director of Independent Living Center of North Central Ohio. "We also thank the United Way and many volunteers who have helped to put this together and were here during distribution."

"We are strongest when we unite as a community and we will get through this together, one day at a time."

The center, established in 1993, and located in Ontario, mentor and guide those with disabilities through the process of achieving their self-identified goals.

Ohio is home to 12 Centers for Independent Living (CIL) locations.

It is a statutory requirement that a majority of the board members and staff at the centers be individuals with disabilities, giving them the unique ability to provide resources and advocate based on first-hand experience.

(See photo on front page)



**CATHERINE SCHAEFER**, a 2017 Lexington Graduate studying nursing at Ohio Northern University, celebrated her 21st Birthday with a "Birthday Parade" due to social distancing. Family and friends drove by to wish her a happy birthday.



## READERS' FORUM

Less than a month ago, I penned an op-ed to our community papers urging that we slowly allow businesses, who have suffered tremendously during this pandemic, to slowly and safely reopen. Our aggressive measures have paid off: the curve was flattened, the public is prepared to protect themselves through social distancing and proper hygiene practices, and our communities have banded together to ensure safe environments.

Despite this encouraging news, Governor DeWine amended the stay-at-home order until the end of May and only allowed a limited number of businesses to reopen. Among the businesses still closed: daycare facilities, restaurants and bars, salons, and entertainment facilities. While I applaud his efforts in allowing some retail establishments to reopen, I am concerned that some of these small "mom and pop" businesses may never reopen. The burden of the coronavirus has been too much for them to sustain their operations any longer. Generational establishments may close permanently, and we will lose jobs Ohioans depend on.

I'm an American. I believe in personal responsibility and the ability of each of us to make our own decisions. For the past six weeks, we have been inundated with best practices of hygiene, social distancing, and what to do (and not do) until a vaccine or other treatments can be established for treating this virus. True, our individual decisions should also respect the feelings and health of those around us, especially the most susceptible to the virus.

Therefore, as a state representative, I am prepared to get back to work and pass meaningful legislation that will help Ohio restart the economy as soon as possible, and I am calling on the Administration to reconsider their extended closures of Ohio's small businesses. I believe the time has come to trust Ohioans to protect themselves - and each other. We can thread the needle between protecting public health and safety while maintaining some semblance of restoring our economy, and I wholeheartedly believe we must act now before it is too late.

Mark Romanchuk, State Representative

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## Memorial Arrangements



### Alice Frances (Hopp) Mitchell

Alice Frances (Hopp) Mitchell, age 91, went to be with our Lord on April 28, 2020, at the Crestwood Care Center in Shelby, Ohio after a short illness. She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Franklin Hopp, Jr., and sisters Sr. Mary Reparata (Louanna) Hopp and Elizabeth Ann Hopp.

Alice was born on November 6, 1928 in Denver, Colorado to the late Agnes Christiana (Pedersen) Hopp and Harry Franklin Hopp, Sr. She graduated from East Denver High School, and during high school she was a "Candy

Striper" hospital volunteer, enjoying every minute of that experience. She always thought she'd enter nursing school, but life took her in a different direction.

In her younger years, Alice was an active horsewoman and spent many happy days riding her horse Skippy through the Denver foothills and mountains, accompanied by her dear friend and mentor John Theno.

In 1953, she married Jack Lynn Mitchell, and eventually moved to Ontario, Ohio, where she spent the next years raising four children, and running a household that included two grandmothers and a husband - no easy feat. Later, she was proud to work for National Seating Company in Mansfield as their office manager.

Alice loved bowling in a league at Park Lanes in Mansfield every Thursday for many years, especially enjoying the company of close friend Betty Brinley. She was an avid supporter of the Ontario Booster Club for track, wrestling, and later marching band, and helped make and serve those shredded chicken sandwiches most kids loved, even though she hated them herself!

Always quiet and unassuming, Alice nonetheless loved having visitors stop by the house, and in the summer, enjoyed serving them her famous sweet iced tea. Her vegetable and fruit canning skills, and barbecued bean casserole were legendary, and at sporting events lots of kids counted on her always doling out Tootsie Rolls and Certs mints from her purse.

After the passing of her husband, Alice and her beloved cat Chessie moved back to Denver where her mother and sister Betty still resided. She then spent many contented years there enjoying their company. She loved spending time in the Rocky Mountains, and closely followed her baseball team, The Rockies. In her retirement, she and her siblings enjoyed a trip to Australia to view Halley's comet from its best vantage point, and she and her sisters traveled to Denmark to visit aunts, uncles and cousins there.

After insufferable nagging from family, Alice moved back to the Ontario area in 2014, making some new friendships and rekindling some old. Though she missed seeing "her" mountains on the horizon every day, she enjoyed being able to spend more time with her family.

Alice's ever-thoughtful ways, wry and sharp sense of humor, and kindnesses to others will always be sorely missed. She is survived by children Michael (Cathy Jones) Mitchell, Dale Mitchell, Rebecca Mitchell, and Melissa (Joe) Grabill; beloved family member Claudia Mitchell; grandchildren Luke (Katie Beth) Mitchell, Kylie (Michael) Cochran, Robert (Morgan) Grabill, and Kerrington Grabill; and three great-grandchildren. The family will celebrate Alice's life together at a later date.

Special thanks to Alice's friend Janet, for her care. Please visit [www.ohiocremation.org](http://www.ohiocremation.org) to leave the family an online condolence.

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## News Briefs

The following May events have been cancelled because of the COVID-19 outbreak and to follow Governor DeWine's stay at home order which has been extended until May 29.

Saturday, May 9, Mansfield Community Memorial and Patriotic Association meeting; Friday, May 15, VA Clinic Cookout; Thursday, May 21, Honored Flag Ceremony; Monday, May 25, WWI Doughboy and Korean War Ceremonies at Central Park Mansfield; and Monday, May 25, Mansfield Memorial Day Parade.

For information contact Bruce Phipps at 419-544-0311.

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Ridgeway Church of God, 1380 Park Avenue East, Madison area, will sponsor a "Drive-Thru Spaghetti Dinner" on Friday, May 8, from 4:30-6 pm. The menu will be limited to spaghetti, salad and bread. The parking lot will be set up for ordering and pick up. There is no need to leave the vehicle. Cost of the dinner is a donation. All proceeds will benefit the church. For more information call 419-589-5385.

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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](mailto:andersont@cacyohio.org).

Several online lessons and resources are available for youth and parenting support it 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.

★  
A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, May 23 and 24.

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.

★  
Richland Public Health is hosting a contest to win a \$25 Clear Fork Dairy Belle gift card. To enter "Like" RPH's Facebook post and share a photo, gif or 10 second video in the comments section of you rocking out to your favorite handwashing song. RPH is accepting submissions until Friday, May 8 at 11:59 pm. The winner will be selected Monday, May 11. The winner must be a resident of Richland County.

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## Celebrating Special Women in Our Lives



**A FOUR GENERATION PHOTO** was taken of Pat Eldridge (Madison), Robin Stanforth (Colorado Springs) and Danielle and Olivia Baumberger (Madison).



**CAROL McFARLAND**, Dee Au and Rosie Richmond



**PEGGY METZ** of Ontario holds grandson Caleb Austin Hooks, who was born May 1. Caleb is the son of Seth and Elizabeth Hooks. He joins brothers Kadin, Avery, Zayne and Grayson.



**KINSEY KRINER** and her grandma Jean Plieninger, both of the Madison area, on their visit to NYC last year

## 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  
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### **Ontario United Methodist Church**

3540 Park Avenue West, Ontario • 419-529-4345  
Rev. Chris Bell  
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Kingdom Kids (Sunday School) 10:15 am  
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### **Hillside First Church of God**

2369 Bowman Rd., Mansfield • Pastor Glenn M. Phillips  
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hillsidefcg@hotmail.com

### **Ridgeway Church of God**

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### **Mayflower Congregational Church**

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Wednesday Bible Study 11 am  
www.mansfieldmayflower.com

### **Cornerstone Grace Brethren Church**

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Les Vnasdale, Philip Moeller • 419-747-5012  
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

### **St. Peter's Catholic Church**

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**KARRIE DAVISSON** of Lexington and her children Benjamin, Claire, Samuel and Grant



**PAM HICKS** of the Madison area and her daughters Becky and Crystal



**ALYSSA SLOEY**, recently welcomed daughter Sienna. She is pictured with big sister Celia. They are residents of Lexington.



**CAROLYN AND ED MAGLOTT** of the Madison area (center) pictured with their children Jim Maglott (Georgia), John Maglott (Taiwan), Diana Hochstetler (Lexington) Linda Rachel (Mt.Gilead), Deb Nutter (Ontario), Michael Maglott (Ontario) and Edwin Maglott (Galion).



**MADISON AREA** residents Gwen Smith and her mom, Stella Smith, at Niagara Falls



**CAROL MCFARLAND** and her daughter, Megan Tucker.

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## News Briefs in Education

Cedarville University celebrated 2020 graduates on Saturday, May 2 with an online Class of 2020 Senior Celebration.

This celebration will not replace commencement, which will be held Homecoming Weekend on Oct. 2-3, with full regalia.

Holly Caldwell from Lexington graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in History and Sarah Johnson from Lexington graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing in Nursing.



Rachel Bishop of Mansfield was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Bishop was initiated at The University of Toledo.

Bishop is among approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter.

Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

### Flags will be placed for veterans

On Saturday, May 23, flags will be placed on veteran graves at Mansfield Cemetery, starting at 9 am. Volunteers are needed and can meet at the flagpole at the Veterans Honor Grounds in the back of the cemetery.

Veterans will be there to hand out the flags and give instructions on placement. All Scouting groups and other groups are welcome to help with this important project to help remember the country's veterans and what they have done for us.

The Mansfield Community Memorial and Patriotic Association sponsors this project. For more information call Bruce Phipps at 419-544-0311.



**MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU** — On May 4, the Knowlton sisters dressed up as Star Wars characters. Georgia, 6, dressed as Rey; Winifred, 3, was Princess Leia; and Olive, 8, was Queen Amidala. They are the daughters of Madison graduates Stephen and Kelly Knowlton.

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- Offer at least one PLTW Gateway unit at each grade level;
- Have more than 50 percent of the student body participating during the 2018-'19 school year;
- Have 25 percent of students advancing to high school participate in two or more units,
- Have strategies and supports in place that support reasonably proportional representation with regard to race, ethnicity, poverty, gender and can support such claims with relevant data.

Through PLTW programs, students develop STEM knowledge as well as in-demand, transportable skills that they will use both in school and for the rest of their lives, on any career path they take. PLTW Gateway empowers students to lead their own discovery and uncover a range of paths and possibilities they can look forward to in high school and beyond.

Madison Local Schools are part of a community of Pre K-12 schools, colleges and universities, and corporate and philanthropic partners across the country united around a passion for providing students with inspiring, engaging and empowering learning opportunities. For more information about PLTW's recognition program, visit [pltw.org/our-programs/program-recognition](http://pltw.org/our-programs/program-recognition).



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**FREE MEALS** were distributed at the corner of Bowman Rd. and Fourth St. The rain didn't stop the flow of pizza. Members of Friends Church on Logan Rd. distribute meals once per month.



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**FOOD DRIVE** — Jacob Stump, Dean Earle, Andrew Stump and Gloria Harris work to fill over 150 boxes with food items which were handed out on Thursday, April 30, during Grace Episcopal Church's weekly food drive.



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**BEA FRIEND AND JEAN OTCASEK** took advantage of the beautiful weather to play music on their traveling calliope. The ladies made two special stops to celebrate the birthdays of Bea's great grandchildren. The first stop was at the home of Lucas Catlett of Ontario who turned 8 on May 2. He is the son of Daniel and Ashlee Catlett. The second stop was for Audrey Wolford of the Crestview area who turned 12 on May 2. She is the daughter of Jeremy and Jenna Wolford. The calliope has been seen for over 14 years at local parades, festivals and events. Both birthday kids were invited to play a tune on the calliope.





# Madison girls break records and finish 13-10 on the season

By Brian Davis  
Head Coach, Madison Girls Basketball

We started the season 2-7 in 2019 after a later start due to 5 of our 8 varisty letter winners starting on the state runner up soccer team. We finished out the year on a fantastic 11-3 run in 2020, finishing the season 13-10, losing in the last seconds to Toledo Whitmer in the Division I tournament. It was a very memorable season as we fought through the rough start to become one of the best teams in the area.

We outscored our opponents 1023-1016 over the course of the year, holding our opponents to 35 points per game over the last 12 games of the year. Also, we are very proud that every member of our varsity and JV team were awarded "Scholar Athlete" status. This was the only program in which all athletes on the team were awarded the distinction.

Leah Boggs broke the school Single Season Steal Record and All Time School Steal Record.

The team broke the Single Season School Steal Record. Leah Boggs and Chesney Davis were named MVPs. And Boggs is also a four-year varsity letter winner.

Three-year varsity letter winners are senior Jenna Wigton, senior Hannah Schmid, junior Chesney Davis and junior Kari Eckenwiler. Junior Taylor Russell is a two-year letter winner and senior Kalie Blaising and sophomore Faith Kuhn are first year varisty letter winners.

Defensive Player of the Year is Leah Boggs, Offensive Player of the Year is Chesney Davis and captains are Leah Boggs, Jenna Wigton and Hannah Schmidt.

Rebounding Champion is Kari Eckenwiler, Most Improved is Faith Kuhn and receiving the Coaches Award were Hannah Schmidt and Taylor Russell.

This is the first time we had all five starters awarded All Conference. Leah Boggs and Chesney Davis are 1st Team All Conference; Kari Eckenwiler is 2nd Team All Conference; Jenna Wigton and Faith Kuhn are Honorable Mention.

Named All District 6 were Leah Boggs and Chesney Davis, 1st Team; Kari Eckenwiler, 2nd Team; and Jenna Wigton, Honorable Mention.

Chesney Davis was named 3rd Team Northwest District Division I.

Chesney Davis was named 1st Team *News Journal*, Leah Boggs was named 2nd Team and Kari Eckenwiler was named 3rd Team.

Chesney Davis was chosen for the NCO All Star Game-(Underclassman Game) and Coach Brian Davis was named District 6 Division I Coach of the Year.



**SISTERS JILLIAN AND SKYLAR AMBROSE** took their assignment in Carie Carcione's Dance Class at Ontario High School to a new level. As the girls mastered the art of hula, they dressed up and found a fun background to snap a few photos.



**TRISH RUSSLEE** is Ontario Middle School's May Staff MVP. She was chosen by April's MVP recipient Janey Fulk. According to Fulk, "Ms. Russlee works extremely hard behind the scenes to make sure things are ready to go. Many of us are headed home for the day as she is just beginning. She has a bright smile that makes every student and staff member feel appreciated. Ms. Russlee is always interested in what is going on in our classrooms. She is constantly engaging with students about projects they have completed in different classes. Her positive attitude always transmits to others which encourages them to do their best. She is one of the most dedicated staff members at Ontario. Her excellent work ethic, positive attitude, and ability to care about others is a prime example of The Warrior Way. We know that Ontario is well taken care of because of Ms. Russlee." Each winner receives a gift card to the Cove Coffee Shop.

## Happy 70th Birthday, Dale!



Dale Wisenbarger

Follow the best health guidelines to stay safe from coronavirus (COVID-19)



See all the coronavirus information links at [richlandhealth.org](http://richlandhealth.org)

# Artists, restaurants continue 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!"

Kelly Knowlton will perform May 8 at 7 pm and Henry J. Konczak will perform May 16 at 7 pm with The Wishmaker House in Bellville.

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.

Tips for both restaurants and musicians are encouraged to support employees and artists furloughed due to COVID-19. #RichlandResilience #InThisTogetherOhio #SupportLocalOhio #RichlandLIVE



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**A MESSAGE** was created on the playground fence for Mansfield Christian School students.



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## Remembering the Ontario underpass

By Bob Carter

It was always a delight for the kids when the driver of the car blew the horn when going through the tunnel under the railroad in old Ontario. The underpass on Rock Rd. was built in 1855 by the Atlantic and Great Western Railroad.

A short time later, three railroads were merged to become the Erie Railroad. No record has been found as to how long it took to build the underpass or how much it cost. The heavy stone bridges and underpasses were built to last and the one on Rock Rd. was a testament to the "we only build it once" standard. Wooden structures didn't last.

Years later, the line was double tracked

due to heavier east-west traffic and the stone underpass was extended. This is why two different interior surfaces could be seen.

After more than a century and a half of weathering, three cap stones fell on the south side. Rather than replace them at a minimal cost, the traffic bottleneck was torn down by the village or county and road graded.

Ontario lost a landmark. With only one lane traffic, there are no records of serious accidents although there may have been many nose-to-nose "You Back Up!" dirty looks exchanged. Mostly it was a friendly wave and "You go first," encounter. The Ontario landmark is gone but the memory of it will last forever.



**THE BUILDING** at the corner of Fourth St. and Lexington-Springmill in Ontario, which previously housed Payless Shoes, has been demolished to make way for a new Auto Zone location.

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## Resources highlighted as May is celebrated as National Mental Health Awareness Month

May is National Mental Health Awareness Month and the Richland County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board, along with its contract and affiliate agencies and community supporters, invite the community to help share, promote and bring awareness to the importance of mental health, the signs of mental illness and how to find help, hope and recovery in Richland County.

Since 1949, Mental Health America and affiliates across the country have led the observance of May is Mental Health Month reaching millions of people focusing on many paths to wellness.

This year it is asked that every Richland County resident, business and organization join the Richland County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board, community partners and community leaders in spreading the word that mental health is something everyone should care about. This May it is encouraged that everyone educate themselves about behaviors and activities that are helpful in recovery and in maintaining good mental health.

While 1 in 5 people will experience a mental illness during their lifetime, everyone faces challenges in life that can impact their mental health. In 2020, the national theme of "Tools 2 Thrive" encourages agencies to provide practical tools that everyone can use to improve their mental health and increase resiliency regardless of their situations.

In the past, the May calendar included events like open houses, facility tours, meet and greets with professionals, mental health training and celebrations of successes.

This year similar opportunities will be offered but virtually.

This May "31 Days of Mental Health Awareness" will be celebrated.

Each day the board will post mental

health materials at RichlandMentalHealth.com and on the social media pages to help support, educate and inspire to help residents get connected to local services.

Community members can join the conversation on social media on Facebook and the new Instagram page. Residents are encouraged to use hashtags #MaysMentalHealthMonth #RichlandCountyMentalHealth and #RichlandResilience when sharing positive mental health posts, encouragement or success stories.

Support and services are available to everyone all the time. For crisis and support services call the Catalyst Life Services Crisis Helpline, available 24 hours a day 7 days a week for questions/concerns, at 419-522-HELP (4357).

Family Life Counseling will have the Children and Family Assistance Line available to assist families at 567-333-8455. This line will be to support parents who have become defacto teachers, youth that are having a hard time adapting to not seeing their peers, parent/child conflicts, parent emotional issues with being out of work, etc.

This line will be available 8 am to 11 pm, 7 days a week. Even though this line is being staffed by Family Life Counseling and Psychiatric Services, it is available to all residents and not limited to just Family Life clients.

The Crisis Text Line will be available for anyone to text if they are in crisis. The line is available 24 hours a day 7 days a week for questions/concerns regarding mental health. Text "4HOPE" to 741741.

The Warm Line will be available for individuals who are feeling challenge or stressed. This line is for people who are feeling the need for someone to talk or with regarding mental health or addiction issues. This is not a crisis line. For assistance call 419-522-5300.

## National Day of Prayer to be observed

The Richland County observation of the National Day of Prayer will have a different look and location, but will be more accessible, due to COVID-19.

The Thursday, May 7 observation will embrace the entire day, with a 28-hour "prayerathon," that begins at 6 pm the night before, and will continue until at least 10 pm Thursday, all on the "Godsfield" Facebook Page.

At the center of the observance is an 11:30 am service of prayer, streaming live on the Godsfield page, but taking place at First Church of the Open Bible, 1150 Rayfield Dr., Madison area.

Because of the limited seating available due to social distancing, pastors are invited to attend and will be asked to offer a prayer during the service on a topic of their choice.

Scott Sanders, general manager of WVMC

Mansfield Christian Radio FM 90.7, 91.1 and 102.7 will moderate the program.

Rev. El Akuchie, Ben Mutti of the Richland Prayer Network and Pastor Dink Porter of the hosting church are coordinating the National Day of Prayer service.

Pastor Paul Lintern and Jordon Baker are coordinating the prayerathon, which will mark the conclusion of the March of Prayer, which began March 1 and has hosted a 6-8 pm prayer service every day since, using the themes Mansfield is Godsfield, and Richland is God's Land.

The event, 65 days in length, was celebrated the first 15 days in a different host congregation each night, then moved to St. Luke's Point of Grace for about 10 days with small groups featured on the Facebook Live page, then moved to individuals at home, leading worship time each evening from this homes.

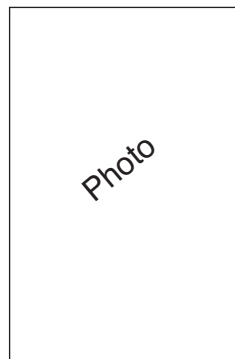
Wish your dad, grandpa or uncle a Happy Father's Day.  
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**LEXINGTON WESTERN ELEMENTARY** teachers Kelli Dyer, Jeni Reamsnider, Shelly Knapp visit the Kessler family.



**EMILEE BUCK**, student at Western Elementary in Lexington, recently delivered gifts to Western Principal Genelle Eggerton, as well as to her teacher, Jen Brane. Egerton said, "We are thankful for our families and the many ways they are making the staff at Western feel so special. This is just one act of kindness we have been blessed with experiencing during the stay at home orders."

## Teachers bring joy to students during supply drop-offs

Shelly Knapp, first grade teacher at Western Elementary, made school supply drop-offs with assistance from Jeni Reamsnider, library aide; and Kelli Dyer, PE teacher.

"The little things are sometimes the biggest things," wrote Sam Kessler, a parent of students who were visited.

"As a parent, I am so grateful for a teacher that goes above and beyond. It is no secret that this was a challenging year for my son, Casen. Mrs. Knapp saw past his frustrations and never gave up. We wouldn't be surviving this online learning without her."

"She checks on us often, offers a listening ear always, and has done one on one video conference calls just to brighten Casen's day. Yes, this experience has been rocky, but days like this remind me just how lucky we are to have such great teachers. The excitement these teachers showed simply stopping to say hello made our day."

Teachers and staff at Western Elementary say they have been blessed by many kind words of thanks and support for the ways they are reaching out to students and their families.

## Nominations accepted for outstanding senior citizens

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. (AAA) is currently accepting nominations for the Outstanding Senior Citizen and Community Service Awards. Nominations can be for someone who is volunteering their time to help or a group that is performing a community service. The deadline for nominations is May 30.

Award recipients from a nine-county area (one awardee from each county) will be honored by Area Agency on Aging. Nominees must be at least 60 years of age, a legal resident of Ohio for at least five years and have made significant contributions to the community. A husband and wife may receive the award jointly when both have been involved in community service. One Outstanding Senior Citizen Award will be presented for each county in the service area (Ashland, Crawford, Huron, Knox, Marion, Morrow, Richland, Seneca and Wyandot).

Community Service Awards are targeted to an organization, agency, service club, business or the media that makes an outstanding contribution to the community on behalf of senior citizens. One award will be presented for the total nine county area.

Additional information, including nomination forms, can be found at <https://www.aaa5ohio.org/about/awards/> or by contacting Makaylee at 567-247-3458 or [mmusic@aaa5ohio.org](mailto:mmusic@aaa5ohio.org). Nominations can be mailed, faxed or emailed.

## Western hosts virtual book fair

Western Elementary School is hosting a virtual Scholastic Book Fair May 3-16 at <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/westernelementaryschool>. Every purchase from the book fair earns rewards for the school.

## Lexington Class of 2020 will graduate June 27

Lexington High School has released plans for graduation of 2020 seniors. A ceremony is set for Saturday, June 27, at 2 pm at Storyside Church, 541 OH-97 W., Bellville.

The event will be a drive-in movie style event with an FM radio transmitter in the parking lot. Families are instructed to remain in vehicles at all times.

WMFD will be live-streaming the ceremony for family and friends to watch from home. One vehicle per graduate is permitted, one family and graduate per car.

Police will be directing traffic and no limos, RVs, semis or large vehicles will be permitted.

A photographer will be provided and photos available at no charge.

Graduates will be brought to a tent, five at a time, and will follow social distancing guidelines. Graduates will walk across the stage, one at a time, as their name is called and will pick up a diploma from a table.

Rain date is Sunday, June 28 at 2 pm.

It is planned that 2020 graduate yard signs will be displayed in village square and a free MP4 video tribute will be available.

Graduation packet pick up is Monday, June 1, last name A-K 11 am to 1 pm and L-Z 1-3 pm.



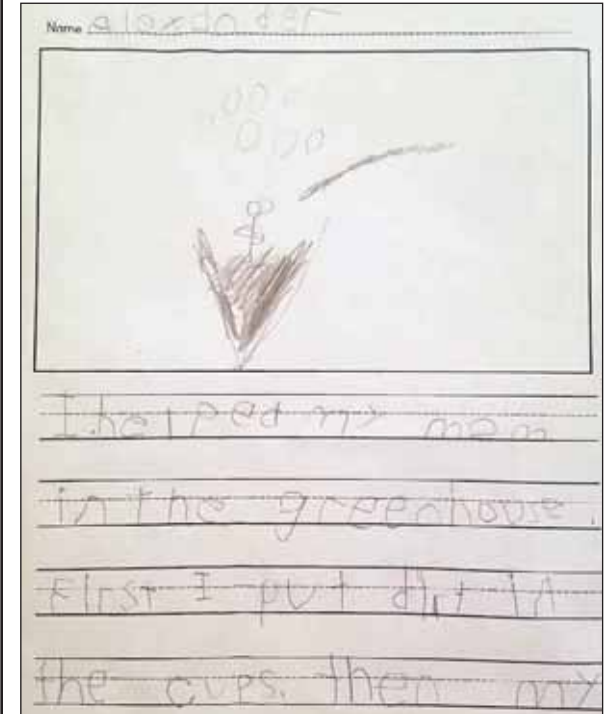
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**LIERA DIALS**, daughter of Kendal and Ariel Dials, takes her first bike ride with grandpa Keith Lilly. She was born in December of 2019.

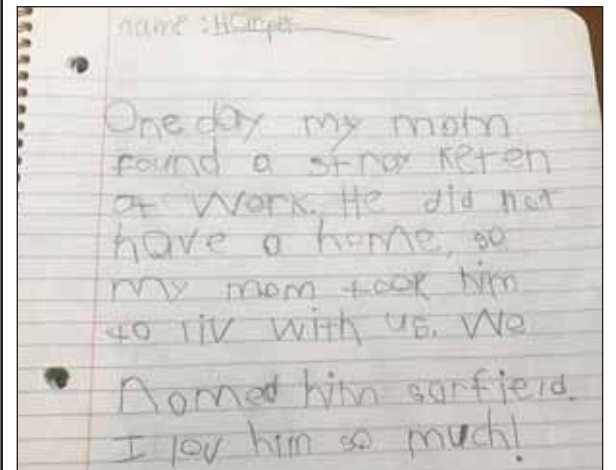
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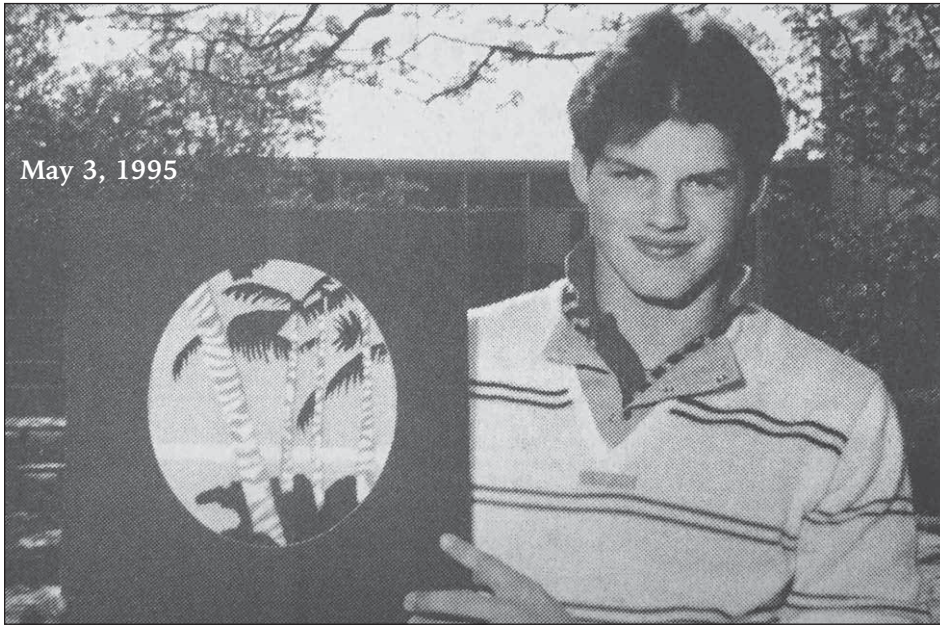


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# LOOKING BACK: This Week in Tribune-Courier History



**ART STUDENT OF THE WEEK** — Mike Thompson, a sophomore in Mrs. Mary Switzer's Art I class at Madison Comprehensive High School, shows off a recently-completed piece that demonstrates his talent. Using an atomizer, Mike created this scene of palm trees by an ocean using tans, browns, black and white.

Marc Stumbo



**PARK LEVY MONEY VISIBLE** — The official dedication of the new restroom facilities at the Lexington Community Park was held Tuesday evening as members of the Lexington Park Board met to view the first result of the recent passage of the Lexington Park Levy. Pictured are, from the left, Roland Jessee, Lexington Village Parks foreman; John Leskovich, councilman; Ruth Young, owner, Lexington Concrete; Mayor Gene Parkison; park board members Earl Swigart and Jo Boylan; Sandy LaLiberte of the Lexington Little League; and park board member Brian Starr.



**MADISON FIRE CHIEF PHIL ACKERMAN** hands Captain John Pate a certificate of completion of the paramedic course he completed in the Stark County Paramedic Training Program at Canton. Captain Pate and Assistant Chief Rick Evans, looking on, are the first paramedics to provide public paramedic service in Richland County.



**JUMP-A-THON** — These students at Jesse Beer School were the top money-raisers in a Jump-a-Thon fund raiser for the American Heart Association held March 12 at the school. A total of \$1,002.22 was raised from all students participating. Raising the most money during the event were, from the left, Jenny Botjer, Greg Calhoun, Stefanie Reber, Marlene Valgas, Mark Skaggs and Clarence Shoemaker.

Marc Stumbo

## Lexington community park renovation is a result of the passage of park levy

Story and Photo by Marc Stumbo

A major renovation of the restroom facilities at the community park on Plymouth St. in Lexington has recently been completed, thanks to the voters of Lexington and their passage of the Lexington Park Levy.

The restrooms, located at the end of a building in the center of the park, were too small, lacked privacy at the entrances and were not handicapped accessible. Thanks to mostly donated labor and materials, the entire building houses two new handicapped accessible restrooms that are much larger and easier to maintain and also includes a supply room in the center.

Employees of the Village of Lexington contributed labor during the project which included gutting the former pavilion and restroom, replacing some of the sheathing and putting on a new roof, replacing the gable ends and fascia and doing the landscape work. The only part of the project that was contracted out was the plumbing and most

of the material was either discounted or donated to the village. Cost of the project was around \$10,000.

When the Lexington Park Board met at the new facility Tuesday evening to perform official ribbon-cutting ceremonies, a special thank-you was given to Ruth Young, owner of Lexington Concrete, who donated the concrete and labor for the floor and the sidewalks.

Roland Jessee, Lexington Parks foreman, also pointed out to the T-C that a new handicapped accessible swingset has been erected in the park — also a result of levy monies.

Other upcoming projects either underway or in the planning stages at the community park include construction of Larry Hannon Field for Little League baseball and adult softball, improvement of the ballfield parking lot and construction of a basketball court. Another project that has been slated is the installation of new playground equipment at Lexington Bicentennial Park.



**May 3, 1968** — Ontario Middle School student Chris Smith prepares to board a plane as part of a recognition day for 19 OMS students. At the right is pilot, Chuck Ludens and getting strapped into the passenger seats are teacher Gary Kula and his wife, Ellen.



# LOOKING BACK: This Week in Tribune-Courier History



May 3, 1968

Shown at groundbreaking ceremonies last Sunday for the new Walcrest Brethren Church is Rev. Spencer Gentle, on the left, and Ralph Fairbanks, chairman of the church building committee. Gentle is pastor of the new church.

## First Bretheran Breaks Ground

The First Brethren Church of Mansfield conducted ground breaking ceremonies last Sunday afternoon at the site of their new church on the corner of 30 North and Walcrest Drive in Ontario.

The program included remarks from Rev. George W. Solomon, Moderator of the Ohio District of Brethren Churches and pastor to the Park Street Brethren Church in Ashland; and also remarks from Mrs. Dorman Ronk, treasurer of the Missionary Board of the Brethren Church.

Ralph Fairbanks of Mansfield is chairman of the new church's building committee. Other members of the committee are Mrs. Alan Sapp, Mrs. Charles Carig, Ed Nelson, Joseph Gleisinger, Mrs. Frank Schroff and Reverend Spencer Gentle.

Alan Sapp is church moderator and the alternate members to the committee are Miss Wanda Beal and Gene Geaslen.

The church, which was formerly located on Bowman Street in Mansfield is now holding church services in the Stingel Elementary School. The name of the church is being changed to the "Walcrest Brethren Church."

Rev. Spencer Gentle, editor of "The Brethren Evangelist," official organ of the Brethren Church, is pastor of the congregation. His home is in Ashland.

On May 7, 1915 the captain of the Lusitania ignored the British Admiralty's warnings about staying clear of the area, and at 2:12 pm, in the waters of the Celtic Sea, the 32,000-ton ship was hit by an exploding torpedo on its starboard side. The torpedo blast was followed by a larger explosion, probably of the ship's boilers. The Lusitania sank within 20 minutes.



May 3, 1995

**CLOSE RACE** — Carol Davis of Madison and a Mansfield Christian High School hurdler are neck and neck in this heat of the 100-meter hurdles at Saturday's Ontario Relays. The Ram girls finished in eight place in the meet, one notch ahead of Christian. Malabar won the girls portion of the relays with Lexington second and Ontario third.

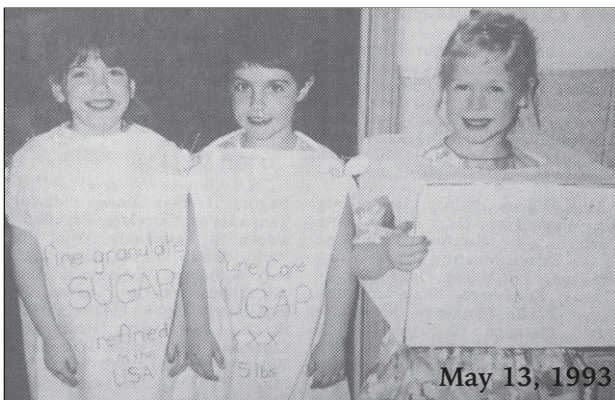


May 7, 1974

**FRESHMAN DISTANCE RUNNERS** — Top, John Cowell, Don Mullin, Kevin Sapp and Mark Eggeman. Front, Evan Hellinger, Jeff Strickler and Pat McBride. Not shown are Roger Dailey and Jon Stewart.

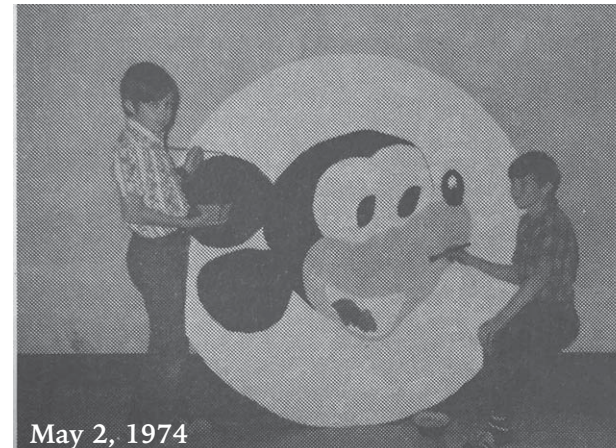


**EIGHTH GRADE DISTANCE RUNNERS** — Top, Tim Wendling, Jerry Walters, Kit Walter and Lee Downs. Front, Jeff Cronebaugh, Nick Carbetta, Mark Nelson, Scott Furlong, Ray Mowry and Dave Bottomley. Not shown are Curt Gerhart, Tom Miller and Jay McGathey.



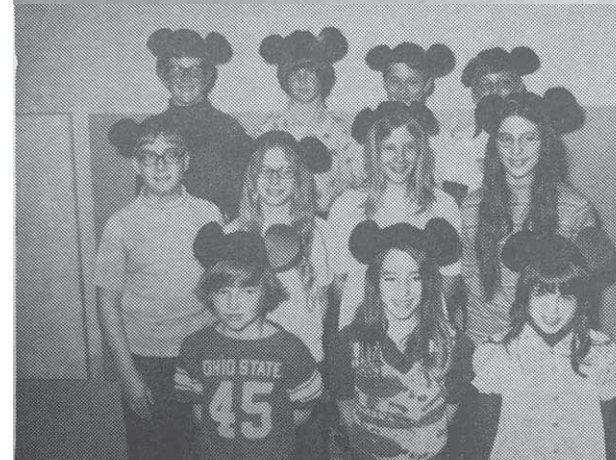
May 13, 1993

**THE CHILDREN OF THE** Lexington Child Development Center held their annual spring program on Tuesday, April 27. This year's program was "Candyland." Some of the participants were Lauren Studer, Erin Gibson and Kara Duffey.



May 2, 1974

**DON JOHNSON, 11, and Paul Knapp, 12, sixth grade pupils at Bedford Elementary School, are painting a scene to be part of the backdrop in the musical production entitled "Walt Disney Plus One" to be presented at the school at 7:30 pm next Wednesday.**



**SIXTH GRADE MOUSEKETEERS** will perform during the spring musical to be presented by Bedford Elementary School's second, fourth and sixth graders and fifth and sixth grade choirs next Wednesday at 7:30 pm. (front) Mike Wilson, Kim Fleischner and Kathy Little; (second) Robert Williams, Barb Fraxz, Kim Butler and Kim Tucker; (third row) Marty Jarrell, Paul Morrow, Marvin Beer and Richard Gleisinger.



May 3, 1995

**COMPETES AT ONTARIO** — Shawn Workman of Madison follows thru after heaving the shot in Saturday's Ontario Relays. The Madison track team finished fifth in the eight-team event with 48 points, ahead of Malabar, Wooster and Clear Fork, but behind Lexington, Shelby, Mansfield Senior and Ontario.



## Classifieds

### LEGAL ADVERTISING

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Bruce E. Dillon "AKA Bruce Edward Dillon" DECEASED, LATE OF 371 Indiana Avenue, Mansfield, Ohio 44905. RICHLAND COUNTY PROBATE COURT, CASE NO. 20201045

An application has been filed asking to Admit a Copy of a Lost, Spoliated, or Destroyed Will to Probate. A hearing on the application will be held, June 19, 2020 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. Persons knowing any reason why the application should not be granted should appear and inform the Court. The Court is located at 50 Park Avenue East, Second Floor, Mansfield, Ohio 44902.

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(5-7, 14, 21 '20) (25 L)

#### Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the Council of the City of Ontario, Ohio, at a regular meeting on June 17, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ontario Charles K. and Charlotte M. Hellinger Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo Road, for the purpose of vacating Leroy Drive to 2300 Fourth, LLC. The City is considering this vacating upon a petition by 2300 Fourth, LLC. All persons interested in this issue are invited to attend and express their views.

Cathy VanAuker  
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5-7, 14, 21, 28, 6-4, 11 (20 L)

Franklin Twp, Richland County is accepting resumes for a part/full-time Road Dept. employee. Class B CDL & tractor/backhoe experience required. Please mail resumes before May 30th to (525 Boyce Rd, Shelby, OH 44875) or email (franklintwp525@gmail.com).

Jennifer Washburn  
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(5-7, 14 '20) (13 L)



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 families that took time to submit t-shirt designs for our 2020 contest. Congratulations to our three winners of the 2020 t-shirt design: first, Kailey Hale; second place, Lauren Uhde; and third place, Kyla Spencer.

Winners received an assortment of prizes provided by the generous giving of our community sponsors. Photos were in last week's *Tribune-Courier*.

OYS will be offering Mothers Day pictures Saturday morning. Bring Mom and get a free family picture. Please arrive as early as 10 am at Marshall Park. Use the link to reserve your spot. Up to 10 photo settings per hour. Thank you to our community sponsors for this free event. <https://docs.google.com/.../113XdLv3ocBQszKlkcDYBAYlxvvn.../edit>

Starting this week, OYS will be offering some Facebook Live training for our soccer athletes. Please follow us on Facebook for more details.

This is the final week for Yoga Live. This week we will once again be offering our community Yoga Live 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 — 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, you can sign them up for five full days of soccer. The camp is located at Marshall Park. This is the eighth year and we are excited to meet new players and welcome back returning players. Last year, the camp sold out so register now to ensure your camper's spot!

- When registering, do not create a new account unless you have not registered in the past – please use your pass-word and login from previous seasons.

- Follow us on Facebook. Sign-ups are posted regularly.

- Sign up on WMFD OYS text to your cell where we text sign up information on a regular basis.

- Create an account on [www.oysports.com](http://www.oysports.com). Once you are registered, log-in 24/7 and see what sports are available for your athlete.

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



**ONTARIO YOUTH SPORTS** held a sidewalk chalk contest. The winners were first, Kailey Hale (top photo), second, Lauren Uhde (below left) and third, Kyla Spencer, (monopoly photos). Community sponsors made the prize packages possible that included first place \$50 Meijer gift card, \$25 gift card to Cove Coffee Shop, \$25 gift card to Besta Fasta Pizza in Ontario and \$10 Warrior Drive-in gift card; second place, \$35 VISA gift card and \$5 gift card to Cove Coffee Shop; and third, \$25 VISA gift card.



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**WITH THE WEATHER MILD AND SUNNY SKIES**, the Madison road crew began making repairs on the township's roads. Pictured on Illinois Ave. are Kevin Boggs and Jim Baker, road superintendent.

## OhioHealth announces a gradual return to elective surgeries

OhioHealth announced that, in accordance with Governor Mike DeWine's guidance, it has begun a gradual return to elective surgeries which do not require an overnight stay at all hospital and outpatient surgery centers.

The health system will carefully restart electives with additional protocols in place to ensure a safe environment for patients, visitors and providers.

"We have done a terrific job over these last few months of creating a safe environment for our caregivers, patients and visitors," said Dr. Bruce Vanderhoff, senior vice president and chief medical officer at OhioHealth. "As we resume electives, maintaining and enhancing that high level of safety will be at the core of all we do."

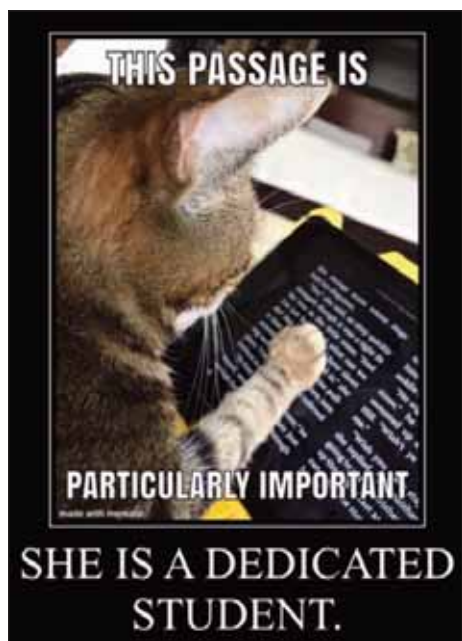
The following protocols were implemented at all OhioHealth care sites prior to the start of elective surgeries.

- Daily well-checks for associates, including temperature monitoring
- Temperature screening for all patients and visitors entering OhioHealth facilities
- Use of hospital-grade personal protective equipment (PPE) that is appropriate for the caregiver's role
- Masking for all associates, patients and visitors
- Continued rigorous handwashing protocols for associates
- Oversight by certified infection prevention practitioners who review all processes to ensure the highest level of safety
- Continued cleaning of facilities and medical devices with hospital-grade products approved by the United States EPA to kill SARS-CoV-2
- Incorporating social distancing standards in all of our processes and facilities
- COVID-19 testing for all patients, even if they are not experiencing symptoms, within 72 hours of any procedure which requires anesthesia or sedation
- Limiting hospital entrances
- Continuing with visitor restrictions (exceptions will allow a support person for maternity and surgery)

As hospitals begin their return to full operation, OhioHealth also reminds patients not to delay necessary care. Emergency department volume at OhioHealth facilities have dropped more than 40% since the pandemic began and that decrease has doctors and nurses concerned.

"It has been our experience that some patients are delaying necessary hospital care because they're afraid to come to the hospital. When they do finally walk through our door, they may be sicker than they should be, given their condition, and require a greater degree of care to get well. Patients should not delay care out of fear because our hospitals are, in fact, a very safe place to be," said Dr. Vanderhoff.

OhioHealth will announce plans to resume additional services and procedures in the coming days and weeks. For more information visit [www.ohiohealth.com](http://www.ohiohealth.com).



**ONTARIO TEACHER** Tiffany Toombs made a meme with her kitty, Gigi. She says she is a helpful tutor for her ELA 4 classes.

## Local construction projects underway

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. Traffic will be maintained by flaggers. The project is expected to be complete August 2020.

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 Rd. 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 dependent 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. The project is expected to be complete June 2020.

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 Thursday, May 28, 2020.



Photo by Nathaniel Powell

**OHIO HIGHWAY PATROL** members deliver drawings, cards and letters to Lexington Court. Pictured are Sheryl, Jacques, Linda and Lt. Ivy.

## Ontario students make cards for nursing home residents

The Ohio Highway Patrol came to the Area Agency on Aging in Ontario to pick up letters, cards and drawings that were made by Ontario K-8 students.

Receiving these were residents at Crystal Care Center of Mansfield, Arbors at Mifflin, Shelby Pointe, Oak Grove and Lexington Court.

Ontario third grade teacher Amanda Secrist and Stingel Elementary Principal Kimberly Johnson took the lead on this project. This was voluntary for students and Ontario used its Facebook to ask parents to have their children participate.

Ohio Highway Patrol contacted the agency asking if there was anything they could do, showing a great example of the community coming together to support the most vulnerable population.



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**A SIGN** has been posted on the front lawn of the Richland County Courthouse to thank workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Produce available

First English Lutheran Church, 53 Park Avenue West, will host a free produce distribution Tuesday, May 12, from 11 am to 1 pm.

This will be a drive-thru distribution for everyone's safety. Volunteers will put produce into your trunks.

The event will be held in the parking lot west of the church at S. Mulberry St. and Park Avenue West, downtown Mansfield.

Those attending are asked to bring an ID card.



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**A LOCAL LAWN ORNAMENT** shows the lighter side to the COVID situation. Even wooden bears need a mask.