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**MALABAR STATE FARM**, 405 Bromfield Rd., Lucas, continues to be a relaxing stop for visitors. As the holidays approach, Candlelight Holiday Tours will be held Dec. 4, 5, 11 and 12 from 4-8 pm and Dec. 6 and 13 from 1-4 pm. Visitors will tour Louis Bromfield's Big House all decked out for the holiday and enjoy freshly baked cookies and hot cider. Santa Claus is also planning to attend. Tickets can be purchased in the gift shop. For more information visit [www.malabarfarm.org](http://www.malabarfarm.org) or call the park office at 419-892-2784.

## Richland Area Chamber program will promote local small businesses

Several Richland County area business groups will again be promoting businesses in the Richland County area through a Small Business Saturday prize program. The event highlights locally-owned small businesses and will feature a simple opportunity for shoppers to win a prize through a new no-contact registration.

The event takes place on Nov. 28. Shoppers will have two ways to win:

On Nov. 28, shoppers are invited to visit participating local small businesses and simply scan the QR code with their cell phone. This will automatically open the prize entry form to submit basic contact information for prize notification. Although shoppers can shop as many stores as they wish, only six entries will be permitted for the prize drawing, one per store.

There will also be \$500 worth of prizes for shoppers who enter the selfie contest. On Nov. 28, take a selfie while at a participating business, tag the business, include hashtag #SBSRichland2020, and make the

post public.

Ashley Meyer, Member Services Coordinator at the Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development states, "We are excited to unveil the new QR code program as a way to keep our community safe and still get people out to support our local retailers on Small Business Saturday. Without the OSU/Michigan game to compete with this year we hope to see even more people supporting local on Small Business Saturday!"

Several days prior to the event, participating stores will be listed on the Chamber website - [richlandareachamber.com](http://richlandareachamber.com).

This event is supported by Medical Mutual and is being held in conjunction with the Ontario Growth Association, Shelby Area Business Group, Be Focal Buy Local, Downtown Mansfield, inc. and The Clear Fork Valley Chamber of Commerce.

For more information contact Ashley Meyer at 419-522-3211 or [ameyer@richlandareachamber.com](mailto:ameyer@richlandareachamber.com).



## Madison Local Schools BOE awards employment positions

Madison Local Schools Board of Education held a meeting Wednesday, Oct. 28, in the Madison Middle School Auditoria.

Board president Tim Wigton called the meeting to order, followed by a roll call of members by Robin Klenk, treasurer.

A presentation was given by Nathan Stump, Mifflin Elementary School Principal.

The board accepted a donation of \$1,039.95 from Mifflin PTO to Mifflin Elementary for teacher school supplies to be used during the 2020-'21 school year.

Robin Klenk gave her treasurer's report, which was approved.

Resignations were accepted from Troy Schulz, winter fitness coordinator, effective Sept. 29; Chris Thompson, assistant varsity wrestling coach, effective Oct. 1; and Steve Zellner, assistant 7/8 grade wrestling coach, effective Oct. 1.

Supplemental positions for the 2020-'21 school year were awarded to Eddie Walker, substitute high school detention monitor; Scott Hamilton, substitute high school detention monitor; Ron Foster, assistant 7/8 grade wrestling coach; Trae Coopwood, assistant varsity wrestling coach; and Kobi Johnson, winter fitness coordinator.

Madison Adult Education positions were awarded to Tim Dean, Industrial Electrical Maintenance; Celeste Guiler, Dental Assisting instructor/coordinator; Gary McKenzie, Industrial Electrical Maintenance/Customized Welding Training; Robyn McNulty, student advocate; Angela Medina, State Tested Nurse Aide instructor; Janelle Mendiola, Dental Assisting instructor substitute; and Mike Stricklett, Precision Machining/CNC Technology.

Employed as substitute teachers on an "on call" basis, as needed for the 2020-'21 school year were Cassandra Dailey, Sean

Fraser, Madeline Godsey, Hanna Meade, Bill Mellick, Bradley Perkins and Courtney Steele.

Approved as volunteers were Melissa Parish, swimming; Tim Lord, swimming; Chad Hutcherson, wrestling; Nick Confalone, wrestling; Ian Harter, wrestling; and Carson Speelman, wrestling.

Luke Strohm has accepted the Technology Assistant position, effective Oct. 23, 2020.

Wendy Carter was employed as payroll specialist, effective Nov. 3, 2020 and Lisa Thoman-Cha has accepted the position of assistant treasurer, effective Jan. 1, 2021. She is replacing Sandi Davis who retired.

All employment and volunteer positions are pending upon proper certification, paperwork and BCI/FBI checks.

Johnny Gibson, custodian, announced his retirement, effective Aug. 1, 2020 and Laura Green, head cook at the high school, retired effective Sept. 17.

The board approved the revision of the Madison Local School District 2020-'21 Reopening Plan, effective with the beginning of the second semester (Jan. 6, 2021). The revision addresses the district's response to the designation of Richland County to Level 4 - Purple under the Ohio Public Health Advisory System. The revision will state, "We may close school, and if school is closed, remote learning will be implemented."

The purchase of a 2021 Silverado Crew Cab truck at a cost of \$27,573.70 for the transportation of supplies and students to and from job sites on an as needed basis was approved. The purchase will be funded through CTE weighted funds.

The next meeting will be held at 6 pm, on Nov. 18, in the Madison Middle School Auditoria.

## Saluting Our Veterans and Active Service

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# The last Civil War Veterans

By Bob Carter

In the early 1860s, many thought the war between the states would be over in a few months. They were wrong. The conflict would drag on from 1861 to 1865 and thousands of brave Americans on both sides would lose their lives and others would suffer crippling effects and even loss of limbs.

Two of the few remaining Union Civil War Veterans in Lexington were George Myers and Jake Dennis. They were photographed by old-timer Sid Earhart in 1925. The photos were found in 1965.

George Myers attained the nickname "Monkey Myers" when he was a youngster in school. Classmates were told to pick out an animal and imitate it for the class. George chose a monkey and, with his small stature, was so good at it that classmates called him "Monkey," which angered him. That only made matters worse.

As an adult, if someone called him by that name, they'd better be able to run or fight. He was someone not to be messed with. But in old age kids still taunted him and always stayed away from the heavy cane he carried. All George could do was unleash a broadside of the most profane cuss words imaginable.

In that sense he as a teacher. he taught young boys how to swear and, as remembered, he knew all the best words and just how to use them. He lived in a small house on Maple St., which some folks called "Monkey Avenue."

The disrespect was shameful. In 1863, when Myers was 18, he volunteered for Company L, 10th Ohio Volunteer Calvary and his unit saw action in Tennessee, Georgia and the siege of Atlanta.

When that term was up, he volunteered twice more in different units, Company G, the Ohio Volunteer Infantry and 45th Regiment Indiana Calvary. He was finally discharged in April 1867.

In old age, for his service he received a modest \$12 a month pension and worked as a barber to support his family. He was hired by the village to light the 20 oil street lamps each night. He died Oct. 2,

1928. His funeral was held in his home. In further disrespect, an error on his tombstone reads 1846-1950.

Retired farmer Jacob "Jake" Dennis was remembered not for what he did in the Civil War, but for what he didn't do. He served in Company C, 101st Regiment of the Pennsylvania Volunteers near the end of the war and only served for four months and two days. He was discharged in June 1865 and never had left the State of Ohio.

As he often told listeners of his service from park benches he said, "I never cocked a cannon."

When he walked on hard pavement, the soles of his shoes made a peculiar slapping noise. Behind his back he was sometimes called "Old Clap Foot."

Both men were members of Lexington's Conger Post #330 of the Grand Army of the Republic, founded in 1883 by Lexington's Col. R.C. Brown, Senator Sherrod Brown's ancestor.

Myers was very active in the Decoration Day (Memorial Day) programs, serving on the rifle squad and, on occasion, hired by the post to act as a nurse for failing comrades. They stuck together. Myers was post commander when the dwindling survivors membership caused the group to disband in 1900.

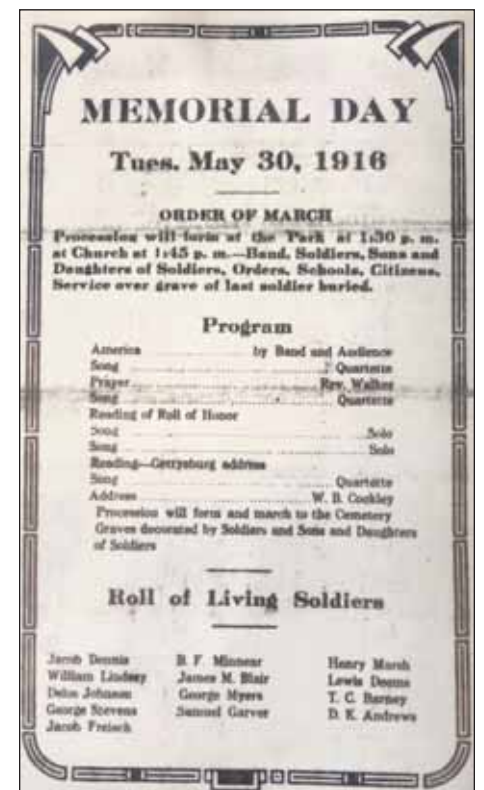
The only surviving Memorial Day programs (there was no Veterans Day at the time) were located in 1965. In 1906, 26 Lexington and Lexington area Civil War Veterans were still living. In 1916, there was only 13 still surviving. Thirty-three were listed as buried in Southern Battlefields. One can only imagine the tears that were shed over that war.

In 1925, Myers and Dennis may have been the only ones left.

Respect for our nation's veterans, those living or long dead, should be treated with great respect. The guilt and neglect of these veterans is a stain that can never be removed. It can only be removed by atonement. Do you know a veteran to thank or one that might need a little help? Myers and Dennis never received the respect they deserved. Such a shame.



IN 1925, George Myers and Jake Dennis may well have been the last living Civil War Veterans in Lexington. (Right Photo) A Memorial Day program from 1916 lists only 13 Civil War Veterans still living. The only known 1906 program listed 26.



## MRCPL discontinues fines

Mansfield/Richland County Public Library is now a fine free library system. MRCPL is no longer be charging fines for most returned items.

A key component of MRCPL's mission is to provide resources and experiences for people of all ages, supporting a vibrant quality of life. Waiving fines is one way that the library can ensure that all people in Richland County have access to our resources at all nine locations.

As MRCPL pursues their goal to improve access and opportunity, they are also eliminating overdue late fees on all current, active library cards. As of Nov. 1, every MRCPL cardholder had previous fines erased. If a customer has questions about a fine, they should speak with an MRCPL staff member.

When asked what this change will mean to the library's revenue, Director Chris May said, "Only 0.4 percent of MRCPL's annual revenue was generated by paid fines. The amount of revenue collected was already dramatically reduced in 2018 with the implementation of automatic renewals and lower fines. This

change will not affect the availability of services and resources we provide."

Due dates will remain in place, and patrons who do not return library materials will be charged replacement fees and/or have their membership suspended until items are returned. Charges will also remain in place for lost, stolen or damaged items. All of the information regarding the library's new, fine-free policy can be found on [mrcpl.org](http://mrcpl.org) along with digital and physical materials available to borrow.

In addition to being fine free, the main library location has begun distributing free meal packs to all Richland County children. The Children's Hunger Alliance will be sponsoring this meal distribution Monday-Friday 3:30-4:30 pm. If the main library is closed for any reason, this service will not be available.

Two meals may be picked up on Friday (one on Saturday). Distribution will in the children's department on the second floor and is open to all children under the age of 18 regardless of financial status, and customers need only provide the child's name to receive a free, healthy, shelf-stable meal.

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**MADISON TOWNSHIP'S ROAD DEPARTMENT** makes repairs to pot holes on Mayer Dr. Workers include Jim Baker on roller and Kevin Boggs spreading asphalt.

## Virtual educational programs available

The Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter will present several virtual educational programs to help the community and families impacted by the disease.

These presentations cover a variety of topics and occur at different times during the day and evening via videoconferencing to allow individuals to participate in the convenience of their homes.

Programs will discuss topics such as an overview of Alzheimer's and dementia, the common warning signs of the disease, and how to better communicate and have difficult conversations. The programs are helpful for anyone experiencing signs of

memory loss, their family members who may be concerned, and the community member looking for more education.

All programs are free and open to the public. Registration is required. To register for the program, call 800-272-3900

Nov. 16, Effective Communication Strategies, 5 pm

Nov. 17, 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's, 2 pm

Nov. 18, Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia, 11:30 am

Nov. 18, Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia, 6:30 pm

Nov. 19 Living with Alzheimer's for Caregivers – Late Stage Part 2, 3:30 pm

Nov. 23, 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's, 2 pm

Nov. 24, Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia, 2 pm

Nov. 24, Effective Communication Strategies, 6:30 pm

The Alzheimer's Association leads the way to end Alzheimer's and all other dementia — by accelerating global research, driving risk reduction and early detection, and maximizing quality care and support.

Their vision is a world without Alzheimer's and all other dementia.

In Ohio, more than 600,000 Alzheimer's caregivers provide care for more than 220,000 loved ones impacted by Alzheimer's disease.

Visit [alz.org](http://alz.org) or call 800-272-3900 for more information.

# News Briefs

Mayflower Congregational Church, 548 N. McElroy Rd., Madison area, will host a beef goulash dinner Saturday, Nov. 14, from 4–6:30 pm. The drive-through only meal is \$8 and includes goulash, cole slaw, a roll and pumpkin pie.

The City of Ontario will enforce a parking ban on city streets this winter when snowfalls reach 2 inches in depth. Please move all motor vehicles off of city streets so that street crews can do their jobs safely and efficiently.

Due to the holidays in November and December the recycling trailer will not be at the Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West. The normal schedule will resume in January 2021.

St. Paul Lutheran Church, 2010 Park Avenue West, Ontario, has changed the time of its drive-thru breakfast. It will happen on the second Saturday of the month from 9–10:30 am.

Those who need help with winter heating bills can apply for HEAP. Applications are 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 applica-

tion. All heating types are eligible for energy assistance programs – electric, wood, coal, natural gas, propane and kerosene.

R & M's Southside Diner will host its 23rd Annual Community Thanksgiving Fundraiser to benefit Hospice of Knox County (HKC), but it will look different this year due to COVID-19.

The diner will host a season of giving all November long with all proceeds donated to the non-profit hospice. There will be three ways to give. Round up during your visit on your bill. Drop cash in the jar next to the register or make an online donation.

The diner is located at 620 S. Main St., Mount Vernon, and is open Monday through Saturday from 5:45 am to 8 pm and closed Sundays due to COVID-19.

The Richland County Solid Waste's November Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 2:30 pm. It will be held at 1125 National Parkway, Mansfield.

A Singles Meet and Mingle Night will be held Tuesday, Nov. 24, from 6–8 pm at Buckeye Billiards, 950 Ashland Rd., Madison area. The night is for those 50 and older and billiards and darts will be available. Those attending are asked to bring a snack. Call Debbie at 419-589-8762 for more information or email [aaweb@yahoo.com](mailto:aaweb@yahoo.com). RSVP by Nov. 23.



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**AFTER GETTING AN EARLY START ON SATURDAY, NOV. 7**, the workers at the blacksmith/coopers workshop in South Park, Mansfield, took a break for lunch. Helping to construct the building are John Long, Bill Hale, Wiley Greenay, Danny Spangler, Tom Pappas, Kevin Wappner and Cheryl Rettig. With the nice weather, the group has been able to get most of the building under cover.

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**MADISON LIONS CLUB** member Gene Berrier displays the winning Peace Poster submission created by Timothy Ellis from Madison Middle School. The poster was shown during the club meeting on Nov. 5.

# Richland County events scheduled

Residents are invited to go outside and explore the natural wonders of Richland County, or head inside for showstopping performances. Events are being scheduled around the area as the Christmas shopping season approaches.

A ghost hunt will be held Nov. 28 at the Ohio State Reformatory. Ghost hunters will be divided up based on skill level for tailored experiences for beginners, intermediate and advanced investigators.

Shop local and start your Christmas shopping for one-of-a-kind gifts at The 51st Annual Holiday Fair, Nov 20-Dec 24 at The Mansfield Art Center. This six-week premier showcase of Ohio Artists and craft makers features a wide variety of handmade creations for sale. While you're there, get a look at the new wing and the outdoor performance venue.

The whole family can meet birds at the Avian Encounters (Nov. 21, 28) at Ohio Bird Sanctuary. Learn something new with a workshop at Gorman Nature Center. This month's schedule includes a Beginner's Bird Walk on Nov 14, Stewardship Workshop Nov. 14, Birds & Breakfast Bird Walk on Nov. 21 and The Night Sky as-

tronomy program Nov. 21.

The Rodgers and Hammerstein classic *Cinderella: The Broadway Musical* will be performed Nov. 14, 15, 21 and 22 at The Renaissance Theatre main stage and streaming at home. At-home streaming tickets are also available for *Separate Together: Monologues & Other Works* on Nov. 12, from OSU Mansfield Theatre.

Early-bird Christmas tree hunters can mark their calendars for Kleerview Farms opening day on Nov 23) Cut-your-own Christmas tree and visit with Santa's reindeer.

Outdoor (patio) dining isn't over because it's getting cooler. Many local restaurants have purchased heated outdoor pods.

See all that's happening in Richland County at [www.destinationmansfield.com/events/list](http://www.destinationmansfield.com/events/list).

## Trustees discuss demolition project, laptop purchase

By Bud Motter

The Madison Township Trustees met for a regular meeting on Nov. 2, at the township meeting hall.

The trustees discussed how much money should be held back on the township building demolition project if the contractors are unable to seed the grounds when they are finished. They voted to hold back \$250.

The purchase of laptop computers for trustees was discussed. Fiscal Officer Leanna Rhodes received two quotes, one from KOSI for three refurbished Dell Latitude 3500 notebooks at \$732 each the other was from Dell for three Dell Latitude 3510 at a cost of \$716 each.

The trustees settled for the Dell 3510 at a cost of \$716.

The zoning report showed four zoning permits issued for a total of \$335. There were four sign permits for a total of \$560 and one application variance/conditional for \$190. The fire department made 214 calls for the month with 70 being non-EMS calls.



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**LEANNA RHODES**, Madison Township Fiscal Officer, reads quotes for laptops.

## Construction continues

U.S. 30, from State Route 309 to just east of the 5th Ave. ramps, will continue single lane closures for a major rehabilitation project. Traffic will always be maintained.

Work continues on the west side of Rt. 39 while traffic is maintained on the east side. Once work items in the current zone are finished, traffic will be shifted on Rt. 39 into the middle lanes. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained in each direction for the winter season.

Crews will be working on Longview Ave. E, between Rt. 13 and Rt. 545, to complete drainage work and pavement widening. Traffic will be maintained by flaggers.

There will be daytime single lane closures on 30 eastbound and westbound to install embankment and grade adjustment to the temporary shoulder pavement. Traffic on state Rt. 545 is shifted on the west side while work continues. Traffic will be maintained with a signalized closure on Rt. 545, under U.S. 30.

S. 30 structure work - U.S. 30 eastbound traffic lanes have been shifted over Bowman Street so that crews can complete structure work. Two 11' lanes will be maintained on U.S. 30 eastbound. Crews continue work on the Bowman St. structure work under U.S. 30 where traffic will be maintained by flaggers. Estimated completion is May 2023.



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### Hillside First Church of God

2369 Bowman Rd., Mansfield • Pastor Glenn M. Phillips  
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[hillsidefcg@hotmail.com](mailto:hillsidefcg@hotmail.com)

### St. Mary of the Snows Catholic Church

1630 Ashland Rd., Mansfield • 419-589-2114  
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[www.mansfieldstmarys.org](http://www.mansfieldstmarys.org)

### Mayflower Congregational Church

548 North McElroy Rd. • 419-589-6612  
Pastor Rev. Dr. Rich Rader  
9:15 am Sunday School • 10:30 am Sunday Worship  
Wednesday Bible Study 11 am  
[www.mansfieldmayflower.com](http://www.mansfieldmayflower.com)

### Lexington Presbyterian Church

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

### Risen Savior Lutheran Church

1685 Lexington Ave., Mansfield • 419-775-1175  
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### Ontario United Methodist Church

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# Memorial Arrangements

## Stella "Peg" Mae Weaver

Stella "Peg" Mae Weaver, 87, of Ontario, passed away early Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2020, at her home where her family was honored to care for her just as she had lovingly cared for them throughout their lives. She was born Aug. 13, 1933, in Lancaster, OH, to the late Alvin and Mary (Price) Withem. She was a graduate of Bucyrus High School and a domestic engineer her entire life. Peg's family was most important



to her and she leaves a beautiful legacy. A giving, caring, selfless woman with a pure soul, she loved everyone and enjoyed taking care of others. She enjoyed spoiling her family and reminiscing. Peg was everyone's cheerleader and set a great example for everyone to follow. Peg loved to dance and enjoyed dancing to Big Band music with her husband, Martin, for many years. She enjoyed going to church and was a long-time member of St. Peter's Catholic Church. She spent over 60 wonderful years on Fulwell Drive in Ontario. Reading and watching the wild birds were favorite pastimes. She loved her house pets like her children. She is survived by four children, Peggy (Paul) Barker, Mary (Mark) Barker, John (Cami) Weaver and Cathleen (Kenneth) Hubbard; nine grandchildren, David (Makala) Weaver, Brandi (Stevan) Leonard, Jessica Weaver, Tyler (Stephanie) Mitchell, Joseph (Jennifer) Weaver,

Jaime (Jimmy) Sexton, Travis Pickering, Clayton Weaver and Hannah Rox; twenty-four great-grandchildren, Morgan, Dylan, Molly, Jax, Julian, Addi, J.R., Hailey, Aiden, Emma, Preston, Kady, Kam Karter, Evelyn, Olivia, Cora Mae, Lily, one on the way, Aniston, Mason, Saylor, Madi, Chase and Gracie; a nephew, Lonnie Withem; and a niece, Jennifer (Matthew) Gillespie. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Martin Weaver; granddaughter, Nicole Simmering;

brother, Melvin "Butch" Withem; and an aunt, June Price. The family received friends Saturday, Nov. 7, at the Ontario Home of Wappner Funeral Directors. A funeral service followed and she was laid to rest in Mansfield Memorial Park beside her husband. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Words of comfort may be expressed to the family at [www.wappner.com](http://www.wappner.com).



ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL held its National Honor Society Induction Ceremony on Nov. 4. Students are Gregory Tan, president; Sunshine Liu, vice president; Colton Geer, secretary; and Ethan Glenwright, treasurer.



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By Tech. Sgt. Joe Harwood, 179th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Kristina Lee, daughter of Col. Andrew Lee, commander of the 179th Airlift Wing Medical Group in Mansfield, was chosen as the 2020 Military Child of the Year® Award recipient representing the National Guard earlier this year.

Operation Homefront, serving America's Military Families® since 2002, announced the seven recipients of the esteemed 2020 Military Child of the Year® Award, the nation's premier recognition of the outstanding achievements of its military children.

"These seven award recipients are truly exceptional young people. As all of our judges noted, they shined as individuals, but more so as extraordinary representatives of the larger community of amazing military kids," said retired Brig. Gen. John I. Pray Jr., president and CEO of Operation Homefront. "All of the 400-plus nominees of the 12th annual Military Child of the Year® Awards exhibited remarkable resiliency, leadership, achievement and strength of character. Their families and their communities can be justifiably proud of each of them — and we are too."

The six branch recipients — Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard and the National Guard — will represent the armed forces branch in which a parent either serves or has served.

Selection was based on their scholarship, volunteerism, leadership, extracurricular involvement and other criteria while facing the challenges of Military Family life.

Each awardee was selected by a panel of independent volunteer judges with deep roots in the military commu-

nity. The seventh award is the Military Child of the Year® Award for Innovation, presented by global technology and consulting firm Booz Allen Hamilton. This award goes to a military child who has designed a bold and creative solution to address a local, regional or global challenge.

Under normal circumstances, the winners travel to Washington D.C. for a gala where the awards are formally recognized by military leadership. The COVID-19 pandemic unfortunately caused the event to be canceled this year.

When asked what the award meant to her, Kristina, a resident of Galion, gave a humble response and praised her father for how he has inspired her through his examples.

"It means the world to me. I really wanted to do well for my dad, to make him proud and give him the recognition he deserves. For me, this award is so much more than a title. Growing up as the daughter of a doctor has really affected me, shaping the way I have lived my life so far. I keep high standards for my education and my behavior," Kristina said. "Combine a doctor and a high-ranking military officer and that makes for a very hard act to follow. I feel a very strong need to carry myself as my father does, with pride, humility and respect."

According to the Operation

Homefront program, there were plenty of reasons that Kristina was selected: "Our 2020 Military Child of the Year® for the National Guard has worn the crown as Ohio's Miss Teen Buckeye State and was elected as a regional officer for the SkillsUSA State Leadership Conference. She attended Lee Preparatory High School and Tri-Rivers Career Center in Marion and graduated in the Class of 2020.

She chooses perseverance in the face of adversity, including her brother's death after a yearlong illness and overcoming PTSD after experiencing a violent crime in 2018.

"At school, Kristina distinguishes herself as a leader and in classwork as she pursues dual tracks. She's an honor student in academics at Lee Prep School, while at a career technical school, she excelled in both criminal justice and construction trades programs and was a president of the campus SkillsUSA and National Technical Honor Society chapters.

Kristina amassed more than 500 volunteer hours in the past year, including organizing a "Drug Free. Hire Me!" rally that attracted over 600 students for a daylong event, which she also emceed. She also planned and executed a "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" fundraiser to benefit survivors of domestic violence and sexu-

al assault.

Kristina is the sixth of the eight children of Tammy and Col. Andrew Lee, a physician and a medical group commander in the Ohio Air National Guard. During her father's deployments and trainings, Kristina helps her mom with her two younger brothers, including one with developmental delays who is nonverbal.

She communicates with him using sign language, which she also uses in volunteer work with special-needs children at her church through a ministry called PB&J, Precious & Beloved by Jesus."

Kristina received a \$10,000 grant and a laptop computer.

Her plans are to enroll in a four-year heavy equipment apprenticeship to become a heavy equipment operator.

"After, or even maybe during, my apprenticeship, I plan to become an EMT/paramedic in the ANG (Air National Guard) to continue my calling to serve others," Kristina said.

"And maybe farther down the road of my life, I would like to pursue a political leadership role in order to serve more people, people who feel they don't have a voice."

Dr. Lee is a busy man serving as both a doctor in the local area and as a commander of the 179th Medical Group. He expressed pride in what his daughter has accomplished and the importance of finding balance between a successful career and family life.

"I'm super proud of Kristina," he said. "I know she is one of those people who strives to put 110% effort into everything that she does. It was great to see her get rewarded for that extra effort."

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**Kristina Lee and Col. Andrew Lee, commander of the 179th Airlift Wing Medical Group in Mansfield.**

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# Saluting Our Veterans and Active Service

## Honoring Those Who Serve — Past and Present

### Ohio National Guard extends food bank support mission into December

By Stephanie Beougher,  
Ohio National Guard Public Affairs

The Ohio National Guard continues to assist 14 food bank locations and warehouses across the state.

The Ohio National Guard's response to fight the effects of the virus began when Governor Mike DeWine signed a state active duty proclamation March 18 to activate personnel from the Guard and Ohio Military Reserve to assist with humanitarian efforts. About 350 Guard members are currently supporting the food bank mission.

Federal funding for the National Guard response nationwide for COVID-19 missions has been extended into December. While there are Ohio National Guard units transitioning out of the food bank mission in order to return to civilian and military obligations, new units are being brought in to continue to provide assistance at all 14 locations throughout the state.

"The length and scope of this mission has been unprecedented for the National Guard, and our work is not finished yet. I am proud of the efforts of every Soldier and Airman who has stepped up when their state needed them," said Major

General John C. Harris Jr., Ohio adjutant general.

"The Ohio National Guard has not only significantly increased the productivity of food banks across the state during the pandemic, but our members have also made long-lasting and personal friendships with their food bank partners."

Since mid-March, the Ohio National Guard has packed more than 43 million pounds of food and has distributed more than 50 million pounds of food, as well as assisted in providing more than 700,000 meals to citizens in need throughout the state.

"For the past six months, an extraordinary group of men and women have sacrificed each day to serve their neighbors and friends struggling to access and afford food amid the pandemic," said Lisa Hamler-Fugitt, executive director, Ohio Association of Foodbanks. "We are so deeply thankful that the Ohio National Guard will extend its support of this mission for the next three months as we plan together for what's to come in 2021."

Hamler-Fugitt added that Ohioans can honor the sacrifices and service of the Ohio National Guard by contacting their local food bank to volunteer.

Ohio Army National Guard Col. David Rhoads leads the joint task force headquarters that provides management and oversight to all Ohio National Guard and State Defense Force (which includes the Ohio Military Reserve) support requested through the governor's office.

"We have a team of professionals from communities throughout the state who come with a diverse set of skills to include medical and logistics," Rhoads said. "It is our privilege to be able to continue to serve the citizens of Ohio, and we are prepared to answer the call at a moment's notice should more assistance be needed."

In addition to the food bank mission, the Ohio National Guard is also assisting with community pop-up COVID-19 test sample collections, courier services to transport sample collections to laboratories, PPE warehousing and logistics, and quick response medical teams for temporary assistance at nursing facilities.

Previous missions have included collaborating with regional partners to identify and develop alternate care sites to expand medical capacity, and providing medical and operational support at state and federal prisons.

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### Care packages can be sent through Red Cross

The American Red Cross has supported those in uniform since the founding of the organization more than 135 years ago. This Veterans Day, citizens can help provide comfort and aid to those who have sacrificed so much.

Special hospital care packages that include soap, shampoo, laundry detergent, snacks, books for their kids and more are available to send.

For a service member or veteran experiencing a difficult hospital stay, support can make all the difference. With a gift of a hospital care kit, it can show veterans and service members across the country that Americans are there for them — just as they have been there for us.

Donations start at \$10 and \$58 will provide care packages to eight service members; \$145 for 20 service members; and \$725 for 100 service members.

To donate or for more information, call 1-800-435-7669 or visit [www.redcross.org/donate/holiday-donations-hospital-kits-for-service-members.html](http://www.redcross.org/donate/holiday-donations-hospital-kits-for-service-members.html). The American National Red Cross is registered as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Contributions are tax-deductible

### •Military Child of the Year comes from 179th

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Although Dr. Lee admitted it can be challenging to find the proper work and family life balance, he felt it was no more for his family than most families face serving in the Air National Guard. “We all need to prioritize. Sometimes that means saying no to things which are good but not necessary,” he said. “I have tried to build margins in my life, so when things go sideways, it’s not so filled with tasks that I can’t still give my family the time they deserve.”

Kristina pointed out that her family has actually become closer because of her father’s service.

“My family is a very close-knit family because of my dad’s deployments. When my dad was away, I always remember all of my family members helping my mom keep the house running. And even though my dad’s deployments never made us move, it was still hard. But through our tough times and hardships, we became a stronger, kinder, and more loving family.”

Dr. Lee agreed that adversity can also strengthen your family bond.

“There are only so many hours in the day, and you can only be in one place at a time,” he said. “Both my military career and my medical career have taken me away from my family at times. This has made them much more self-sufficient and not entitled. It unfortunately has always been a delicate

balancing act to do everything that I need to do, but in the end I get to be so proud of who they have become. Again, I’m super proud of Kristina, I also think that she is representative of many of the children that are a part of our 179th Family. Buckeye Airlifters. The Mansfield way!”

It is the third time in four years that the child of an Ohio National Guard member has won the national honor, the second in a row for 179th Airlift Wing Campbell Miller was last year’s recipient and Molly Frey (121st Air Refueling Wing) won in 2017.



Photo by Jeff Hoffer

A C130 from the 179th Airlift Wing performs a fly-over.

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# Saluting Our Veterans and Active Service

## Honoring Those Who Serve — Past and Present



**Cameron Logan** enlisted in the Air National Guard in April 2019. In May 2019 he graduated from Lexington High School with high honors.

Upon graduation he began his undergraduate studies at The Ohio State University, Mansfield Campus while attending Unit Training Assemblies at the 178th Wing in Springfield, OH.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Cameron's basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX was delayed until August 2020.

On Oct. 1, 2020, Airman First Class Logan graduated basic training as an Honor Graduate. He is now attending technical school training for six months at Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo, TX where he is training as a Geospatial Intelligence Analyst.

Upon graduation, Airman Logan will resume his studies at Ohio State and work as an intelligence analyst with the 125th Intelligence Squadron at the 178th Wing.

He is the son of Colonel Joseph and Heather Logan of Lexington.



**Mitchell Sheets** committed to the U.S. Air Force during his senior year of high school. He graduated from Lexington High School with the Class of 2020.

He was sworn into the U.S. Army on July 27, 2020. Mitchell completed basic training from Fort Jackson on Oct. 7, 2020. He was promoted in rank to Private E-2. Leadership opportunities included Bay Boss and he earned Expert Marksmanship honors.

He is currently stationed at Fort Eustis in Virginia for Advanced Individual Training where he will be trained as a UH-60 Blackhawk Helicopter Repairer with the initial goal of becoming Crew Chief and door gunner.

His ultimate career goals include Warrant Officer Flight Training to become a helicopter pilot and after completing WOFT, he would like to join SOAR (Special Operations Air Regiment).

Mitchell is the son of Blake Sheets and Amanda Sheets.



**Blake Boggs**, a 2019 graduate of Lexington High School, is now an Airman 1st Class and is currently in Phase II training in Biloxi, MS.

Blake is an Aerospace Medical Service Technician with a nationally registered EMT certification.

After completing his basic training at Lackland Air Force Base and tech school at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, TX, Blake is enjoying his hands-on training at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi at the Keesler Medical Center.

He will complete this phase in mid-November.

Blake will then return to the Mansfield Air Guard, 179th Airlift Wing, to continue his training and service. He will also continue with his medical training by attending college while at the 179th.

He plans to become a registered nurse or a physical therapist.

Blake is the son of Steve and Robin Boggs of Cape Canaveral, FL.



**Trevor Cramer** committed to the Air National Guard during his senior year at Lexington High School.

He graduated with honors in June of 2020 during the Covid-19 pandemic. He left for Basic Military Training (BMT) at Lackland Air Force Base (AFB) in San Antonio, TX on July 21.

While at Lackland AFB, he was an element leader as well as a PT (physical training) leader.

He graduated BMT on Sept. 10 and was immediately sent to Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, MS for this tech school.

At Keesler AFB he will learn the job of Radio Frequency Transmission. Upon completion of tech school, Trevor plans to attend the University of Cincinnati, studying chemical engineering and will be assigned to the 200th Red Horse Squadron in Mansfield.

Trevor is the son of Colonel Troy and Krista Cramer.





# Saluting Our Veterans and Active Service

## Honoring Those Who Serve — Past and Present



**Seth Cole**, committed to The United States Marine Corps during his senior year at Lexington High School and was sworn in Sept. 17 of that year.

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 not allowing for his return home for leave in April, he was shipped straight to Camp Geiger in North Carolina to begin Military Combat Training (MCT) for 29 days. Immediately after, he attended his Military Occupation Specialties (MOS) training for two months. His parents are Starletta and Brett Cole.



**Grace Riegel** made the decision to delay college and join the United States Air Force during her senior year of high school

She graduated with high honors from Lexington High School in May of 2019 and was sworn into the Ohio Air National Guard on Oct. 24, 2019.

She left for Basic Military Training in San Antonio, TX on April 7, 2020.

Due to COVID-19, family and friends were not permitted on base to watch her graduate on March 28, 2020, and earn the title of United States Airman.

Airman Riegel is now in Maryland at Fort George G. Meade where she will complete six months of technical training at the Defense Information School.

Upon completion, she will attend Baldwin Wallace University and work at the 179th Airlift Wing in Public Affairs. She is the daughter of Mike and Beth Riegel of Lexington.

## Wreaths Across America utilizes technology to help fulfill mission

Wreaths Across America (WAA), is the non-profit organization best known for placing veterans' wreaths on the headstones of our nation's fallen at Arlington National Cemetery.

However, the organization, in total, places more than 2 million sponsored veterans' wreaths at over 2,200 participating locations nationwide.

In order to achieve this mission the organization had to be open to new approaches and partnered with organizations willing to share new technologies while helping achieve the ultimate goal of fulfilling the mission to Remember, Honor, and Teach in part by placing veterans' wreaths at the headstones of all fallen U.S. service members.

WAA has been able to offer a pilot "Text to Donate" program that is allowing donors in several states to sponsor a veteran's wreath for a family member or loved one from the comfort and safety of their own home.

By texting 20222 and a corresponding text code specific to an area cemetery, a contribution can be made over the donor's phone no matter who is their primary service carrier.

All mobile users can obtain a tax receipt for donations made via text message by visiting: <http://mobilegiving.org/tax-receipt/>.

Utilizing technology to make many small changes is helping WAA continue toward its goal of honoring and remembering as many United States service members as possible nationwide this National Wreaths Across America Day — Saturday, Dec. 19, 2020.

To sponsor a wreath for \$15 visit <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/>. Each sponsorship goes toward a fresh balsam veteran's wreath that will be placed on the headstone of an American hero.

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**Christian Lamb** decided to pursue acceptance into the United States Air Force during his junior year of high school.

Coming from a strong military family background and experiencing firsthand the impact of one-of-a-kind military training, educational opportunities, world travel and the desire to protect and defend our country, he swore in to the Ohio State Air National Guard Sept. 27, 2019.

After several delays due to COVID-19, he finally left for Basic Training on Sept. 8, 2020.

The pandemic prevented his family from attending graduation in Texas on Oct. 29, 2020.

Christian graduated as an expert marksman and his flight was recognized for the host honor graduates of their flight cycle. He graduated alongside more than 650 airmen from all over the country.

Airman Lamb is now in Texas at Sheppard Air Force Base training to become a certified Crew Chief. Upon completion he will attend The Ohio State University pursuing a degree in Aerospace Engineering and working at the 179th Airlift Wing in Mansfield.

He is the son of Dave and Kym Lamb of Lexington.



**Pfc. Paul Hogsette** earned the title of United States Marine and graduated from MCRD, Parris Island, SC, on Sept. 4, 2020. Paul was a member of the 3rd Battalion, Kilo Company, Platoon 3062.

Paul embraced the Marine Corps values of honor, courage and commitment and earned the title of Expert Rifleman.

Following boot camp graduation, he then completed Marine Combat Training at Camp Lejeune, NC. Paul is currently at Fort Leonard Wood, MO for his MOS training of Engineer Heavy Equipment Mechanic.

Upon completion of MOS training, he will then be assigned to a duty station and pursue the completion of his Bachelor of Arts in History degree. Paul is the son of Rob and Susan Hogsette of Lexington.

**Oct. 15, 1962** —The 179th Airlift Wing is organized in Mansfield as the 179th Tactical Fighter Group. The 179th flew the F-84F Thunderstreak and F-100 Super Sabre before converting to an airlift group in 1976, flying the C-130 Hercules. From 2010 to 2013, the wing flew the C-27J Spartan and was the first unit to train and deploy the joint cargo plane in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2011.



**Alex Stevens** is a Class of 2020 graduate of Lexington High School.

His Navy Airmen Boot Camp at Great Lakes Recruit Training Command graduation was held Aug. 21.

His technical training is at Fort Keesler in Biloxi, MS. His field of study is Aerography.

His next station will be at Fort Coronado in San Diego, CA.

After his 4-year term in the U.S. Navy, he will attend Bowling Green State University to study Criminal Justice. He plans to become a law enforcement official.

He is the son of Chris Stevens and Lori Lang-Stevens.

## Emergency line open 24/7

Nearly 1 in 4 active duty members showed signs of a mental health condition, according to a 2014 study in JAMA Psychiatry.

Those who are having thoughts of suicide can call the Veterans Crisis Line, which is available 24/7 by dialing 1-800-273-8255 and pressing 1.

A text communication can be sent to 838255 and a confidential chat is available at <https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/get-help/chat>. These services are also offered 24 hours a day/7 days a week.

A responder will ask a few questions and work with the caller to help them through any personal crisis, even if that crisis does not involve thoughts of suicide. The caller can decide how much they want to share.

Confidential counselors are available for service members and their families through Military One Source at 1-800-342-9647. This is an excellent first stop for those who are unsure whether to seek treatment for themselves or someone else. The line can offer information and advice.

Common mental health issues can include Posttraumatic Stress Disorder, depression and Traumatic Brain Injury). Resources are available at [www.nami.org](http://www.nami.org).

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# LOOKING BACK: This Week in Tribune-Courier History



Nov. 7, '02

MARY HAAS' Ontario Stingel Primary School art students showed their American pride by creating an American flag with their hands. The flag was created with red, white and blue handprints from nearly every student. Because the students got to do more than one hand print, there were nearly 1,000 hands up on the wall. The flag measured approximately five feet by seven feet and was hung in the school for the month of September in remembrance of the Sept. 11 tragedy. Students shown are from Deb Pscholka's second grade class - front, Austin Morelli, Philip Lehman, Cole Lawson, Anna Morehead, Emily Klimczynski, Audrey Galat, Carissa Hall, Steven Horning and Alaina Waldron; back, Dayo Awosika-Olumo, Jake Shaffer, Logan Perkins, Alex Baker, Christina Lindhout, Robert Grassick, Imani Beard, Lauren Simpson, Michael Russell, Taylor Ludwig and Justin Henry.



Oct. 31, '02

LOCAL OHIO MILITARY RESERVE CAPTAIN Elvin Burnell of Ontario is shown at the 179th Airlift Squadron at Mansfield Lahm Airport swearing in Private Mark Harms of Norwalk. You do not have to have prior military service to join the all-volunteer Ohio Military Reserve.



Troy Cramer

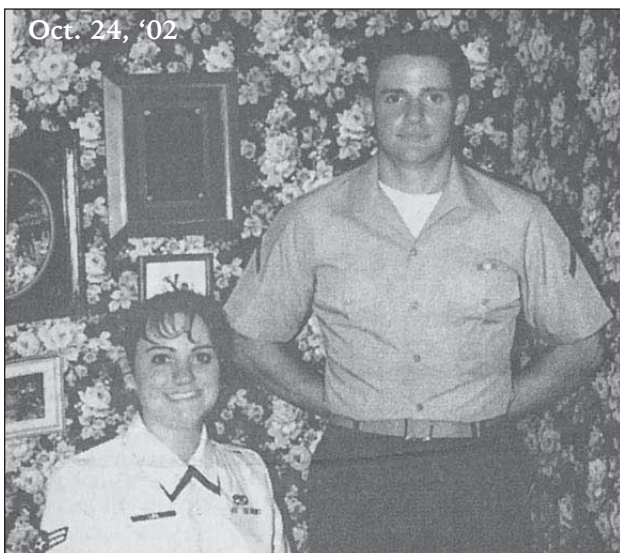
**March 28, 1991** — Air National Guard Airman Troy A. Cramer has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, TX.

During the six-weeks of training he studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Gerald A. and Mary E. Cramer of Milligan Rd., Ontario.

Cramer is a 1990 graduate of Ontario High School.



Oct. 24, '02

Rachel Lies and Craig Lohr

## Brother, sister in the service; home for a visit

Rachel E. (Lohr) Lies and Craig A. Lohr, daughter and son of Tom and Deb Lohr of Galion, are both in the military and recently spent a few days at home with their family. They are graduates of Ontario High School, Rachel in 2000 and Craig in 2001.

Rachel is serving in the United States Air Force. She has completed 10 months of radar maintenance schooling at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi, and is currently stationed at Tyndall Air Force Base in Panama City, Florida, with her husband, Matthew, who is also serving with the Air Force.

Craig is serving with the United States Marine Corps. He has completed a three-month boot camp at Parris Island, South Carolina, where he was promoted to private first class. He is currently stationed at Camp Lejeune Marine Corps Base in Jacksonville, North Carolina, where he has completed weapons training and is taking specialty training in administration and warehousing.



**November 11, 1976** — Charles Lakey has an easy time as he gets pushed along Park Avenue West in a wheelbarrow as the result of winning an election bet. Escorted by Ontario Police, John Lotterer (the pusher) follows through on the bet to push Lakey from Lotterer's Neighborhood Bar a quarter mile down the road to Michael's for free dinner and drinks. Many friends of both betters participated in the follow-up of the three-month-old bet.

Photo by Marc Stumbo

**The Year the Tribune was founded** — Movies from 1961: *West Side Story*, *Breakfast at Tiffany's*, *The Hustler*, *Disney's 101 Dalmations*, *The Parent Trap* and *The Absent-Minded Professor*

**Nov. 12, 1954** — Ellis Island, the gateway to America, shuts its doors after processing more than 12 million immigrants since opening in 1892. Today, an estimated 40 percent of all Americans can trace their roots through Ellis Island, located in New York Harbor off the New Jersey coast and named for merchant Samuel Ellis, who owned the land in the 1770s. On Jan. 2, 1892, 15-year-old Annie Moore, from Ireland, became the first person to pass through the newly opened Ellis Island, which President Benjamin Harrison designated as America's first federal immigration center in 1890. Before that time, the processing of immigrants had been handled by individual states.



# Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights



By Kenn Spencer

Winter training is right around the corner. OYS is planning on winter training for baseball, softball and soccer. Keep an eye on OYS Facebook this week for more details. We will be running several programs over the winter — all geared toward keeping our athletes active and ahead of the competition.

#### What We Know So Far:

Winter Soccer Training will be run by Graham Ford, former head men's soccer coach of The College of Wooster. With so many athletes working indoors, we are expecting a very high level of play for our Warrior athletes in 2021.

OYS will be running a Winter Hitting League as well as an open gym for our baseball/softball teams. Spaces are limited by gender and age. All registration will be on a first come basis. For dates/times of these events follow us on Facebook.

As a reminder, OYS Spring Soccer and Summer baseball and softball registration will begin in December.

2021 Community Sponsors: We have always been fortunate to live in a town that supports our community programs. Ontario Youth Sports is looking for 2021 Community Sponsors — anyone that owns a business or is employed by a company that is interested in becoming an OYS sponsor should call our sports director for sponsorship information at 419-566-8072.

Ontario Youth Sports is now accepting bids for 2021 uniforms and photography services. For more information on how to submit a bid please email [info@oysports.com](mailto:info@oysports.com). Please include your Business Name, Insurance Policy and Ohio Vendors License Number. Requests will be accepted until Jan. 1, 2021.

- When registering, do not create a new account unless you have not registered in the past — please use your password 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.

## McLarnan honored as All-Ohio School Board member

A Knox County school board member has been honored with the Ohio School Boards Association's (OSBA) most esteemed award.

Richard McLarnan is serving his 45th year on the Knox County Career Center and Knox County Educational Service Center boards. He was recognized as a 2020 All-Ohio School Board member on Nov. 8 during the OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show.

OSBA Chief Executive Officer Rick Lewis introduced All-Ohio School Board members during the Opening General Session of the 65th annual conference, held virtually this year, Nov. 7-10.

Each year, OSBA names one board of education member from each of its five regions — Central, Northeast, Northwest, Southeast and Southwest — to the



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**THE SOCCER SEASON** for the Lexington Minutemen came to an end on Saturday in Lexington as Lima Shawnee secured the Division II Regional Championship 2-1 in overtime on a penalty kick. Lexington senior Ryan Parker (1) and Lima seniors Carter Jensen (8) and Ethan Rosebeck (9) race to keep control of the ball.

## News Briefs in Education

The Pioneer Career and Technology Center Board of Education will hold its regular November board of education meeting at 7 pm, Monday, Nov. 16 in the Pioneer Community Room at the Pioneer Career and Technology Center, Shelby.

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Matthew Weaver of Ontario was among 680 students who earned named scholarships at Baldwin Wallace University this fall. Weaver, a graduate of Ontario High School, earned the Donald Delapenha Class of 1985 Memorial Scholarship.

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University of the Cumberlands summer graduates include Jennifer Draper of Ontario who completed a Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling; and Farzana Afroz of Lexington who completed a Master of Science in Information Systems Security.

All-Ohio School Board. The award recognizes outstanding service to public education and represents the dedication shown by thousands of board members across the state. McLarnan, who represents OSBA's Central Region, serves as president of both boards. He hasn't forgotten who first encouraged him to serve his community in 1976.

"My children were in school, and my dad encouraged me to get involved with the school board," McLarnan said. "I had been working with the schools by setting up a tool chest for the machinist class at the Knox County Career Center."

McLarnan also was a member of a committee that spearheaded construction of a new 18,000-square-foot building on the career center campus, which opened in August 2014.

## Free book program available for children

Parents, Guardians and Caregivers in Ashland and Richland Counties can now register children, ages birth to five, to receive a free book every month through a partnership with Easterseals, The Dolly Parton Imagination Library and the Ohio Governor's Office.

Leaders from Easterseals Central and Southeast Ohio met with Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and Ohio First Lady Fran DeWine about efforts to expand the Ohio Governor's Imagination Library (OGIL) Program, statewide. The OGIL Program is now active in all 88 Ohio counties.

The OGIL Program, funded by the Ohio legislature for two years and in part by Molina Healthcare and other various partnerships, helps promote early childhood literacy in children from the time they are born until they turn five years old, by providing a new book to that child every month. The books are free to the child, with the state providing a dollar for dollar match with Easterseals Central and Southeast Ohio.

These books are specially-selected, age-appropriate, high quality, hard cover books that are delivered to registered children each month from birth to age five. The books are personalized with the child's name and mailed directly to the child's home at no cost to the family.

"I am so excited that as of today, all children who live in Richland and Ashland counties can now receive the benefits of the Ohio Governor's Imagination Library!" said Ohio First Lady Fran Dewine. "We know that children who read succeed and this program will put more books in the hands of our little ones. I encourage all Richland and Ashland county families to enroll their children under five at [www.OhioImaginationLibrary.org](http://www.OhioImaginationLibrary.org)!"

## NAMI will host free 90-minute seminar

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Family & Friends is a free 90-minute seminar that informs and supports people who have loved ones with a mental health condition. Participants learn about diagnoses, treatment, recovery, communication strategies, crisis preparation and NAMI resources. Seminar leaders have personal experience with mental health conditions in their families.

NAMI Richland County will offer its next NAMI Family & Friends seminar on Nov. 19, at 6 pm. The virtual event is on yje Facebook page events at NAMI Richland County. A Zoom link is provided on FB event, no RSVP is needed.

NAMI Richland County is located at 420 Stewart Ln, Mansfield. Contact the local office at 419-522-6264 or [families@namirc.org](mailto:families@namirc.org).

NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. NAMI Richland County is an affiliate of NAMI Ohio NAMI Richland County and dedicated volunteer members and leaders work tirelessly to raise awareness and provide essential education, advocacy and support group programs for people in our community living with mental illness and their loved ones.

## The Polar Express will be shown

The Renaissance will screen the holiday classic movie, *The Polar Express*, on Sunday, Dec. 6 at 3 pm as part of the Lind Siegenthaler Cinema Series.

Tickets are \$5 per person and can be purchased online at [RenTickets.org](http://RenTickets.org), or by contacting the Renaissance Box Office via phone at 419-522-2726. The Box Office is currently open by appointment only.

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### 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 November 4, 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-27 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE (RECREATION DIRECTOR) TO DONATE FUNDS TO ORGANIZATIONS THAT VOLUNTEERED FOR THE HAUNTED TRAIL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Cathy VanAuker  
Clerk of Council  
City of Ontario, Ohio  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF CARBON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA ORPHAN'S COURT DIVISION

IN RE: Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights: No. 20-9251

Of Aaron Raashid Maycock to Z.M., a minor:

Notice is hereby given that Kim M. Gillen, Esquire of Gillen & Feliciano, P.C., Attorney for S.C., Petitioner has filed a Petition for Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights of Aaron Raashid Maycock, father in and to Z.M., a minor, indexed to docket number 20-9251. S.C. is the Mother of the minor child and Aaron Raashid Maycock is the father of the minor child.

### NOTICE

TO: Aaron Raashid Maycock,

father of Z.M., a minor

A Petition has been filed asking the Court to put an end to all rights you have to your child, Z.M. The Court has set a hearing to consider ending your rights to your child. The hearing will be held in Courtroom No. 3 of the Carbon County Courthouse, Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania on November 17, 2020 at 1:15p.m. Your presence is required at the hearing. You have a right to be represented at the hearing by a lawyer. You should be aware that your rights may be subject to termination pursuant to 23 Pa. C.S.A § 2503(d) if you fail to either appear at the hearing for the purpose of objecting to the termination of your rights or file a written objection to such termination with the Court prior to the hearing. You should take this paper to your lawyer at once. If you do not have a lawyer or cannot afford one, go to or telephone the office set forth below to find out where you can get legal help.

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# DAR Chapter receives certificates

By Pat Jennings

Jared Mansfield Chapter, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution convened virtually through Zoom and in-person at OGS, Bellville, on Nov. 6. Regent Joyce Vanatter led the opening ritual, The Pledge of Allegiance and the American Creed. Pat Jennings, chaplain gave the opening prayer. Regent Vanatter welcomed members and guests.

Regent Vanatter presented a NSDAR video of Bacone College, formerly Bacone Indian University. It is a private liberal arts college in Muskogee, Oklahoma. Founded in 1880 as the Indian University by Almon C. Bacone, Bacone College is the oldest continuously operated institution of higher education in Oklahoma. The college has strong historic ties to several tribal nations, including the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and the Cherokees, and also to the American Baptist Churches USA.

Jared Mansfield Chapter supports military personal overseas through 'Operation Gratitude'. Many members and friends knitted and crocheted another 60 scarves to support the program.

Regent Vanatter announced that the chapter had received two certificates from National and 11 from Ohio for accomplishments in 2019 for outstanding accomplishments in attaining Chapter Achievement Level 1, Outstanding Use of

the Lineage Research Lookup Board, Exemplary Service for Veterans, Honorable Achievement Going Above and Beyond Suggested Events and for assisting students in reading, math, spelling, and home/life skills.

The chapter was also recognized for Excellence in Conservation, Programs to support honoring Vietnam War Veterans, 100% National Defense reporting at each meeting, Outstanding PR & Media and Support of the NSDAR Library.

The Americanism Committee recognized the chapter for Attending a Naturalization Class and a Ceremony, distributing 100 flags, 10 flag pins; 300 bookmarks and 300 Pledge of Allegiance/American's Creed.

The chapter was also recognized for Outstanding Support of Friends of the Library and Marcella Derrenberger was recognized by the DAR Genealogy Preservation Committee for participation.

Erika White, Wreaths Across America chair, announced this is the fourth year our chapter will be sponsoring wreaths at Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery on National Remembrance Day, Dec. 19. The goal is to have a wreath for all Richland County Veterans at the OWRN cemetery. The theme this year is "Be An American Worth Fighting For." Each wreath is \$15

The annual Christmas luncheon will be Friday, Dec 4. Reservations are required.

# Items being collected for homeless

For the second year in a row iHeartMedia Ashland/Mansfield radio stations in partnership with Mechanics Bank, have launched a campaign to help the community's homeless population.

Now through Nov. 22, community members will be able to donate much needed items at 22 donation drop-off locations throughout Richland, Ashland and Crawford counties.

iHeartRADIO for the Homeless will be collecting new socks, fleece blankets, hats, gloves, umbrellas and new/gently used sleeping bags and coats. This year's campaign has partnered with Ontario and Madison Local Schools, who are using this opportunity to teach and allow their students to give back to the community.

Donation drop off locations are at all nine Mechanics Bank locations in Richland

County; Bill Harris Chevrolet, Ashland; Ashland Family YMCA; East of Chicago, Galion and Shelby; Mansfield Area YMCA; Park National Bank, on Ashland Rd., Madison area and Lex-Springmill Rd., Ontario; RC Children Service, Mansfield; Mansfield Family Restaurants on Park Avenue West and S. Main St.; Area Agency on Aging, Ontario; Buckeye Thrift Store, Mansfield; and Shelby YMCA.

If an organization would like to help, they should contact Chris Kelly at [chriskelly@iheartmedia.com](mailto:chriskelly@iheartmedia.com)

Donation recipients will be Harmony House of Richland County, Love on a Mission of Richland County, Domestic Violence Shelter Richland County, Associated Charities of Ashland County, Safe Haven of Ashland County and Reaching Out of Richland County.

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