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**THE CHRISTMAS AT KINGWOOD** celebration at Kingwood Center Gardens continues through Jan. 3. The event is open Tuesday through Thursday from 4–8 pm and Friday through Sunday, 4–9 pm. Admission is \$5 for those 13 and over and includes self-guided tours of the grounds and Kingwood Hall. Guests park at the Trimble Rd. entrance and enter through the newly constructed Garden Gateway which contains the Gateway Café and Garden & Gift Shop. Visitors should register or pre-purchase tickets in advance to reserve the date and time of a visit at [www.kingwoodcenter.org](http://www.kingwoodcenter.org). This applies to member and children tickets as well.

## RPH awarded grant to increase disability inclusion in community health planning

Richland Public Health has been awarded a \$10,000 grant to participate in the Increasing Disability Inclusion in the Mobilizing for Action Through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) Process project.

The grant award was from the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), the voice of the country's nearly 3,000 local governmental health departments, with support from the National Center for Health, Physical Activity, and Disability (NCHPAD). Richland Public Health and the Health Department of Northwest Michigan were the two recipients of the grant.

This project will support both health departments as they include people with disabilities in their community health assessment and/or community health improvement plan efforts using the MAPP framework and the new MAPP Resource Guide for Disability Inclusion. This will ensure that data is collected and used to inform strategic priorities and place-based programs and services that support the health of

people with disabilities. NACCHO and NCHPAD will provide tools and resources, technical assistance, and subject matter expertise throughout the project period.

Richland Public Health will be asked to demonstrate their experience in using the MAPP process as a framework to complete community health improvement plans, as well as display a history of partnerships with organizations within their jurisdiction that serve people with disabilities.

Richland Public Health will also participate in one-on-one technical assistance calls led by NACCHO to provide guidance on including people with disabilities throughout the MAPP process, as well as develop a success story to highlight their work to the local community so that other local health departments can learn from their experience.

For more information on NACCHO's Health and Disability Program and the MAPP Disability Inclusion Resource Guide, visit <https://www.naccho.org/programs/community-health/disability>.

## Ontario Board endorses Fair School Funding Plan

The Ontario Local School Board met Dec. 8. The board appointed Jerod Them as treasurer pro tem and then engaged in discussion about the community survey; OSBA State Meeting Programming and new ideas and feedback; and preparation and planning for a superintendent search during the 2021–'22 school year.

Minutes from the Nov. 10, Board of Education regular meeting were approved.

The board conducted a public hearing on the proposed 2021–'22 and 2022–'23 school calendars and approved a resolution to endorse the Fair School Funding Plan.

In a press release, the board said, "The Ontario Schools Board of Education passed a resolution unanimously encouraging the Senate to take action on the Ohio Fair

School Funding Plan.

"The resolution asks the Ohio Senate to pass legislation by the end of the year in order to address the current school funding system, which has been declared unconstitutional for nearly three decades."

Superintendent Lisa Carmichael stated, "Last month, I shared with the community the efforts we have been doing to work directly with legislators on a fair and equitable school funding plan for our school district. Thank you to all who reached out to our state leaders to advocate on our behalf. It is really making a difference."

Carmichael and the board acknowledged

that the district is fortunate to have state legislators that are willing to speak up for Ontario Schools at the Statehouse.

"This collaboration is important and because of it, we are seeing progress on the Ohio Fair School Funding bill," added treasurer Randy Harvey.

The Ohio House recently passed HB 306 with an 87–9 vote and schools now need the companion bill in the Senate (Senate Bill 376) to pass in order for the Fair School Funding Plan to be in place for the next budget cycle.

The board asks that residents contact  
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## Children's Cupboard Outreach teams up for annual Brighten A Christmas

Children's Cupboard Outreach in partnership with Kingdom Grace Fellowship Church Overseer Pastor Renea Collins, Universal Refrigeration, Shenandoah Ministries, City of Mansfield Safety-Service Director Lori Cope, Mansfield Police/Fire Department, Richland County Children Services (RCCS), We ACT, Faith Temple and Restored Visions will host the Annual Brighten A Christmas Project.

The Annual Brighten A Christmas Project drive-thru toy and food giveaway will be held Monday, Dec. 21, from 3–5 pm, at 105 Reba Ave., Mansfield.

"This year Children's Cupboard Outreach and its partners chose to continue the annual giveaway with some new changes because of the pandemic," said Children's Cupboard Outreach Founder Pam Jones. During the giveaway, several Mansfield

Police Officers and Firefighters, Santa Claus and members from community groups will be present to help give out bags of groceries and new toys to 45 families and 75 children referred through 211.

"Richland County Children Services is excited to be working with Children's Cupboard Outreach Founder Pam Jones and other community partners on the Annual Brighten A Christmas Project. This is just one more example of community partners coming together building relationships and meeting the needs in our community," said RCCS Community Engagement Specialist Brigitte Coles.

For more information contact Brigitte Coles, 419-774-4168 or [brigitte.coles@jfs.ohio.gov](mailto:brigitte.coles@jfs.ohio.gov) or Pam Jones, Children's Cupboard Outreach, 419-612-6123.

## Happy Birthday Dear Jesus

*Happy Birthday dear Jesus on this glorious Christmas day. A Christmas filled with happiness and many blessings along the way. On this wonderful Christmas day, as many loved ones gather around, may they sing praises to Your name and may a joyful noise resound.*

*Father, thank You for the gift of Your wonderful precious Son. Jesus, thank You for coming to Earth so our battle might be won.*

*Jesus, on this Your special day, may all of heaven rejoice. And may many hearts be filled with Your happiness, peace and joy.*

*Again, Happy Birthday Dear Jesus, we'll shout it far and near. As we rejoice in all you've given us and pray for a blessed new year.*

*By Charlotte M. Wilson • Christmas 2020*

Due to the Christmas holiday, the next Tribune-Courier issue will be Dec. 31. We wish our readers a safe and healthy holiday!





**THE OLD BEVERSTOCK HOME** was photographed just before it was torn down.



**ALL THREE OF THESE BUILDINGS** were torn down to make way for the Lexington Plaza Building. The plaza has been since torn down.

## Lexington disappears again

By Bob Carter

Now you see it, now you don't! The lots on the northeast corner of the Lexington town square have had their ups and downs. The really old buildings didn't burn down in devastating fires, they were simply torn down to make way for something newer or bigger.

The first to go was a wood frame general store building in 1876. It was replaced with a new two story brick for William Cockley to better continue his general merchandise endeavors. He did well and sometime later built a beautiful new brick residence attached to the store. That way he didn't have far to walk to work.

The house next door was a double. In the late 1940s an elderly Mrs. Lee lived in one side and Jimmy and Wilma Fellows took the other half.

Jimmy did plumbing and repair work around town and Wilma worked as a

teller and cashier at the Lexington bank. Not much is known of the home's history or who built it.

To the north of the square was the original home of A.B. Beverstock. His family was quite prominent in Lexington business and social circles. The old home, turned rental building, was in need of much repair and along with the one next door, was torn down along with the others when Lexington Plaza and the new bank building were built.

A new beautiful bank building went up on the old Beverstock property and after it closed, is now used as Scott Sharrock's insurance office.

It seems strange that, what was the newest commercial building abutting the town square, has been torn down. Any new structure going up will be across the street from Lexington's oldest guardian of the square, the old 1827 Lindley Tavern.



*KimmysCucina*  
By Kim Sterry

### Chicken Pot Pie

You are going to love our Chicken Pot Pie recipe. We always love to use our Milk Street Kitchen Pie Crust Recipe, which really makes this Chicken Pot Pie even better. To find the recipe you can search for "Milk Street Kitchen Pie Crust" or go to our Instagram and you will find it under the "Sides" tab.

#### Ingredients

- 2 pie crusts (or use a double batch of the Milk Street recipe) roll out for a 13x9 baking dish)
- Olive oil
- 3 chicken breasts
- 3 carrots, cut in rounds
- 2 stalks celery, chopped
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 tbsp. garlic, chopped
- Salt & peper
- 4 tbsp. butter
- 4 tbsp. flour
- 4 tbsp. sour cream, room temperature
- 1/2 cup whipping cream
- 1 1/2 cups chicken broth
- 1 cup frozen mixed vegetables (I used a mixture from Costco that had zucchini, broccoli, green beans and peas)
- 1 1/2-2 cups shredded cheddar cheese



#### Instructions

In a large saucepan over medium heat, add enough olive oil to cover bottom of pan. Add garlic and onions and sauté for 5 minutes. Turn to high head and add chicken and continue to cook until you begin to get browning on the chicken and onions. Be careful not to burn.

Once you get a good "brown" add the carrots and celery and turn the heat to medium. Cook for 10 more minutes and remove everything from the pan into a bowl.

In the same pan, add butter and whisk so there are no lumps. Bring to a boil. Turn heat to low.

In a small bowl, whisk sour cream with whipping cream and slowly add it to the sauce. Simmer and add chicken back in and juice from the bowl and the frozen vegetables.

Have your baking dish ready with bottom crust in it. You want crust coming up the sides (keep in mind you do not need as much crust for the top, so when you are splitting pie crust up you will need 3/4 of it for the bottom and the rest for the top).

If you want to make this in a pie plate, you can, you will just have extra filling.

Add half of the cheese to the crust and then add filling. Sprinkle with the rest of the cheese and lay top crust. Bake 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes, checking to make sure the crust does not over brown. If it begins to, cover with foil.

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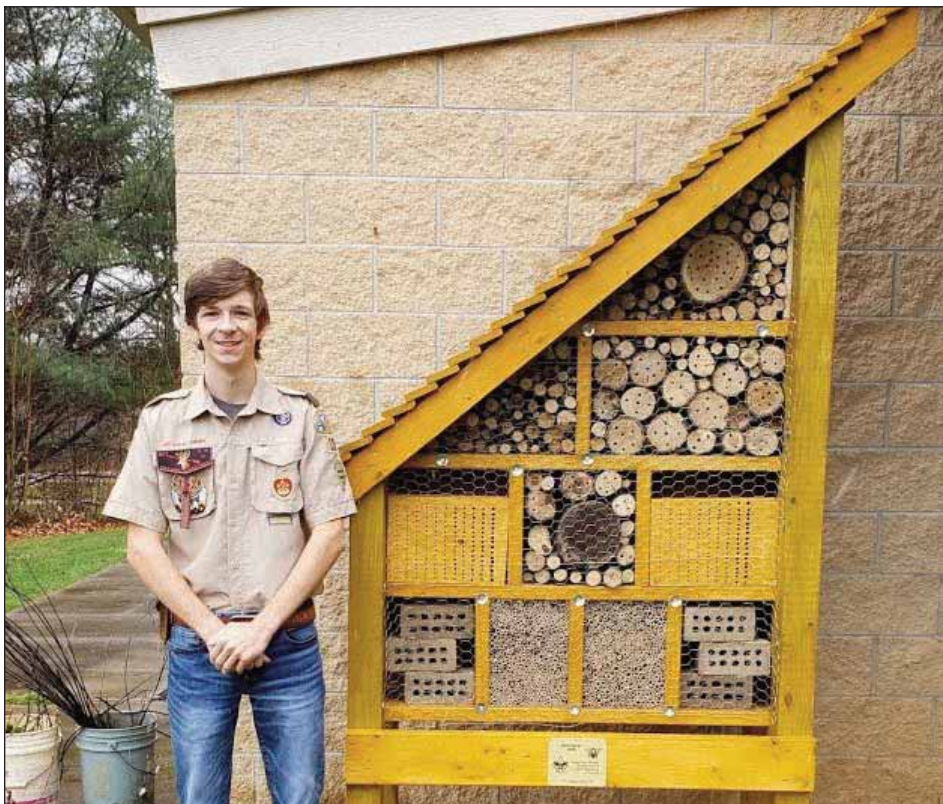
*"The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord"*

(Psalms 33:5)

*Christmastime offers  
us a time to reflect  
on the beauty of creation  
as we celebrate  
the birth of our savior.  
We're pleased to join  
with you in prayer  
and to offer you our thanks.*

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**MICHAEL VINCENT FROM LEXINGTON** stands next to his Eagle Scout project he just completed this month. Michael researched and constructed a bee habitat, commonly called a "Bee Hotel" to provide shelter for non-honey bees. Bee hotels replicate a natural nesting habitat and aids in boosting declining pollinator populations. Although they do not make honey, solitary bees are absolutely essential for pollinating crops and flowers. Michael is a member of Boy Scout Troop 152 from Lexington, and his Bee Hotel can be seen behind the main building of the Gorman Nature Center, 2295 Lexington Ave., Mansfield.

## •Ontario Board endorses plan

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state leaders and ask them to provide a rational school funding model that protects taxpayers and creates a school funding system that meets the needs of all students.

Contact emails are [obhof@ohiosenate.gov](mailto:obhof@ohiosenate.gov), [huffman@ohiosenate.gov](mailto:huffman@ohiosenate.gov) and [dolan@ohiosenate.gov](mailto:dolan@ohiosenate.gov).

During the meeting, the board approved a \$1,000 stipend award for FCCLA Chapter #14289 from FCCLA & Ohio Department of Public Safety to complete a FACTS project.

A contract with Timmie Jenkins and Jennifer Karsetter was approved to provide transportation for their three children.

Donations were accepted from School Specialty.

The board set the time and date for the January organizational meeting for Tuesday,

Jan. 12, at 7 pm, in the Ontario High School library.

Heidi Zimmerman was appointed as president pro tem for the Jan. 12, organizational meeting.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**December**

**20 — Richard Friend**

**22 — Bea Friend**

**22 — Crystal Hicks, Madison**

**24 — Becky Metzger, Ontario**

# News Briefs

First English Lutheran Church, 53 Park Avenue West, Mansfield, will host a Christmas Eve Worship Service. Music will start at 7 pm, and the worship service will follow at 7:30 pm. All CDC COVID-19 guidelines will be followed and the church is cleaned and disinfected before all services. The service will also be broadcast on Facebook Live, First English Lutheran Church's page.

Community Bible Church, 1043 Springmill St., will host a Christmas Eve service at 4 pm on Thursday, Dec. 24.

COVID-19 guidelines will be followed and those attending are asked to wear a mask.

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.

Crossroads Church, 1188 Park Avenue West, Mansfield, will host "Home for Christmas" services Dec. 22, 23 and 24 at 5 and 7 pm. There will be a live nativity, live music and more. Kids services are available at 5 pm.

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.

Savannah Lions Club will host a take-out only breakfast on Saturday, Jan. 2, from 6:30– 11 am. The breakfast will be hosted at the Savannah Town Hall, 2 N. Main St., Savannah. On the menu will be a choice of pancakes and sausage, french toast and sausage or sausage gravy and biscuit. All come with a side of applesauce. Price is by donation and used eye glasses will be collected at the event.

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.

The church will host a Christmas Eve service Thursday, Dec. 24, at 7 pm. The drive-in service will be held in the back parking lot. LED candles and individually sealed communion will be provided.

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

To submit a news brief item, email information to [news@tribune-courier.com](mailto:news@tribune-courier.com). Deadlines are noon Mondays.

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*From the residents and staff*



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*Crossroads Church*

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**St. Paul Mansfield will have a drive-in candlelight service at 4 pm in the back parking lot**

*LED candles and individually sealed communion provided*

**2010 Park Ave West, Mansfield**





## Tree of Lights honors loved ones

Hospice of North Central Ohio hosted its traditional Tree of Lights at the new Ashland headquarters at 1021 Dauch Dr., as a virtual event on Tuesday, Dec. 8.

A brief ceremony took place to honor and remember loved ones who have died. An evergreen tree was planted next to the entrance of the Ruth Lindsay Memorial Garden & Walkway for this time-honored tradition. The celebration included music, readings, and luminaries in remembrance of loved ones.

This tree will remain lit throughout the holiday season, in quiet remembrance of those who are no longer here. Event sponsors for the 2020 HNCO Tree of Lights were Janotta & Herner, Grandpa's Cheese Barn & Sweeties Chocolates, Guenther Mechanical, Inc., Mrs. Joan Barstosic, Rev. Dr. JoAnn Ford Watson and Mr. Frederick Shifley.

Tina Marie Heibert, HNCO, said; "The holidays are a special time of year for many of us, but it also brings up a lot of different emotions for people who have lost loved ones. We hope everyone will feel supported and comforted through our video of the event. We have had around 100 guests in the past and we are hoping to reach out to many more in the coming

years. You can find the video on our Facebook page (Hospice of North Central Ohio) or on YouTube."

Headquartered at 1021 Dauch Dr. in Ashland, Hospice of North Central Ohio serves more than 200 patients daily who are living with chronic and terminal illnesses. Additionally, free continuous bereavement services are provided for hundreds of families of hospice patients and to anyone in the community experiencing grief. Call 800-952-2207 for information



## Lexington Western Elementary supports Lexington Court Care

Western Elementary Kindergarten teacher Trisha Kist saw a post by Julie Taylor and Cindy McCoy to adopt residents of Lexington Court Care Center to help bring them holiday cheer. Kist presented the idea to principal Genelle Eggerton and soon Western staff, students and parents jumped on the project with great enthusiasm and were once again generous in supporting the community.



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### 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](mailto: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](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  
Pastor Brad Wright • [risensaviormansfield.com](http://risensaviormansfield.com)  
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### Ontario United Methodist Church

3540 Park Avenue West, Ontario • 419-529-4345  
Rev. Christine Bell  
Sunday Worship 10:15 am  
Bible Study: Please check the website for current schedule  
[ontarioumc.com](http://ontarioumc.com)

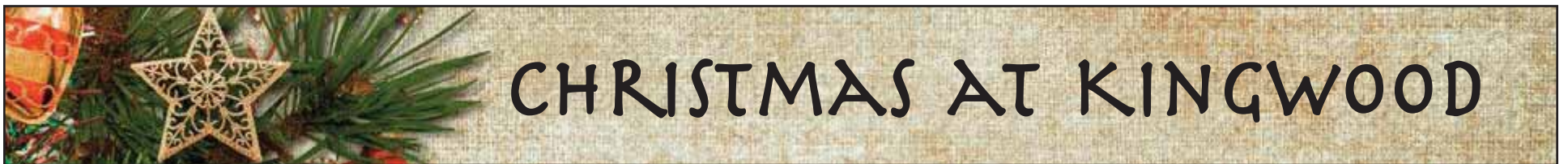
### St. Paul Mansfield Lutheran - ELCA

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Sunday Worship 9:30 am  
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[www.stpaulmansfield.org](http://www.stpaulmansfield.org)

### All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church

25 Church St., Bellville  
Pastor William Humphrey  
Sunday Services at 10:30 a.m.





# CHRISTMAS AT KINGWOOD



## Renaissance Performing Arts adds “Dreamgirls” to virtual lineup

Renaissance Performing Arts has added *Dreamgirls: The Virtual Concert Experience* to its winter lineup as an online streaming production.

*Dreamgirls* will be available to stream at home on Jan. 23, Jan. 30 and Feb. 6.

Originally premiering on Broadway on Dec. 20, 1981, this musical won seven Tony Awards. The film version, released in 2006 and starring Beyonce, Eddie Murphy, Jamie Foxx and Jennifer Hudson, was nominated for eight Academy Awards. Based on the lives and careers of Diana Ross and the Supremes, James Brown,

The Shirelles, and other R&B groups, *Dreamgirls* tells the story of a Chicago girl group who become musical superstars.

Set in the 1960s, it contains such unforgettable songs as “I’m Telling You I’m Not Going,” “I Am Changing,” “We Are Family,” and “When I First Saw You.” It is credited with shining a light onto the struggles of African American and female artists as they fight to gain success and acceptance in the entertainment business.

*Dreamgirls: The Virtual Concert Experience* is a fully staged theatrical event, directed by Michael Thomas, with

projected imagery by Ryan Shreve of Fyrebird Media, choreography by Deon Taylor and Caroline Grace Williams, and light and sound design by Aaron Nicolas.

This uniquely staged concert version of the smash-hit musical stars Condrea Webber, Leah Lewis, Jody Odom Jr, Deon Taylor, Najee Rawls, Chantel Ross, Nykera Gardner, Tymir Hammock, George Swarn, Kristal Lawrence, Kartrea Johnson, and Torre and Tonne Webber.

Michael Thomas, artistic director, stated, “We are so thrilled to have the opportunity to stage this rarely-done masterpiece —

and perform it with talent drawn from our own community. This production is a testament to the incredible professional musicians and artists who live right here in North Central Ohio.”

Tickets can be purchased by going to [www.RenTickets.org](http://www.RenTickets.org) or by contacting the Renaissance Box Office at 419-522-2726. The Box Office is currently open by appointment only. Tickets are \$25 for each date of the at-home stream. The virtual experience can be viewed on any device with a web browser and is available from 12:00 am to 11:59 pm on each date.

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Thank you

for your continued support and referrals.  
Have a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

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On the square in Lexington

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### CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE

Thursday, Dec. 24

Music 7 pm • Worship Service 7:30 pm

Also view the service at 7:30 pm on Facebook Live at  
<https://www.facebook.com/First-English-Lutheran-Church-264905696908894>



First English Lutheran Church

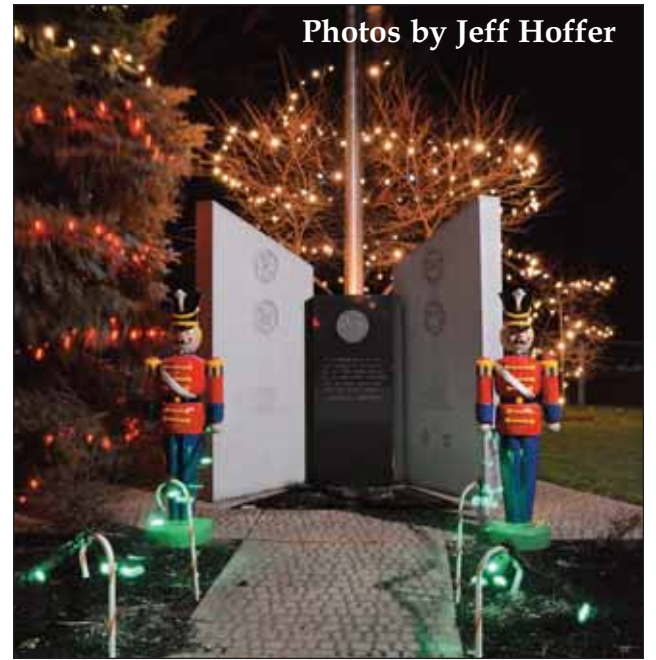
53 Park Avenue West, Mansfield  
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All CDC COVID-19 guidelines will be followed  
and the church is cleaned and disinfected before all services.



# Lexington Lights Up for the Holidays

Photos by Jeff Hoffer



# Merry Christmas & Happy New Year



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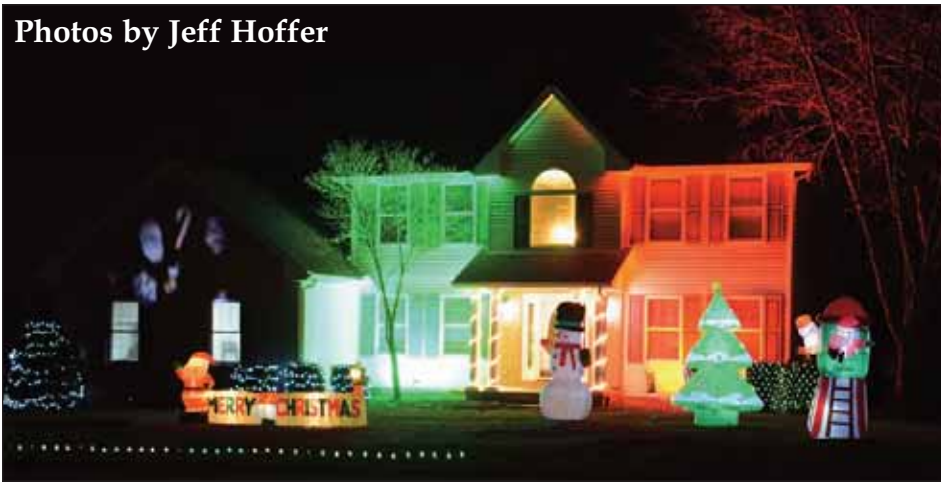
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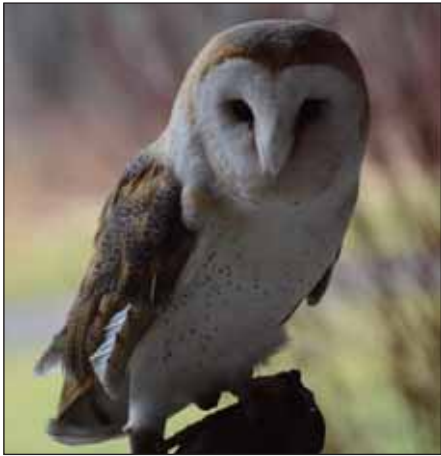


# Lexington Lights Up for the Holidays



## Santa Visits Ohio Bird Sanctuary

Santa and Mrs. Claus visited the Ohio Bird Sanctuary, 2774 Orewiler Rd., Mansfield, on Dec. 12. Visitors were able to meet the famous couple as well as reindeer and residents of the sanctuary. (Photos by Jeff Hoffer)



# Merry Christmas, neighbors.

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# Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights



**THE ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL SWIM TEAM** members are front, Ezri Farley, Canaan Wentz and, Haley Damron; second row, Hunter Petit, Colin Cordrey, Ellie Martinez, Brienne Trumpower, Jayden Dechert, Alex Rose and Duncan McLean; third row, Alex Matthes, Riley Them, Ava Ruhe, Tiffany Whittaker, Shelby Keever and Evan Trumpower; and back, Coach Travis Fisher, coach Debby Henry, Amy Evans, Dylan Damron, Natalie Link, Greg Tan, Alexis Johnson, Will Bolin and coach Chad Wright.



By Kenn Spencer

The Ontario Youth Sports Board would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. It has been our privilege to serve our community in 2020, we count it an honor to be from such an

amazing community and to be surrounded by so many great people.

Ontario Youth Sports mission is to always be looking for ways to make everyone feel included and cared for. Our goal is to include every athlete in our programs and to be the type of organization that brings a community together.

Thank you to a city that goes above and beyond to support our kids. Whether you are a senior citizen or a millennial you can be proud of the community you have chosen to live. Outsiders see us by our level of kindness, giving, and the fact of do we in-

clude and accept people into our community. Ontario is a great community!

As a reminder: OYS spring soccer and summer baseball and softball registration is now live. Please take time to register your athlete today.

If you would like to suggest a band for Concerts in the Park, drop us a note at [info@oysports.com](mailto:info@oysports.com). We have eight concerts planned on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month beginning in June. We will also host an open Mic night on July 2. Concerts start at 6 pm and are held at the Ontario Band shelter in Marshall park.

•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 419-566-8072.

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# ODOT plans for State Route 39 bridge replacement

ODOT plans to replace a bridge along State Route 39 (Mulberry Street) and over Touby Run in the City of Mansfield.

The existing bridge will be replaced with a new 54-foot wide, single-span bridge with concrete parapets and with twin steel tubing and 6-foot wide sidewalk on both sides.

The bridge project will impact approximately 194-feet of Touby Run to replace this bridge. Approximately 0.09 acres of suitable wooded habitat for listed bat species will be removed for this project. To avoid impacts to listed bat species during summer roosting, all trees will be removed between October 1 and March 31.

The project will only require temporary right-of-way. Deep excavation will be required for the proposed work. Various utilities will need to be relocated to construct this project.

In accordance with the ODOT Office of Environmental Services' (OES) Regulated Materials Review (RMR) guidelines, an RMR Screening was conducted. The current land use of the properties adjacent

to this project is commercial and vacant land. No regulated materials records were found with the project boundaries during a search of the Ohio Regulated Properties Search (ORPS) tool and Sanborn mapping. Based on this information, the project is considered exempt from further regulated material investigations.

District environmental staff accessed the SHPO GIS database on Nov. 23, 2020, and in accordance with Stipulation V(C)(2)(a) of the Section 106 PA executed Nov. 8, 2017, the project will not affect historic properties or historic districts.

Traffic and pedestrians will be detoured during construction. The detour duration will be for 120 days. The State Route 39 westbound truck traffic detour route will take Route 13 northbound to U.S. 30 westbound to Route 39 westbound. The eastbound Route 39 truck traffic detour route will be the reverse of the Route 39 westbound detour route. The proposed local westbound state Route 39 detour route will take traffic onto West 6th Street westbound to Bowman Street northbound to

Route 39 westbound. The proposed eastbound state Route 39 detour route is the reverse of the westbound Route 39 detour route. The pedestrian detour route is West 6th St. to Main St. to Survey Rd.

Construction is anticipated to begin in April 2023.

Written comments about the proposed project may be mailed to Don Rostofer, ODOT District 3 Environmental Coordinator, 906 Clark Ave., Ashland OH 44805. ODOT can also be contacted at 800-276-4188 or by email at Donald.Rostofer@dot.ohio.gov.

## Santa will greet Ontario students

Santa will visit Stingel Elementary School in Ontario on Wednesday, Dec. 17. Pre-school through second grade children should come between 4 and 4:45 pm and grades 3-5 from 4:45 to 5:30 pm.

Santa will wave to students from their cars and children receive a treat and free book. If students plan to roll down their window and say hi, they are asked to wear a mask. Students can bring a "wish list" for Santa. They will be collected and taken back to the North Pole.

This event will take place weather permitting; if inclement weather makes it impossible for Santa to attend, a robo-call will be sent out to Ontario parents cancelling the event. A traffic pattern is shown below.



**DECEMBER'S ONTARIO MIDDLE SCHOOL STAFF MVP** is Miss Carla Miller. Miss Miller is currently working with sixth and seventh grade students as an intervention aide. Through her efforts, students have demonstrated great strides of improvement. A fellow staff member said, "She is always looking for ways to help students. She is a dedicated staff member who has previously served as a substitute teacher as well as filling positions diligently whenever asked. Ontario is very fortunate to have her as a member of our team!"

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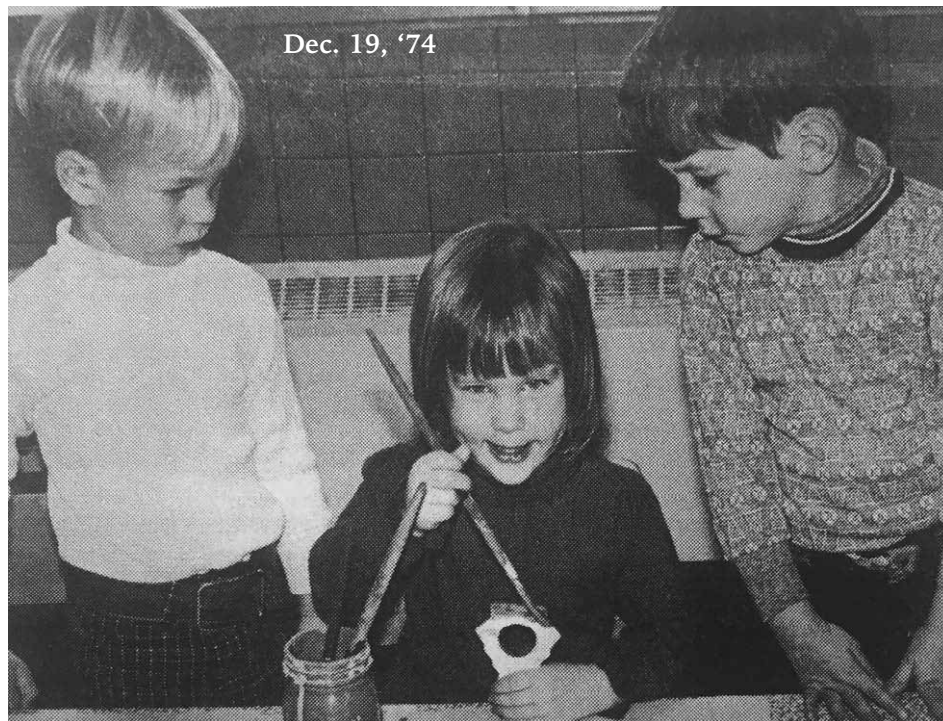
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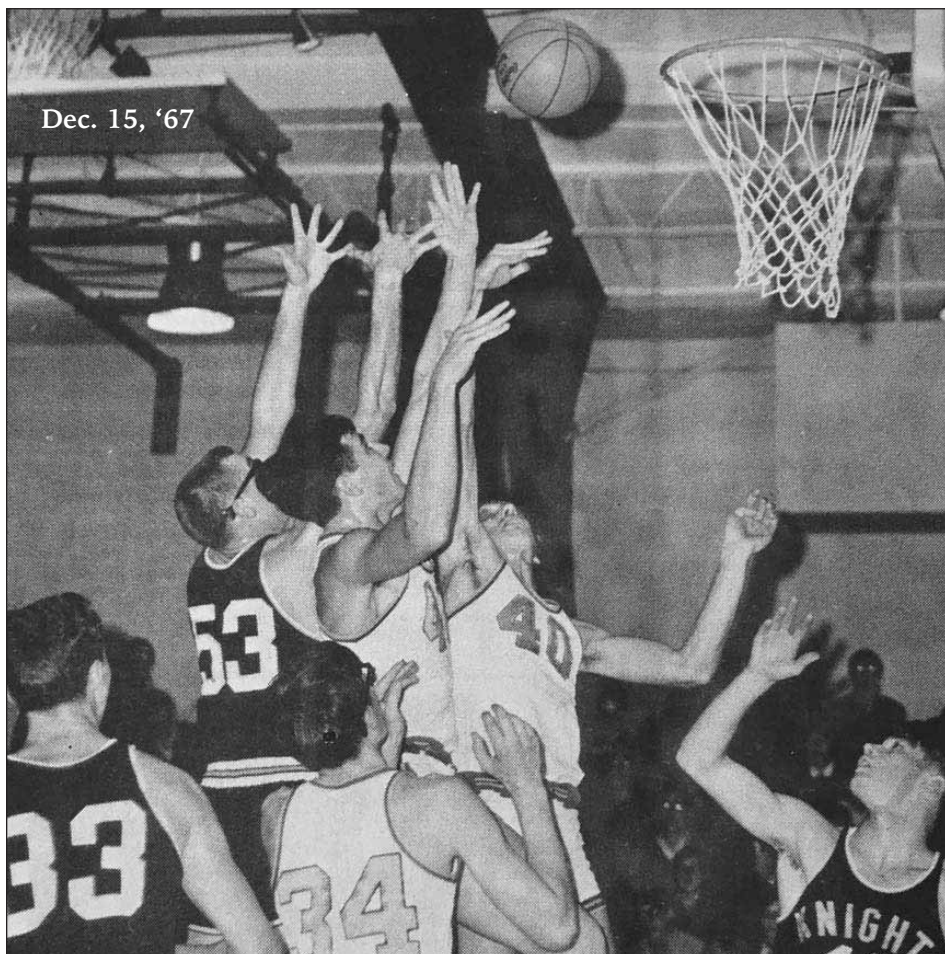
Jim Wagner

**TOYS FOR TOTS PROJECT** — A real Santa's workshop, complete with elves, was the brainchild of Big Santa Stan Rickel of Madison North Junior High School who says he has been planning this project for several years for his ninth grade industrial arts class. The "Elves" were divided four in a group who then chose one of four wooden toys: car, bi-plane, dump truck or log wagon. The Elves took their plans from "Popular Mechanics" and set up their own work schedule. Each Elf made parts for the final product. All the toys were carried off in Santa's bag last Tuesday for delivery through Toy Time to little girls and boys for Christmas. Students pictured are, from left, John Weaver, Brian McNeely, Troy Thomas, Joe Karl, Mike Parker, Curtis Fife, Jay Robson and instructor Stanley Rickel.



Dec. 19, '74

**THESE THREE LEXINGTON AREA** youngsters were snapped by the T-C camera making their own Christmas gifts for their parents. Judy Roseberry, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Roseberry, 211 Holiday Hill, demonstrates the technique of making a ceramic napkin holder at YWCA Kinderkamp. Looking on at the left is Tom Connolly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. Connolly of 237 Darby Drive, and Shanon Prefling, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Prefling of 1348 Brookpark Drive. The gifts made by the three-year-olds are (were!) to be a surprise for their parents. Photo by Paul Benich



Dec. 15, '67

Photo By Jerry Polles

**ANYBODY'S BALL** -- Ontario's Ralph Bender (34), Ron Them (42) and Dan Dials (40) are in the thick of action in the game Friday night with the Northmor Golden Knights. Also in the shot are Ed Tischer (33), Tom Furrey (53) and Tim Worner (43) of Northmor. Ontario edged the surprisingly strong Morrow County quintet 57-56.



**December 1, 1977** —Julie York, 7, and her brother Jeffrey, 6, escorted Santa when he arrived at the Richland Mall Friday for his yule-tide visit to Ontario. Accompanying the two holiday elves are Julie and Jeffrey's mom Barbara York (left) and friend Regina Snyder.

*On December 24, 1814, while many in the western world celebrated Christmas Eve, the United States and Great Britain sat down to sign a famous peace agreement ending the War of 1812.*

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## 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](mailto:tribune@tribune-courier.com) to schedule a viewing or phone call.

## LEGAL ADVERTISING

### LEGAL NOTICE

The following is a succinct summary of the legislation adopted by the Council of the City of Ontario, at their special meeting held on December 2, 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. 20-28 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR OFFICE PERSONNEL, DISSOLVING THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR SECRETARY, REVISING THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE ADMINISTRATION, AMENDING ORDINANCE 17-11, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-29 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO, OHIO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-15 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS AND AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE 2021 CITY OF ONTARIO PAVING PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-16 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE

FOR BIDS AND AWARD CONTRACTS FOR VARIOUS MATERIALS AND SERVICES NEEDED DURING THE YEAR 2021 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-17 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PERFORM BRIDGE REHABILITATION ON U.S. ROUTE 30 UNDER HOME ROAD, IN THE CITY OF ONTARIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-18 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PERFORM A TRAFFIC SIGNAL AND LIGHTING REPLACEMENT ON STATE ROUTE 314 AT WEST 4TH STREET, IN THE CITY OF ONTARIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-33 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE (THE CHIEF OF POLICE), TO ACCEPT A DONATION FROM MEIJER FOR A \$700 IN-STORE GIFT CARD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-34 – AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF ONTARIO NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM PLAN OF OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE PURSUANT TO SECTION

4929.26, OHIO REVISED CODE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-35 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1145, GENERAL PROVISIONS, SECTION 1145.10-FAMILY SWIMMING POOLS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-36 – AN ORDINANCE REZONING 897 TANGLEWOOD DRIVE, PARCEL #038-60-265-11-000 AND 903 TANGLEWOOD DRIVE, PARCEL #038-60-265-14-000, FROM R-2-MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO R-3-HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, UPON THE APPLICATION OF SEIGNEUR FOX CONSTRUCTION, LLC.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-37 – AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR SUBMITTING QUESTION “SHALL A COMMISSION BE CHOSEN TO FRAME A CHARTER?”.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-38 – ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 20-08 KNOWN AS THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR 2020 BY MAKING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE GENERAL FUND, THE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, THE ENTERPRISE FUND, AND THE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND.

Cathy VanAuker  
Clerk of Council  
City of Ontario, Ohio  
12-10, 17 '20 (145L)

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Madison Township Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2021, at 7 pm, at the Madison Twp. Hall, 817 Expressview Drive.

The requested hearing is for:

APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE #20-02:  
Parcel # 0261102603000  
# 0261102604000

Change from R3 to B2 so that a building can be constructed for a roofing business. This would be a noise-free storage/office building.

Dan Bishop, Chair  
Madison Twp. Board of Zoning Appeals  
Mansfield, OH  
12-17 '20 (22 L)

### PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO FILE AN APPLICATION

The City of Ontario hereby gives notice of its intent to file an application for financial assistance with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development for construction of sewer facilities. This notice is published in accordance with Rural Development regulations contained in RUS Instruction 1780.19(a). The proposed project involves the construction of a Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sanitary Sewer Improvements to serve the City of Ontario.

A copy of the preapplication to USDA Rural Development is available for review at the following location by appointment:

**City of Ontario**  
555 Stumbo Road  
Ontario, Ohio 44906

Questions regarding this application, or appointments to review said application should be directed to Jeff Wilson, Safety-Service Director at 419-529-2495.

Cathy VanAuker  
Clerk of Council  
City of Ontario, Ohio  
12-17, 31 '20 (37L)

PROBATE COURT OF RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF Cody Allen Thomas to Cody Allen Rine CASE NO. 20209110.

### 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 Cody Allen Thomas to Cody Allen Rine.

The hearing on the application will be held on the 29th day of January, 2021, at 1:00 o'clock pm in the Probate Court of Richland County, located at 50 Park Avenue East, Second Floor, Mansfield, Ohio.

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# Tribune Christmas Recipe Corner



**CHRISTMAS COOKIES** — Carolyn Maglott, 89, and her daughter Deb Nutter, 63, have made Christmas cookies together for many years. They bake over 1,000 cookies and candies. The ladies make them a bit early in December so they can send them to Carolyn's son, John Maglott, who lives in Taiwan and son, Jim Maglott, who lives in Georgia. The women also share with many family members including seven children, 23 grandchildren, and 45+ great grandchildren and their spouses. Some of the longtime favorites include peanut blossoms, snoballs, thumbprint cookies, buckeyes and a favorite, Potato Chip Cookies. They say they cherish each year they are blessed to be together. Deb lives in Ontario and Carolyn is a resident of the Madison area.

## Potato Chip Cookies

Cream together 1 lb. butter at room temperature and 1 cup sugar. Add 3 1/4 cup flour. Mix well. Add 1 cup crushed Lays regular potato chips (measure after crushing). Drop by teaspoons on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 350 degrees for 12–15 minutes. When cool, sprinkle with confectioners' sugar.

*Submitted by: Carolyn Maglott & Deb Nutter*

## Lemon Squares

Preheat oven to 350 degrees  
Sift together:  
1 cup sifted all-purpose flour  
1/4 cup confectioners' sugar

*Makes 16 squares*

Add and combine:  
1/2 cup melted butter  
Press the mixture into a 8x8-inch baking pan and bake for 20 minutes.

Meanwhile combine:  
1 cup sugar  
1/2 tsp. double-acting baking powder  
2 slightly beaten eggs  
2 tbsp. lemon juice  
2 tsp. grated lemon peel  
(1/2 cup flaked coconut)  
Pour over the baked warm crust and bake for 25 minutes. Chill.  
Before serving, cut into 2-inch squares and sprinkle with confectioners' sugar

*Submitted by: Teresa Vore*

## Chocolate Vinegar Cake

*Makes 9 Servings*

1 1/2 cup sifted flour  
1 cup sugar  
3 tbsp. baking cocoa  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1 tbsp. vanilla  
1 tbsp. vinegar  
5 tbsp. butter  
1 cup water  
1 tsp. baking soda

Sift together flour, sugar, cocoa, baking soda & salt into mixture.

Make three wells in dry ingredients. Pour vanilla into one well: vinegar into second well and butter into the third well. Pour water over all. Mix with a spoon until well blended.

Pour batter into a greased 9 inch square baking pan.

Bake 350 degrees for 25 minutes or until cake tests done. Cool in pan.

Frost with mocha chocolate frosting (recipe below). Cut into squares.

*Submitted by: Teresa Vore*



## Mocha Chocolate Frosting

Combine 1 3/4 cup sifted confectioners' sugar  
3 tbsp. baking cocoa  
3 tbsp. soft butter  
3 tbsp. hot coffee  
1/2 tsp. vanilla  
Beat with electric mixture at medium speed until smooth.

*Submitted by: Teresa Vore*



*Wishing You  
A Merry  
Christmas!*





**ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOLS'** Mrs. Sarah Krichbaum and Mrs. Kroll created and delivered a fun, festive STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) project for their math students. The students were given their own kits to design and build their own gingerbread houses during this time of virtual learning. Students are Jasmine Stutzman, Chase Bryant, Landon Toohey and Taylor Gaston.



**Karin DeSanto**



**Angie Williams**



T-C Staff/Jenna Wolford

**THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS** at the corner of Beal Rd. and Fleming Falls in the Madison area always bring cheer to local families. Every year a new decoration is added to the massive display that covers the yards of two properties. Along with the classic characters of Christmas are Pokemon, Minions, Finding Nemo, Elmo and Rolie Polie Olie.

## Mechanics Bank announces employee promotions

Mechanics Bank is pleased to announce the following promotions:

Karin DeSanto has been promoted to branch manager of the Clear Fork office.

Karin joined Mechanics in 2010 as a Customer Service Representative (CSR) and was promoted to Customer Service Specialist (CSS). Karin later served as a Senior CSS and CSS Coordinator, and most recently, Assistant Branch Manager. Karin completed a banking apprenticeship in Germany and holds an associate's degree from Baker College. Karin received the James A. Courtney Award in 2017.

Angie Williams has been promoted to Lead Branch Manager at the Lexington office. Angie joined Mechanics in 1999 as a Customer Service Representative (CSR). Angie later served as an Operations Specialist, Senior CSR and Assistant Branch Manager. Most recently, Angie served as the Branch Manager at the Clear Fork office. Angie received the James A. Courtney Award in 2012.

Mechanics Bank is Richland County's only independent, community bank with nine locations in Richland County.

## Route 30 exit ramps open

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

The U.S. 30 westbound ramps to and from Route 545 are now open to traffic.

Estimated completion is May 2023

## This Week's Christmas Decor Inspiration





# Ontario High School recognizes 2019-'20 All-Ohio athletes

The Ontario High School Athletic Department have recognized athletes for their All-Ohio designation last school year (2019-'20). Typically an induction ceremony his hosted during a home basketball game.



**Kyla Spencer**  
Girls Soccer: 2019 2nd Team All-Ohio



**Brienne Trumpower**  
Cross County: 2019 D2 State Meet, 22nd Place  
Girls Swimming: 100 Yard Freestyle, 8th Place & 200 Yard Freestyle, 15th Place



**200 Yard Medley Relay, Girls Swimming**  
**2020 State Meet, 14th Place**  
Ava Ruhe, Amy Evans, Myla Creed and Jennifer Crum



**400 Yard Free Relay, Girls Swimming**  
**2020 State Meet, 12th Place**  
Amy Evans, Ava Ruhe, Natalie Link and Brienne Trumpower



**200 Yard Free Relay, Girls Swimming)**  
**2020 State Meet, 5th Place**  
Amy Evans, Ava Ruhe, Tiffany Whittaker and Brienne Trumpower

## Ontario High School Meet the Squads



**OHS VARSITY CHEER** front, Brynn Meisse, Morgan Eckert and Emma Shaffer; and back, Brooke Haggerman, Nya Metz, Abby Potter, Maria Gallo and Alexis Barry



**OHS JUNIOR VARSITY CHEER** front, Marisa Horton and Lauren Morehead; and back, Macie Hamilton, Chandler Spognardi, Hadley Shultz, Taylor Mullins and Kennedy Ernst



**OHS FRESHMAN CHEER** front, Brenna Nelson, Brooklyn Rowe and Aubrey Holly; and back, Ashley Peace, Anzaya Estep, Laila Marlow, Brooklyn Weinandy and Maggie Love

## Free food boxes will be distributed December 22, 29

Healing Hearts Counseling Center LLC. announced that on Tuesday, Dec. 22 and Dec. 29 from noon to 2 pm, it will be giving away 200 Food Boxes.

There will be a sign in front of the center, 680 Park Avenue West, Mansfield. Each family is asked to drive in the parking lot and they will be directed where to pick up the box.

It will be one box per family and is on a first come first serve basis. Although the meals may change, previous boxes have included: a dozen boiled eggs, one gallon of milk, a bag of potatoes, one bag of onions, one bag of apples, a large bag of chicken meatballs, a package of cheese, a large container of yogurt, a container of cottage cheese and a container of sour cream.