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HONORARY FIREFIGHTER — On June 6, Kameron Fulson, age 4, heard a neighbor's cry for help and went to investigate. He found Ontario resident Marge Ridenour, who had fallen and was injured. Kameron told his mother and they called 9-1-1. Because of his concern for others and the action he took, he was named an honorary firefighter by the Springfield Township Fire department. A ceremony was held Monday, Nov. 16, at his home. (Top Photo) John Gray, Josh Bradley, Kameron Fulson, Jordan Bittner, John Brown, members of Springfield Township Professional Firefighters Local 3849, present Kameron with a plaque declaring him an Honorary Firefighter. (Bottom left) Kameron is pictured with his mom, Jessica, and Marge Ridenour. (Right photo) Kameron gets strapped in for a ride in the fire truck.

MRCPL providing free meals for kids

The Mansfield/Richland County Public Library's Main library location will begin distributing free meal packs to all Richland County children.

The Children's Hunger Alliance will be sponsoring the meal distribution offered Monday through Friday from 3:30-4:30 pm. Two meals may be picked up on Friday (one for Saturday).

The children's department on the second floor of the main library will be the pick-up location for these take-home meals. This free meal program 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.

The mission of the Children's Hunger Alliance "is to ensure that children without access receive healthy food, nutrition edu-

cation, and physical activity." MRCPL is one of more than 250 programs throughout Ohio partnering with Children's Hunger Alliance to help provide nutritious meals to children who may not have weekday evening meals available at home.

Library Director Chris May says, "This partnership with Children's Hunger Alliance is one that I have been interested in for quite a while. We already know that the resources our library provides are essential to the mental development of the children in Richland County. The opportunity to supplement those resources with a healthy meal further strengthens MRCPL's mission to be a community center, open to all, supporting a vibrant quality for residents of our community."

For more information about the free meal program, visit mrcpl.org.

Richland Gives helps nonprofits

Richland Gives, an online giving event, began at 7 am on Nov. 16 and will culminate on Dec. 1 at 7 pm.

The event is designed to encourage everyone to contribute to local nonprofits they care about through a single giving platform/website. The Richland County Foundation is hosting the fundraiser to build capacity, grow philanthropy and make the community stronger.

Richland Gives will allow Richland County nonprofit organizations to raise funds and awareness as well as cultivate new donors and reinvigorate lapsed donors. Over 80 local charities are registered for

the event.

Thanks to the generosity of donors at the Richland County Foundation, \$34,000 in incentives will be awarded as grants to participating organizations, beyond what they raise from online donations.

A \$1,000 grant will be given to the first 15 nonprofit organizations that raise at least \$1,000 online via the Richland Gives website.

Additional prize grants will be awarded to the nonprofits during Richland Gives. For more details or to donate go to richlandgives.org.

For more information call 419-525-3020.

Ontario BOE hires coaches, subs

The Ontario Local Schools Board of Education met Nov. 10.

Stingel fifth grade students Molly Wirick, Camila Perez and Ellie Dawson presented their school projects to the board.

Mike Ream, Director of Education, provided a COVID-19 statistics update and an update on recent teacher professional development sessions.

The board approved Erica Bradford as Stingel Playground Aide, effective Oct. 26, for \$3,373.

Juniors McKenna Gorbett and Chasity

Mies will compete in OHSAA sanctioned gymnastics for the 2020-'21 school year at no cost to Ontario Schools.

Extracurricular/supplemental staff for the 2020-'21 school year who were approved by the board were Kevin Wharton, seventh grade girls basketball coach, \$2,963; Parker VanArsdalen, seventh grade boys basketball coach, \$2,963; Dan Hall, winter/spring strength coach, \$4,030; Keirsten Prouix and Lisa Ferguson, volunteer gymnastics coaches for student

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The Madison Rams Varsity Girls Soccer Team won the Division II State Championship

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Madison Varsity Girls Soccer

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KimmysCucina
By Kim Sterry

Chicken with Artichokes

Ingredients

4 chicken breasts, flattened
2 eggs
1/2 cup flour
olive oil
1/2-1 cup bread crumbs
1/2 cup parmesan cheese
1 1/2 sticks butter
4 cloves garlic
1/4 cup white wine
1 lemon, juiced
1/2 cup chicken broth
1/2 cup heavy (or light) cream (optional)
2 Tbsp. capers
1 can artichoke hearts, drained



Instructions

Start by preparing the flour, egg and bread crumbs in 3 bowls (or pans). Add some salt and pepper to the flour and the parmesan cheese to the bread crumbs. With a fork, scramble the eggs.

In a cast iron skillet or large frying pan, heat enough oil to cover the bottom of the pan. Take the chicken breasts, one at a time, and dip in the flour, egg and bread crumbs. Cook until browned on both sides 5-10 minutes. Place on a baking sheet in 300 degree oven. (This will finish up cooking the chicken as you prepare the sauce). When the chicken is done and out of the pan, add butter to pan and melt, stirring up and pieces of chicken stuck to the bottom of the pan. When the butter has melted, add the garlic and sauté a few minutes but don't brown. Add the wine, lemon juice, broth, capers and artichoke hearts. Slowly heat and continue to stir. (Taste at this point to see if you want to add more salt and pepper — you may want just a pinch of both).

Turn off the heat and add the cream if you have decided to include it. (I like cream because it tones down the lemon and capers and adds just a slight touch of sweetness). Stir well.

When the chicken is done (depending on the thickness this may be 15-20 minutes — you want an internal temperature of 165). Place on a platter and add the sauce over the top.

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RCRPC gets results from follow-up survey

Richland County Regional Planning Commission distributed a follow-up COVID-19 Local Government Impacts Survey to analyze the economic, operational and fiscal impacts eight months into the pandemic. Seven Townships, one city, two villages and six county departments responded to the survey. Though the response rate to the survey was lower than the initial round, the results highlighted some interesting data. All respondents find themselves prepared in case of another shutdown and nearly half of them have or are in the process of working on a recovery plan.

From an operational perspective, re-

spondents are planning to make some of the changes implemented during the crisis permanent, including remote meetings, contactless resident services online and maintaining extra cleaning. The fiscal fallout of the pandemic has impacted budgets. Almost all respondents have completed budget forecasts with 35% respondents predicting a 5-10% loss in revenues and 30% expecting 10-25% loss. Local government CARES Act funding has helped with some of the associated costs incurred due to the pandemic. Technology upgrades, support of safety personnel, and retrofitting buildings were the most popular use of the CARES funds.



The Postmistress of Lexington pictured in the 1890s

Delamater was Lex's postmistress

By Bob Carter

She was all dressed up and ready for her picture to be taken. A chair was brought outside for her to sit. It was a big day for Harriet Delamater and memorable to boot. Harriet was the postmaster, or in her case, the postmistress of Lexington, for many years.

Her daughter is pictured standing behind her and the photo was taken in front of the Post Office building which also housed a retail shop. They lived upstairs and the building was attached to the old tavern but was torn down when the new bank and post office building was erected in the early 1900s. It now houses Vidonish Studios. The old tavern remains to this day and is the oldest building in Lexington.

In Harriet's day, the position of postmaster had to belong to the same political

party as the president. If a Republican was elected, out went the Democrats or vice versa. The fact that Harriet lasted for years may be because she needed the job for her support and the local folks liked her or no one wanted the post anyway.

This system lasted until 1910 when President Taft issued an order that postmasters be put under Civil Service. In 1917,

President Wilson all the second and third class post offices (which would include Lexington) under the same rule.

There was no home delivery. You wanted the mail, go to the post office. There were other early area offices at Steam Corners and at the water powdered mill near the Buckhorn Tavern at what is now the west end of the Clear Fork Lake. Little Washington and Alta had an office too.

Scholarships available through DAR

Various local, state and national scholarships are available through the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). Each has separate requirements.

The Jared Mansfield Chapter local scholarship is open to all students, both genders, who will be attending OSU-Mansfield, NCSC, or the Dwight Schar College of Nursing, Mansfield and pursuing any field of study. The local Jared Mansfield Chapter Scholarship is open to any student currently enrolled at any of the above schools, as well as, high school graduating seniors. Call scholarship chair Margie Warner at 419-756-8937 for more information. The completed application must be postmarked by April 15.

The Ohio Society Daughters of the American Revolution awards the "Wings of Eagles" scholarship to graduating high school seniors, including those completing a certified home school program, in the amount of \$1,000 each. Awards are based

on academic excellence and financial need. All applicants must be citizens of the United States and legal residents of the State of Ohio and must attend an accredited college or university in the United States. All applicants must be sponsored by the local DAR chapter and applications must be submitted to the local chapter by Feb. 1.

The National Daughters of the American Revolution, NSDAR, also offers scholarships in many different majors. This year, DAR has announced that all students will submit their applications using an online process. The online portal can be found on the DAR public website's scholarship page. The direct link to the online application submission portal is <http://dar.academicworks.com>. Emailed or mailed applications will no longer be accepted. The deadline for these is Jan. 31.

Call scholarship chair Margie Warner at 419-756-8937 for more information.

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MECHANICS BANK celebrated the retirement of Marty Campbell after 22 years of dedicated service to Mechanics and the Lexington community. Marty (far left) is pictured with his wife, Amy Campbell; Kaylee, Justin, Jase and Brooke Hewlett; and Ashley Varga.

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.

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.



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The Richland County Joint Veterans Meeting will be held Tuesday, Nov 24, at 7 pm, at VFW Alfred I. Harrington Post #3494, 853 Ashland Rd., Madison area. There will be no December meeting.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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

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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.

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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. RSVP by Nov. 23.

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The draft Richland County Hazard Mitigation Plan is available for review at <https://u.osu.edu/richlandhmp/comments-input/> or on hard copy at the Mansfield Richland County Main Library, 43 W. Third St., Mansfield and Richland EMA, 597 Park Avenue East, Mansfield.

EMA hours are 7 am to 3 pm and library hours are currently Monday and Wednesday, 10 am to 8 pm; Tuesday and

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Ontario Schools Veterans Day Celebration



Ontario Local Schools invited local veterans to join students and staff during a Veterans Day drive-thru parade held Wednesday, Nov. 11. Veterans were escorted, driving in their cars, by the marching band, police cruisers and fire trucks through the parking lots of Ontario Local Schools.



Zoey Shaffer thanked her father, Tony Shaffer, who is retired from the U.S. Coast Guard and was able to join the parade



Haylee and Trevor Breitingering wave at their Grandpa Mark Breitingering, a veteran of the U.S. Air Force



Church Directory

Bunkerhill Baptist Church
3340 St. Rt. 97, Butler • 567-430-9002
Pastor Thomas Crank
11 am Sunday Worship
10 am Sunday School
Bible Study 7 pm Wednesdays

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

St. Mary of the Snows Catholic Church
1630 Ashland Rd., Mansfield • 419-589-2114
Father Matthew Frisbee
Saturday Worship, 4 pm and Sunday Worship 11 am
Tuesday Worship 5:30 pm and Friday Worship 9 am
Faith Instruction & Bible Study on Sunday Mornings
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

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

Risen Savior Lutheran Church
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Ontario Schools Veterans Day Celebration



Ellis Starnes, 94, served in WWII from 1945-'46. He lives in the Madison area.



Tyler Turnbaugh, 11, joins others as they line the parade route



Fourth Grade Students from Tonya Winningham's class at Stingel Elementary



MADISON MIDDLE SCHOOL October R.A.M.S. (Respectful, Accountable, Motivated, Successful) Students of the Month are fifth grade students Zaylynn Ball, Jarrod Cyrus and Makenzie Wynn; sixth grade students Kaiden Koch, Jordan McWilliams, Natalie Mosier and Zoey Rachel; seventh grade students, Courtney Cyrus, Owen Morrow, Grace Speelman and Liam Stone; and eighth grade students Katie Holzworth, Calvin Nelson, Ian Parker and Gage Powell.

Red Cross urging donors to give

The American Red Cross and country music star Martina McBride have joined together this holiday season to remind people to take care of one another, sharing comfort and joy with hospital patients through the gift of blood donation. Health emergencies don't pause for a pandemic or holiday celebrations. The Red Cross needs the help of blood donors across the country and here in Ohio now to ensure patients continue to have access to lifesaving blood.

As the U.S. experiences a new surge in COVID-19 cases, the Red Cross is becoming increasingly concerned about the nation's blood supply – including convalescent plasma. A convalescent plasma donation collects plasma from COVID-19 survivors because antibodies to the disease in their blood may help patients who are currently fighting the virus. Increased hospitalization of patients with coronavirus this fall and winter has caused the Red Cross to distribute a record number of COVID-19 plasma products to hospitals treating patients who are battling the virus.

This holiday season, Martina McBride is reaching out to all eligible individuals. "If nobody has ever asked you to give blood before, I'm asking you to give blood – especially during this trying time," she said.

As a thank-you, now through Dec. 15, Suburban Propane is offering blood, platelet and plasma donors a chance to win an Outdoor Living Experience, powered by Propane, to enable a winner to enjoy socially distanced celebrations with family and friends this holiday season. The prize includes a propane-powered pizza oven, fire pit, outdoor heater and stipend towards propane.

Eligible individuals are urged to make an appointment to donate blood now to help patients in need. Find a donation opportunity using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

The Red Cross is testing all blood donations for COVID-19 antibodies which helps provide insight to donors concerning possible prior exposure to this virus. Donors can expect to receive the results of their antibody test within one to two weeks through our Red Cross Blood Donor App or on the donor portal at RedCrossBlood.org. As part of this effort, plasma from whole blood donations that test positive for COVID-19 antibodies may now help current coronavirus patients in need of convalescent plasma. Each week, whole blood donors with COVID-19 antibodies are helping to contribute between 350-500 units of potentially lifesaving convalescent plasma for patients in need.

The Red Cross is not administering diagnostic tests intended to diagnose illness. As such, to protect the health and safety of our staff and donors, it is important that individuals who do not feel well or believe they may be ill with COVID-19 postpone donation.

Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows high standards of safety and infection control, and additional precautions — including temperature checks, social distancing and face coverings for donors

and staff — have been implemented to help protect the health of all those in attendance. 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.

Wednesday, Nov. 18, 9 am to 2 pm, Mansfield Engineered Components, 1776 Harrington Memorial, Mansfield; and 1-7 pm, Richland Mall RSMO, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

Friday, Nov. 20, 12-5 pm, The Avenue Church, 1756 Park Avenue West, Ontario; and 1-6 pm, Blooming Grove Twp Hall, 466 SR 603, Shiloh

Monday, Nov. 23, 2-7 pm, Lexington High School, 159 Frederick St., Lexington

Tuesday, Nov. 24, 1-6 pm, Crossroads Church, 1188 Park Ave West, Mansfield

Wednesday, Nov. 25, 10:30 am to 4 pm, Richland Mall RSMO, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

Friday, Nov. 27, 3-9 pm, Community Building, 21555 Pealer Mill Rd., Butler

Sunday, Nov. 29, 11 am to 5 pm, Richland Mall RSMO, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

Wednesday, Dec. 2, 8:30 am to 1:30 pm, St. Peter's High School, 111 W. First St., Mansfield' and 1-7 pm, Richland Mall RSMO, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

Tuesday, Dec. 8, 1-6 pm, Belmont Community Church, 1119 Belmont Ave., Mansfield

Wednesday, Dec. 9, 1-7 pm, Richland Mall RSMO, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

Thursday, Dec. 10, 8 am to 1 pm, Shelby YMCA, 111 W. Smiley Rd., Shelby

Saturday, Dec. 12, 8 am to 1 pm, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1951 Middle-Bellville Rd., Mansfield

Tuesday, Dec. 15, 12-6 pm, Saint Paul Lutheran Church, 48 Church St., Bellville

•Ontario BOE hires coaches

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McKenna Gorbett, \$0; Amanda Wilfong, volunteer gymnastics coach for student Chasity Mies, \$0; and Chad Wright, volunteer swim coach, \$0.

Long term substitute teachers were approved for the second semester of the current school year at a rate of \$100 per day. They are Todd Baird, high school; Scott Carrier, middle school; and Nicole Boles, Stingel. Julia Robins was hired as a substitute cook for this school year.

Donations were accepted from Amie Gaddis (Thrive Nutrition) \$1,500 for Golden Girls, cheerleading, general athletics; and Carl McDonald, \$125 for the CamStrong Fund.

After approving revised board policies for principles for spending federal funds and procurement of federal funds and grants, the board went into executive session.

The next board meeting will be held Dec. 8, at 5 pm in the Ontario High School Library.

RJ Bartley raises funds for "Buddy Bench" in memory of student Jenna Habinek

Jenna Ann Habinek was a fourth grade student at Madison's Eastview elementary when she lost her battle to Leukemia in January of 2020.

She was diagnosed with Leukemia around Thanksgiving. In just a short time, Jenna passed away.

Jenna's classmate, RJ Bartley, whom she shared a birthday with and were together since the first grade, decided that he would fundraise to provide a bench in Jenna's memory.

He mowed lawns and did odd jobs to help raise the money for the bench. His mom, Cadi Tolley, helped him make a Go Fund Me account online for this cause.

In about three months time, RJ was able to raise over \$500 mowing lawns and selling candy bars.

Local business owner Grant Milliron pitched in and added \$100 to put RJ over the top. He raised enough for the bench which cost a little over \$600.

Everything was put on hold when Covid shut down the schools, so principal Melissa Wigton picked the project back up this year. Mrs. Wigton was able to find a company online from Indiana that created a personalized bench out of recycled plastic with the school colors.

Wigton and RJ decided to call it a "Buddy Bench" since Jenna was a good friend to all. She would find kids who needed a friend and would befriend them.

The bench now sits on the Eastview playground under a tree.



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Dylan Mapes



Mikayla Wiles



Clayton Stankovich

Mapes, Wiles named SkillsUSA Regional Officers

By Karen VonStein
**Career Tech Assessment Coordinator
 Resident Educator Coordinator
 Skills USA Advisor**

Three Madison Comprehensive High School students and four voting delegates attended the SkillsUSA virtual meeting to participate in the Regional Officer Election process held at the Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center on Nov. 10.

At the completion of the meeting, two Madison students received the news that they had been elected as regional officers. These two students will be assuming the office previously held by Clayton Stankovich, a senior in the Electrical Maintenance Program. Chosen to represent Madison at the regional level are Mikayla Wiles, a junior enrolled in the Welding Program and Dylan Mapes, a junior in the Precision Machining Program.

Clayton Stankovich was elected in November of 2019 and represented Madison as voting delegate all the way through to the state level. During the Regional Officer Training Institute in Washington, D.C. in January of 2020, Clayton was voted in as the North West Regional President of SkillsUSA.

In May of 2020, Clayton ran for state officer at state competition. Seeing his composure, character and dedication as he ran for that office, Jackie Walker, director of SkillsUSA Ohio, then asked Clayton to virtually attend the national convention as voting delegate.

At Madison, Clayton has enjoyed much more in the way of success as he strives to be valedictorian and holds the office of President of the National Honor Society.

Mikayla Wiles is a very active and prominent member of Madison's junior class. She is involved in flag-line. Mikayla

is a ballet dancer. She is a member of the Highway Hellions Car Club and the junior career technical Welding Program. She sure knows how to light up a room with all of her talent and activities.

Likewise, Dylan Mapes will represent Madison well in the up-coming year. His artistic talents will create a portrait of Madison's potential for the future as he climbs the ladder of success. His involvement in Precision Machining and his recent endeavors entering into the leadership roles of SkillsUSA will not only allow him to visualize his future but also give him the leeway to help create it.

While we will be saying goodbye to Clayton as leader of the Northwest Region President in January 2021, we see a future that is shining bright for Madison's SkillsUSA Chapter, as we race toward our future with strong leadership, class, and creativity thanks to Mikayla and Dylan.

Virtual tour takes fans behind scenes of "Shawshank Prison"

Home to The Ohio State Reformatory, Destination Mansfield announced the launch of a new virtual tour of the legendary castle-like prison. The site, catapulted to international fame as the backdrop to the *The Shawshank Redemption*, can now be experienced from any device, computer or smart TV any time, from anywhere in the world. Virtual guests visit the warden's office, darkened hallways, storied bedrooms and cell blocks, through basements and attics, and into historic movie and music video filming sets. Tours are booked at mrps.org/virtual-tours.

As part of community-wide efforts to slow the transmission of COVID-19 and to ensure the safety of visitors and staff, The Ohio State Reformatory limits the number of guests allowed inside. While in-person tours are currently offered, many potential guests may not yet be comfortable traveling so the virtual tour was created to allow *Shawshank Redemption* fans to experience the prison firsthand — no matter where they're located. Virtual visitors hear tales of the paranormal from the historic prison, which ghost hunters report is one of the most haunted sites in the U.S.

For just \$5, guests receive a 24-hour, all-access code. Audiences enjoy 360-degree views of the entire 250,000-square-foot prison and two museums — with the same perspective as if they were visiting in person.

Along with the tour, guests enjoy views of the prison's architecture, do time in "The Hole," step inside maximum-security cells and wander former prison residences.

True tales from actual former reformatory inmates share what life was like on the inside.

Guests can also travel the tunnel Stephen King's fictional inmate Andy Dufresne used to escape Shawshank and its evil Warden Norton.

RPH Commissioner calls on citizens to help fight pandemic

Richland County and Ohio have been experiencing an unprecedented surge in coronavirus cases, unlike anything yet reported during the pandemic.

Richland County has been at Level 3/Red in the Ohio Public Health Advisory System for seven straight weeks, indicating very high exposure and continuing spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus). Richland County again increased its high incidence designation, reporting more than 355 positive coronavirus cases per 100,000 residents with 431 new cases over the past two weeks.

The increase in cases has placed a substantial burden on Richland Public Health's workload. Health Commissioner Sarah Humphrey is calling on all citizens to help in their efforts to control the spread throughout the community.

"With the amount of spread happening in the state right now, public health need has exceeded the available manpower to call every positive case immediately and walk them through the protocols they should be following," Humphrey said. "We need citizens to be proactive and in-

formed on their own. If you've tested positive, have symptoms, or think you've been in contact with a positive case, please stay home.

Take personal responsibility to not expose your friends or co-workers, even if you have tested and are awaiting your results. The virus travels through sharing breathing space with other people and the only way the pandemic will end is to stop allowing the virus to pass from one to another."

Those who have received a positive test result from a doctor, shouldn't wait for public health to call to start isolation. The health commissioner is also asking citizens to think about who they were in close contact with in the 48 hours before symptoms started. Those are the people that should be notified of exposure. Anyone not comfortable doing this, can call the health department and the call to contacts can be made confidentially.

Richland Public Health has a website for additional information on what to do if a test is positive or if someone has been exposed: richlandhealth.org/quarantining.

Five Things to Do If You're Sick or Have Been Exposed to Someone Who is Sick:

Keep your distance. Stay in your bedroom and use a bathroom separate from the one used by other members of your household, if possible. Wear a face mask when around others and try to stay at least six feet away. Have someone else in the home prepare meals and leave them outside your bedroom. Don't share bedding, towels, dishes, or water bottles with others. If something is shared, wash it with soap and water before each use by a separate person.

Do not leave your home (unless necessary for medical care). Ask family, friends, or community groups to help with needs by leaving supplies outside your door.

Limit visitors to those who are necessary. Have them wash their hands when they enter and leave; wear a face mask and stay at least 6 feet away. If they have symptoms of fever, cough, or difficulty breathing, ask them not to come.

Wipe down high-touch areas every day with a disinfectant. This includes door-knobs; light switches; phones; remote

controls; appliance, sink, toilet, and cabinet handles; countertops, etc.

Limit contact with pets. If you do interact with pets, wear a facemask, and wash your hands before and after.

Ways to prevent COVID-19:

Stay home if you're sick, even with mild symptoms

Be mindful in your interactions with others. Limit your chances of exposure by maintaining social distancing of at least six feet from non-household members

Wear a mask in public

Consider necessary travel only

Follow good hygiene standards:

Wash hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds

Use hand sanitizer frequently

Avoid touching your face

Cover coughs and sneezes

For more information about the Ohio Public Health Advisory System, visit coronavirus.ohio.gov. For more information or resources related to COVID-19 in Richland County, visit richlandhealth.org. Follow Richland Public Health on Facebook and Twitter for the latest updates.

Madison Varsity Girls Division II State Champions



2020 Madison Lady Rams Varsity Soccer Record: 21-0-3

- #1 Morgan Rachel, Junior, Goalie
- #2 Sierra Lykins, Sophomore, Defender
- #3 Paige Mowry, Senior, Midfielder
- #4 Mylah Davis, Sophomore, Striker
- #5 Phyllis Stanfield, Senior Midfielder
- #6 Shannon Jamieson, Junior, Midfielder
- #7 Kari Eckenwiler, Senior, Striker
- #8 Chesney Davis, Senior, Midfielder
- #9 Callie Cyrus, Freshman, Midfielder
- #10 Jennaca Tatum, Sophomore, Midfielder
- #11 Natalee Back, Freshman, Defender
- #12 Paige Eldridge, Senior, Midfielder
- #13 Taylor Huff, Senior, Midfielder
- #14 Taylor Russell, Senior, Midfielder
- #15 Kendyll Kershner, Freshman, Midfielder
- #16 Lilly Neal, Freshman, Midfielder
- #17 Alyssa Finley, Senior, Striker
- #18 Ashleigh Bechtel, Senior, Midfielder
- #20 Trinity Tucker, Senior Defender
- #22 Marisah Atterholt, Freshman Midfielder
- #24 Savanna Rachel, Freshman, Midfielder
- #30 Nevaeh Lewis, Freshman, Striker
- #41 Kyerstin Swigart, Freshman, Striker

Head Coach: Zac Huff

Assistant Coach: Ron Andrews

Assistant Coach: Kelly O'Brien

Assistant Coach: Jordan Monica

Assistant Coach: Erin Brockway



SENIORS — Ashleigh Bechtel, Alyssa Finley, Paige Elderidge, Trinity Tucker, Phyllis Stanfield, Taylor Huff, Chesney Davis, Paige Mowery, Kari Eckenwiler and Taylor Russell



Coaches Ron Andrews, Kelly O'Brien, Zac Huff, Jordan Monica and Erin Brockway

Congratulations!

Madison Varsity Girls Soccer Division II State Champions



McDonald's Restaurants of Richland County



CONGRATULATIONS Madison Varsity Girls Soccer Division II State Champions!



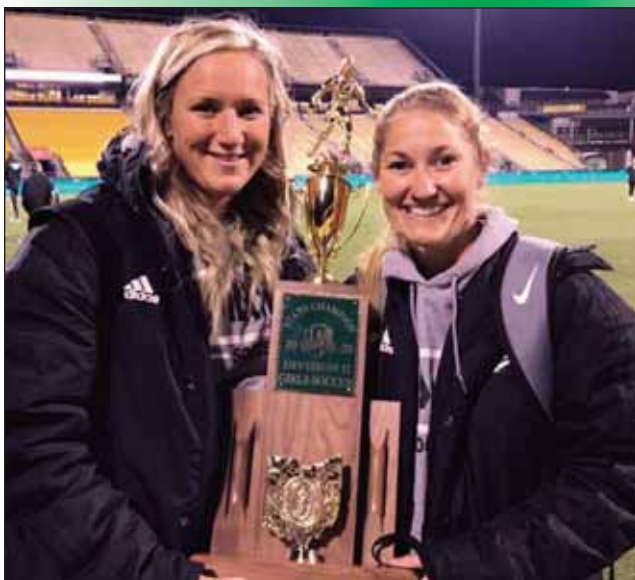
Madison Varsity Girls Division II State Champions



Paige Eldridge, Taylor Huff & Phyllis Stanfield.
Paige was MVP of the game.



Taylor Russel, Chesney Davis & Kari Eckenwiler



Assistant coaches Jordan Monica and Erin Brockway



Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights



LETTER OF INTENT — Ontario High School senior Brynn Meisse committed to the Cheer & Stunt program at Ashland University during a signing ceremony on Nov. 11. She is the daughter of Rob and Jennifer Meisse. Ontario Athletic Director Jeff Fisher said, "Know that the administration and teachers, family, friends and coaches at Ontario are very proud of your accomplishment, Brynn, and wish you the best of luck moving forward." (Bottom photo) Brynn celebrates with her family including sister Bria and brother Miles.



By Kenn Spencer

As a reminder, OYS Spring Soccer and Summer Baseball and Softball registration will begin the first part of December.

On Thursday, Dec. 10, at 6 pm, the City of Ontario, Ontario Youth Sports, Ontario Growth Association and Ontario Lions Club will once again offer the 2020 Ontario Christmas Tree Lighting. Details are fluid and we will update on our Facebook as changes are made.

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.

OYS is now accepting bids for 2021 uniforms and photography services. For more information on how to submit a bid email info@oysports.com. Please include 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. 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.

LOOKING BACK: This Week in Tribune-Courier History



Nov. 17, '67

Above are four gridders who received awards at the football awards banquet Saturday night. From the left, Jim Hall received the trophy for the best defensive back; Mike Heuberger, best defensive lineman; Robert Weikel, best offensive lineman; and Nelson Bross, best offensive back and most valuable player trophy.



Nov. 12, '92

ONTARIO OWE CLASS — The Occupational Work Experience Class for this year at Ontario High School has 16 students enrolled in the half-day school/work program. Pictured are, front, Shane Wolf, Jeremy Riter, Jason Cushing and Mike Goetz; middle, Sam Kleilein, Brian Mock, Dave Gilliam and Tom Martin; back, Robert Clark, Cathy Jo Crider, Laura Killinger, Vanessa Ingold, Cherie Mershon, Dora Wright and OWE instructor Joe Balogh.

17 students involved in OWE at Ontario

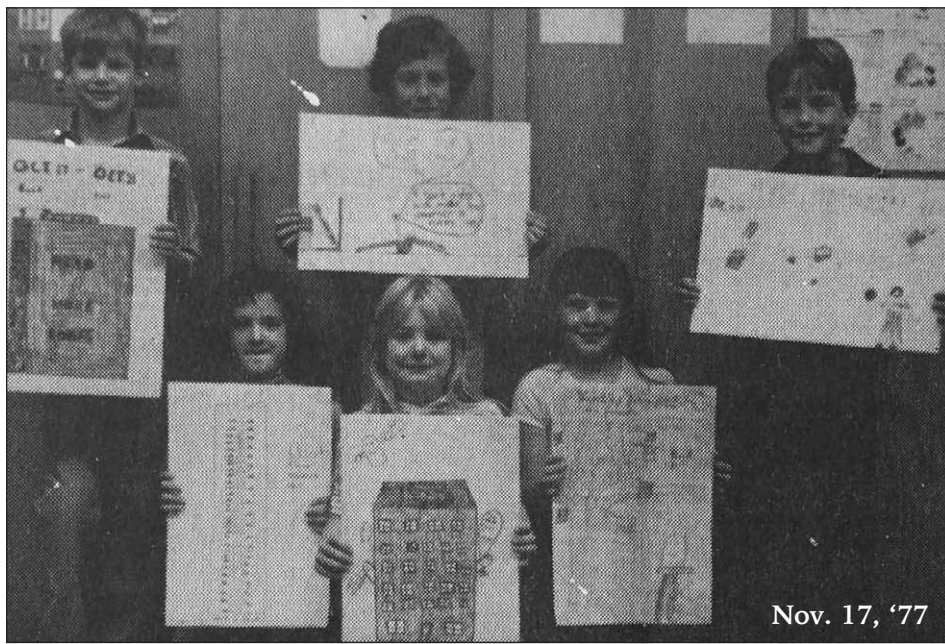
The 1992-93 Ontario Occupational Work Experience (OWE) class has 16 students involved in its activities. The OWE class is a state-funded program that allows junior and senior students to attend school during the morning and then receive credit for work at a job station in the afternoon.

Classroom activities are related to the world of work so that students can be better prepared for what awaits them after graduation.

Speakers and field trips to area businesses enhance the students' understanding of the skills needed to be successful in their work.

"The Ontario OWE program has been in existence for almost 20 years and has received tremendous support over the years from local businesses and industry," said Ontario OWE instructor Joe Balogh.

Businesses currently employing Ontario OWE students are Mansfield Distributing, Old Country Buffet, Semon's Restaurant, K-Mart, McDonald's, T.J. Maxx, Wal-Mart, Hi-Stat Industries, Kleilein Farms, Cinema 10, East of Chicago Pizza, Mock Construction and Sears Telemarketing.



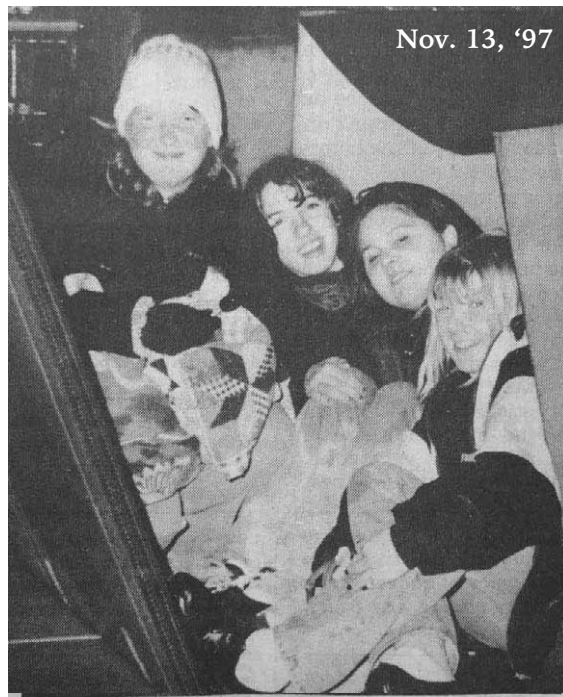
Nov. 17, '77

LEXINGTON CENTRAL ELEMENTARY recently held a Book Fair which included a poster contest. Winners and their creations are (front) Gail Betz, Christie DeVore, Sarah Witschi, (back) Brian Stoner, Danny Focht and Todd Gibson
Photo by Roger Smith



Nov. 15, '85

GO TO CONFERENCE — These four students in the Marketing Education Program at Madison Comprehensive High School recently went to Columbus to participate in the Fall Delegates Conference. The students represented Madison in District IV, which is comprised of 16 area schools. Pictured are (from the left) Rene Wymer, Leslyn Workman, Ken Adkins and Phil Buzzard, all juniors. Marketing education students from all over Ohio attended the conference, held on Nov. 2 and 3, to vote for state officers.



Nov. 13, '97

ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL Future Homemakers Betsy Crossland, Amy Kosciely, Amanda Payton and Katie Blackwell are shown in their box for the night at Wal-Mart as a fund raiser for Community Action Harmony House. The foursome set up cardboard boxes in which to spend the night to raise money, goods and awareness for the community's homeless. They had read about the homeless and wanted to help in the community project. The girls raised over \$3,000, plus donations of blankets and other useful materials.

Nov. 19, 1863 — At the dedication of a military cemetery at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, during the American Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln delivers one of the most memorable speeches in American history. In fewer than 275 words, Lincoln brilliantly and movingly reminded a war-weary public why the Union had to fight, and win, the Civil War. The Battle of Gettysburg, fought some four months earlier, was the single bloodiest battle of the Civil War. Over the course of three days, more than 45,000 men were killed, injured, captured or went missing. The battle also proved to be the turning point of the war: General Robert E. Lee's defeat and retreat from Gettysburg marked the last Confederate invasion of Northern territory and the beginning of the Southern army's ultimate decline.

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HELP WANTED

City of Ontario Tax Department Personnel Position

The City of Ontario, an Equal Opportunity Employer, currently has an opening for a Tax Department Assistant position in the Administrative Department. Eligible applicants must have previous "tax-related" experience. Position will also require skills in general office duties, such as, data entry; customer service; phone calls; general clerical work. Starting hourly rate is based on experience. We offer an excellent benefit package. Successful applicant must be bondable.

Applications may be picked up at the Ontario Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio and must be returned by November 30, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. in a sealed envelope addressed to the Civil Service Commission-Tax Department Position. Qualified candidates will be contacted to schedule interviews.

Jeffrey P. Wilson
Service-Safety Director
City of Ontario, Ohio
11-19, 26 '20 (33L)

City of Ontario General Labor/CDL Driver Position

The City of Ontario, an Equal Opportunity Employer, currently has an opening for a General Laborer in the Service Department. Duties may require operation of hand and power tools, heavy equipment, capable of lifting 50 pounds or more, working in inclement weather or other unpleasant conditions and call-in on short notice. Overtime is likely. A valid

driver's license with Class B CDL is required. Starting hourly rate is based on experience. We offer an excellent benefit package.

After achieving the minimum passing score of 70% candidates can receive extra consideration for proficiencies in: Backhoe, Front End Loader, Snow Plow, Zero Turn Mower, Bat Wing Mower.

Applications may be picked up at the Ontario Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio and must be returned by November 30, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. in a sealed envelope addressed to the Civil Service Commission-General Labor Position. The Civil Service examination for General Laborer will be held Saturday, December 5, 2020, 8:00 a.m., in the Ontario Municipal Building Community Room, 555 Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio.

Jeffrey P. Wilson
Service-Safety Director
City of Ontario, Ohio
11-19, 26 '20 (46L)

Part-Time Advertising Representative

The Tribune-Courier is looking for a motivated person to contact local businesses by phone/email/in-person visit to acquire advertising. Hours are very flexible, work from home. Pay is by commission on ads sold. Email tribune@tribune-courier.com for more information or to schedule an interview.

OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE

1,000 sq. ft. office space located in the front portion of 347 Allen Dr., Ontario. Rental will have own private restroom, front and side entrance. Room is a large open area. Email tribune@tribune-courier.com to schedule a viewing or phone call.

LEGAL ADVERTISING

Public Hearings on the
City of Ontario
Natural Gas and Electric
Aggregation Programs

Plan of Operation and Governance

Ontario City Council will hold two public hearings on the City of Ontario's Natural Gas Aggregation Program's Plan of Operation and Governance. The hearings will be held at 6:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on December 2, 2020, both in the City Council Chambers at 555 Stumbo Rd, Ontario.

On November 3, 2020, Ontario voters passed a ballot question, which authorized the City to form a governmental natural gas aggregate on behalf of Ontario residents. The City of Ontario shall adopt its Plan of Operation pursuant to Sections 4929.26(C) of the Revised Code and develop an opt-out aggregation program following the procedure set forth in Ohio Revised Code Section 4929.26.

The Plan of Operation will describe services provided, professional assistance used, and determination of rates, opt-out procedures, customer-billing procedures, credit procedures and joining/leaving the aggregation procedures. The program is expected to begin after May 2021. Customers not under contract who are served by Columbia Gas of Ohio and eligible to be included in the City's aggregate will receive a mailing notifying them of their right to opt-out. Customers who receive the notice will be included in the City's aggregate unless they opt-out. Enrolled customers will also receive a notice from Columbia Gas of Ohio about the change and given seven days to opt-out.

Cathy VanAuer
Clerk of Council
City of Ontario, Ohio
11-19, 26 '20 (60L)

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 DE-SIGNEE (RECREATION DIRECTOR) TO DONATE FUNDS TO ORGANIZATIONS THAT VOLUNTEERED FOR THE HAUNTED TRAIL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Cathy VanAuer
Clerk of Council
City of Ontario, Ohio
11-12, 19 '20 (28L)

PROBATE COURT OF RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF Cynthia Annette Gilbert to Cynthia Annette Sallee CASE NO. 20209101.

NOTICE OF HEARING ON CHANGE OF NAME

Applicant hereby gives notice to all interested persons that the applicant has filed an Application For Change of Name in the Probate Court of Richland County, Ohio, requesting the change of name of Cynthia Annette Gilbert to Cynthia Annette Sallee.

The hearing on the application will be held on the 18th day of December, 2020, at 11:00 o'clock am in the Probate Court of Richland County, located at 50 Park Avenue East, Second Floor, Mansfield, Ohio.

Cynthia A. Gilbert
78 Sunnyslope Dr.
Mansfield, OH 44907

News Briefs

(Continued from Page 3)

Thursday, 10 am to 6 pm; Friday, 10 am to 5 pm and Saturday, 10 am to 2 pm.

The public comment period will be from now through Nov. 24, 2020.

Meeting materials and other resources discussed during the first two public information meetings are available at <https://u.osu.edu/richlandhmp/>.

★
The 27th Annual Crestview Craft Show will be held Saturday, Nov. 21, from 9 am to 3 pm at Crestview Schools, 1575 Rt. 96, Ashland.

Masks will be required and 150 shoppers will be allowed in the building at a time. Proceeds benefit the school's music program.

★
The Richland County Solid Waste Compost Facility will close Nov. 26, 27 and 28 in observance of Thanksgiving. After Thanksgiving, hours will be as follows: Tuesday through Friday, 7 am to 4 pm (closed between 12 and 12:30 for lunch) and Saturday, 8 am to 12 pm, until further notice.

★
The Richland County Foundation's #RichlandGives, is now underway. Richland Gives is designed to encourage donating to nonprofits through a single giving platform.

Donating to Community Action for Capabe Youth (CACY) will allow for parents to learn how to raise a substance free child, provide in-school prevention education, home-based mentoring, workbooks and materials used during prevention lessons, and information on illicit drugs and how to detect use.

Now through Dec. 1, donate at <https://richlandgives.mightycause.com/organization/Cacy>.

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 can donate much needed items at 22 donation drop-off locations.

iHeartRADIO for the Homeless is 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.

Donation drop off locations are at all nine Mechanics Bank locations; 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

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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"We Care for People... Not Just Feet."

Pioneer accepts donations to help students through the holidays

The Pioneer Career and Technology Center Board of Education held a meeting in the Pioneer CTC Community Room on Monday, Nov. 16.

The board approved the agreement with Third Street Family Health Services and Pioneer CTC Adult Education for clinical setting for Certified Clinical Medical Assisting students.

Donations for the Pioneer Penguin Fund were accepted from Joe Bridenbaugh, \$40; John Cooper, \$40; Donald Paullin, \$40; Melissa Paullin, \$40; Rick Stephens, \$40; Allison Schuster, \$40; Matt Parr, \$40; Kathleen Fiske, \$40; Terri Crain, \$40; Darlene Daugherty, \$40; Cindy Bodkin, \$40; Ellen Huffman, \$100; Eric Winbigler, \$80; Robin Hager, \$40; Christopher Karl, \$80; Kenny Owen, \$40; Linda Bellomy, \$40 and Kevin Coleman, \$50. Donations received are used to help students in need during the holiday season.

Dawn Wright Smith, W. Des Moines, IA; gave a monetary donation of \$90. This donation will be deposited into the Pioneer Alumni Association and used for annual student scholarships.

The board approved dock days for certificated staff, the employment of a Career Coach and a maternity leave/leave of absence request for Elle Little, attendance secretary.

The board also approved revisions to Success Center Tutor contracts and the employment of an adult education instructor.

Student achievement highlights were submitted by Shannon Sprang.

It was reported that on Sept. 26, the Wynford FFA held its annual chicken BBQ at Wynford High School. A total of 900 meals were sold. The FFA puts on the

BBQ every fall as a fundraiser for the FFA program. The annual pork chop BBQ fundraiser will be held in the spring.

Angel Shaffer was elected as Business Professionals of America, Ohio Region 7 Chapter Historian. Angel is a junior from Lexington. Region 7 includes Madison Comprehensive High School, Vanguard-Sentinel Career & Technology Centers, Sandusky City Schools and Pioneer Career and Technology Center.

Students in Charmae Cottom's CCP English course have been notified by VFW Post 9943, that two Pioneer contenders have already been selected as winners and will be advancing to the next level of the Voice of Democracy Competition. This assures that the two ladies have won a cash prize which will be announced at the VFW Event. The winners are Mateya Anderson from Ontario High School and Desirae Branam from Galion High School.

Pioneer government teacher Mrs. Robin Hager organized two activities this year to educate students about Veterans Day and give thanks to veterans nationwide. The first activity was a Veterans Day Trivia Challenge. Staff spent part of the morning Tuesday instructing students on the facts about Veterans Day and students followed up with an interactive quiz game.

The second activity then provided every student with a postcard. Students were to write a thank you or letter to veterans. The letters will be given to the organization "Thanks A Million" who will distribute the postcards to U.S. Veterans all over the nation.

Pioneer has also recognized staff veterans throughout the week in local publications, social media and on the announcement kiosks.



Elaine Surber, Jen Howe and Laura Montgomery, Catalyst Life Services



Chris Copper, NCSC Foundation

Grant focus is childcare

The Women's Fund of the Richland County Foundation recently held its grant awards program virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

For the second year in a row, the WF awarded \$25,000 to Richland County Youth and Family Council for the childcare initiative. This year's grant will help fund a mentor and resources to provide support to in-home childcare providers in Richland County. RCYFC matched the \$25,000 both years for this project.

Other grants were awarded to Avita Health Foundation to buy clothes and personal hygiene items for women who are victims of violent crimes; Catalyst Life Services for materials to educate women about the disease of addiction; and North Central State College Foundation to provide women with up to \$200 a year to pay for childcare.

Since 1998, the Women's Fund has granted over \$446,000 to programs and nonprofit agencies to empower women and girls. Women's Fund Chairwoman Kristine Lindeman said without the generosity of donors, we would not be able to make these grants.

The WF is conducting a fundraising campaign called "Lifting Women Up." They want to grow the endowment to \$2 million to make a larger impact in their grant making.

The Women's Fund was established in 1996 as permanent endowment to support programs that benefit women and girls in our community. The fund has grown to over \$1.5 million and has now awarded over \$446,000 in grants impacting hundreds of lives.

The Women's Fund also announced the JoAnn Dutton Volunteer Community Service Award. The award was named in honor of JoAnn Dutton, former executive director of the Mansfield YWCA. It celebrates and honors women who devote a significant amount of time and energy in a meaningful way to local charitable organizations.

Brigitte Coles was presented the award for her work on projects including We ACT, Mend Mansfield, coordinated donations for many organizations, and collaboration to provide COVID-19 pop-up testing.

The Richland County Foundation, a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization, was established in 1945 as a way for individuals to pool and invest their gifts for the long-term good of Richland County and its residents.

The foundation helps people in Richland County give back to their community by investing their gifts for charity wisely so that grants can be made to improve the quality of life for all the county's citizens. Working together with donors, the foundation meets important needs today and plans for a strong future.

Columbia Gas of Ohio warns of scams

In conjunction with National Utility Scam Awareness Week Nov. 16-20, Columbia Gas of Ohio is reminding the public to be aware of scammers targeting residential and business utility customers.

One of the most common scenarios involves threats to shut off the gas without immediate cash payment on a bill. Scammers will sometimes ask for payment via pre-paid debit cards or gift cards as well. While anyone with a phone number is susceptible, scammers often target small businesses, seniors and those who don't speak English as a first language.

Other common red flags of utility scams include unsolicited requests for personal

and banking information, constant pressuring to pay or program offers that seem too good to be true.

Additionally, Columbia Gas employees and contractors always carry ID badges and will gladly show you upon request. Ask them for ID before granting access to your home or business.

The best way to avoid falling victim to utility scams is to always exercise caution.

Anyone who receives a suspicious phone call, email or any other communication from someone claiming to be Columbia Gas of Ohio, should call the customer care center immediately at 1-800-344-4077.

Shoe box drop-off locations open this week

Community Bible Church, 1043 Springmill St., Mansfield, will collect Operation Christmas Child shoebox donations Wednesday, Nov. 18, 5-8 pm; Thursday, Nov. 19, 9 am to noon; Friday, Nov. 20, 9-11 am; Saturday, Nov. 21, 9 am to noon; Sunday, Nov. 22, 12:30-3:30 pm; and Monday, Nov. 23, 9-11:30 am. Drop-offs will be done as a drive-thru event and volunteers will collect boxes from cars.

Each year, shoe boxes are sent to children around the world. Many times a

shoebox may be the only gift a child will ever receive.

Gift ideas include dolls, stuffed animals, jump ropes, crayons and coloring books, pencils, notebooks, shoes, yo-yos and other small toys, as well as, bar soap, wash cloths and toothbrushes.

Candy, toothpaste and other liquid items can not be accepted.

For more information on how to fill a shoebox or for other local drop-off locations, visit samaritanspurse.org/occ.

Virtual educational programs available

The Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter is presenting 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.

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. 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.

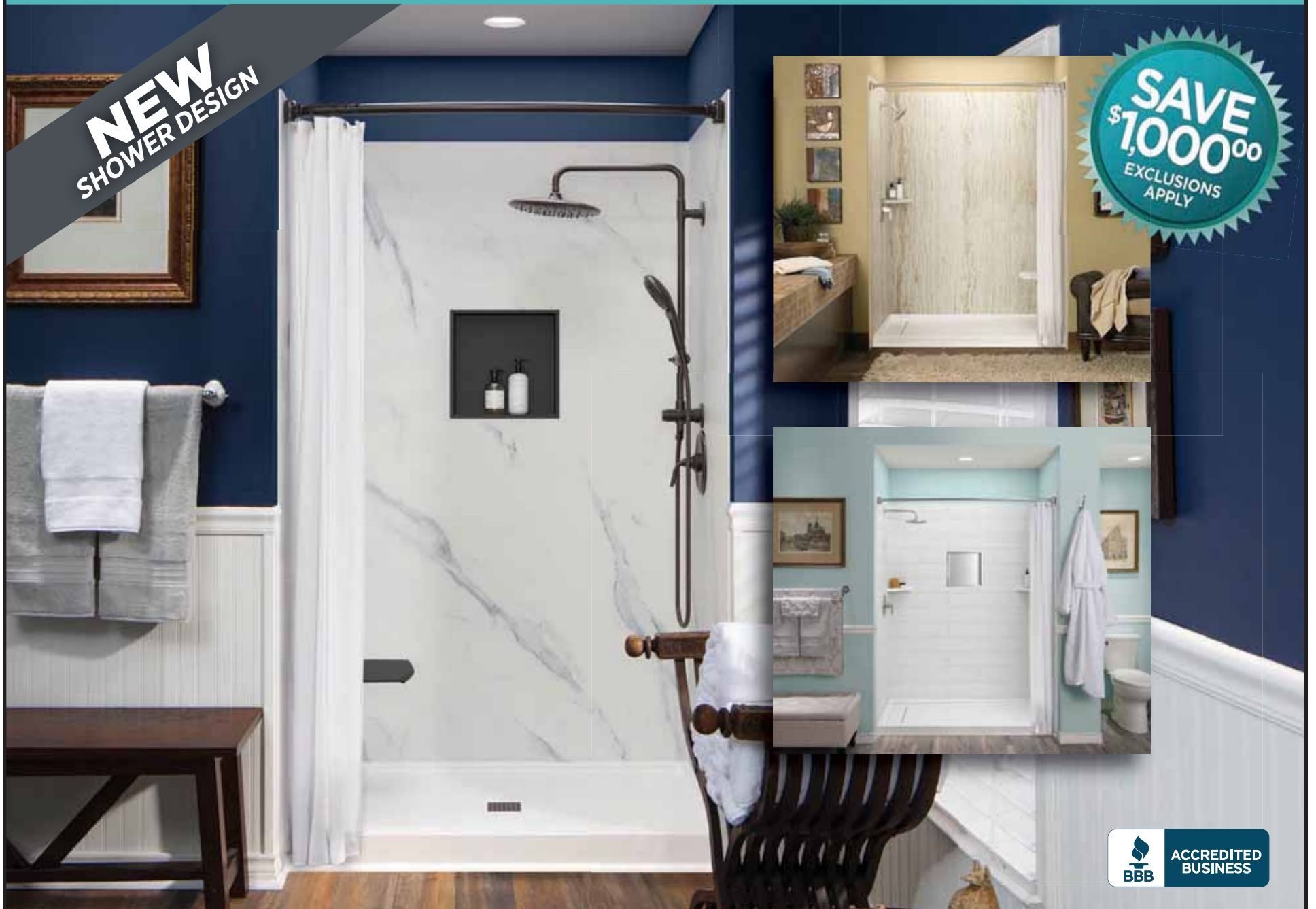
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