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**TAKING FIRST PLACE** in the City of Ontario lighting contest was the home of John and Ginger Stevens at 695 E. Debby Ln. They won a \$50 gift card to Steve's Dakota Grill/Brown Derby Roadhouse. See page 5 for other contest winner photos.

## Madison board given grant from foundation

The Madison Local School Board held a virtual meeting Wednesday, Dec. 16.

Board president Tim Wigton called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jonathan Muro, principal at Madison Middle School, gave a presentation and Robin Klenk, treasurer, presented her report to members of the board.

A grant in the amount of \$18,000 was awarded by The Richland County Foundation for the COVID-19 Rapid Response Initiative: Final Forms and Nurse Support.

Eric Wellman resigned as head varsity golf coach, effective Dec. 3, 2020.

Pending proper/applicable certification, paperwork, and BCI/FBI checks, the board extended employment for the 2020-'21 school year. to Nicholas Melton, assistant varsity baseball coach; David Stupka, spring fitness coordinator; Timothy Niswander, head varsity softball coach; Todd Cortelletti, boys' varsity tennis coach; Brent Sanders, assistant 7/8 track coach; Mikaela Ziegler, assistant 7/8 track coach; Michael Anderson, assistant varsity track coach; Kimberly Boehm, assistant varsity track coach; William Roth, assistant varsity track coach; and Andrew Saris, head varsity track coach.

Also hired were Elizabeth DeHann, communicable disease; John Fort, personal enrichment, automotive instructor; Levi Gebhart, cosmetology instructor; Matt

Godsil, landscape painting; Marissa Maidment, MS Excel instructor; Ron Seifert, Intro to Digital Photography; Elizabeth Speckert, STNA instructor; Ginny Walters, Cake Decorating Level 1 & 2; and Melinda Williams, This is a Computer.

Substitute teachers hired on an as-needed basis were Kylie Redman and Dennis Snelson. Terry Stuart was hired as a long-term sub for the Madison Online Academy (Grades 8-12).

The board approved the following volunteers; Jesse First, baseball; Rob Siwek, baseball; Tim Carper, softball; Andrea Gerich, softball; Eric Boehm, track.

The board voted to approve the Last Chance Agreement for Joshua Boliantz, teacher.

Pam Gerich has been awarded the position of Special Education Aide - Cross Categorical Room at the middle school, replacing Robin Yeager who accepted another position. Michelle Windsor has been awarded the position of Special Education Aide - Cross Categorical Room at the middle school, replacing Gerich.

Stacy Foote has been awarded the 2-hour cook position at Mifflin Elementary, replacing Cynthia Rush who resigned.

The resignation of Ashley Parrish, MECLC, was accepted effective Dec. 10.

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## Board accepts resignations, retirement, approves hirings

The Lexington Board of Education met Wednesday, Dec. 16.

During the meeting the board moved to approve the 2021 medical insurance funding rate representing a 0% change for medical from 2020 funding rates.

Mike Katherine was hired as the high school yearbook advisor, for the 2021-'22 school year. Mikela Chapman was hired as a long-term sub, junior high, from Nov. 16, 2020 through Jan. 19, 2021, at \$110 per day.

Cheryl Longnecker was hired as a Special Education/Psychologist Assistant to perform academic testing at a rate of \$25 per hour for the remainder of the 2020-'21 school year.

Salary adjustments were approved for Michelle Olecki and Jonathan Davis.

The retrieval of Barb Ramey from Transportation Department effective Jan. 31, 2021, was accepted and the

employment of Ashley Whiting, transportation, bus driver, was approved effective Nov. 24, 2020.

Kayla Lynsky was hired as a technology assistant, as needed, not to exceed 20 hours per week, effective Nov. 30, 2020 through Jan. 20, 2021, at \$9 per hour.

The board accepted the resignation of Tim Scheid as varsity football coach, effective Nov. 23, 2020. Taylor Gerhardt will step in as head varsity football coach, effective Dec. 17, 2020.

Approval was given for the revised Lexington substitute list dated Nov. 18, 2020 as presented by MOESC.

The board voted to join OSBA for calendar year 2021.

Approval was given for a Resolution Approving Guaranteed Maximum Price, Amendment 02 for Lexington's New 7-12 School which authorizes the superintendent and treasurer to sign a Guaranteed Maximum Price Amendment.

## Gert Meyers named Hospice of NCO Volunteer of the Year

Hospice of North Central Ohio presented the fifth annual Sandra J. Rule Dauch Volunteer-of-the-Year Award to Gert Meyers at What Goes 'Round Thrift Shoppe on Dec. 15.

Danielle Sutton, HNCO Volunteer Coordinator stated: "Gert Meyers has been with the organization since 2000. Gert was involved in the Board of Directors, Direct Patient Care and then began working at the Thrift Shoppe in 2008 when it opened. She has been committed to Tuesdays and Fridays every week. The longevity of the volunteers has shown commitment and speaks for itself in many ways".



"Gert was a great companion volunteer. She supported the families and did all she could for the patients. She has been described as a 'Treasure' and a 'Precious Angel' by the patients she cared for," said Ruth Lindsey volunteer and board of directors emeritus.

Deb Brown, What Goes 'Round Thrift Shoppe Manager stated, "Gert has been a very positive joy to work with, so kind, gentle and funny, such a great volunteer to work with. We laugh a lot and have fun at work." Gert was surprised by the nomination kept saying, "I really had no idea."

Ralph Tomassi, Chief Development Officer at HNCO stated: "We are able to fund this special awards program for our large base of volunteers and recognize our extraordinary people through the generosity of a grant received in 2015 from The Richard & Sandra J. Dauch Foundation, Charlevoix, Michigan. Because this grant is an endowment fund managed by The Ashland County Community Foundation, this recognition program and award will perpetuate."

The criteria for the Sandra J. Rule Dauch Volunteer-of-the-year award is based on extraordinary commitment, impact, personal growth, and inspiration to others. Nominations are submitted by employees and volunteers and then reviewed by a selection committee. In addition to Gert Myers, Marie Poe was last year's recipient, past recipients of this award were Betty Barker, Ruth Lindsey and Trish Rankin. The award is presented each November in honor of National Hospice & Palliative Care month.

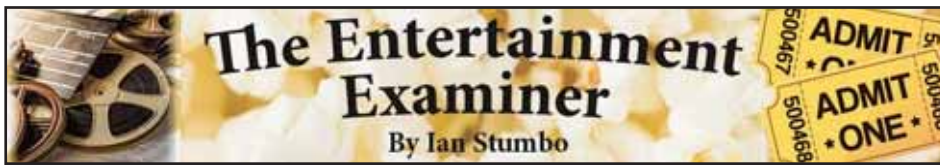
Headquartered at 1021 Dauch Dr. in Ashland, Hospice of North Central Ohio serves more than 200 patients daily who are living with chronic and terminal illnesses. Free continuous bereavement services are provided. Call 800-952-2207 for more information.

## Ontario provides tree pick-up

The City of Ontario will provide Christmas tree pick-up service to residents of Ontario beginning Monday, Jan. 4 and continue through Friday, Jan. 15.

Please remove all ornaments and tinsel from trees and place them by the curb. Call Jeff Wilson at 419-529-2495 for more information.





*Wonder Woman 1984* is the sequel to one of the best films in the DC movie universe, *Wonder Woman* directed by Patty Jenkins. Jenkins again directs this sequel that, unfortunately, is not as good as its predecessor.

Gal Gadot again nails her performance as Diana Prince/Wonder Woman. The movie opens with her as a young warrior on her home planet learning a lesson during a race competition.

The movie then moves to 1984 where Wonder Woman stops a heist. Both scenes are very engaging. The movie introduces a co-worker of Diana's named Barbara (Kristen Wiig), a shy woman who specializes in gems and inspects the jewels that were found in the heist *Wonder Woman* thwarted.

One of the stones, a dreamstone, is able to grant the person any wish they want. Barbara becomes more powerful as her character progresses throughout the film as does an oil magnate played by Pedro Pascal. However, the stone has a downside.

*Wonder Woman 1984* is premiering in movie theaters and HBO Max simultaneously, a first for the service. The biggest downfall of this sequel is there was just

not enough *Wonder Woman*. The movie is centered around Diana who, after encountering the stone herself, is able to wish Chris Pine's character Steve back to life from the first film. Some of the most charming moments again are between Gadot and Pine and scenes involving him, being from the 1950s, discovering 1980s culture are entertaining.



The downfalls unfortunately weigh what is good about the movie. Jenkins does a fine job directing but there is just not much going on for long stretches of its two and a half hour runtime. There are not the big action scenes that the first movie had and after that one, two punch in the first moments,

the movie never quite recovers. There is still action but nothing very memorable.

*Wonder Woman 1984* was a movie this critic was looking forward to after the great first installment. It's certainly worth a watch if you are a fan but don't expect anything mesmerizing.

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



## ★ MISSING ★

Duke, a therapy dog went missing Dec. 25, around 7-8 pm, in the Lexington area. He is a male English shepherd mix. He is not chipped and has no collar, he is neutered and has no medical issues. He has had surgery on his left leg and might limp if it's bothering him. He went missing from 4445 Rt. 546, between Eckert Rd. and Kings Corners. If seen, call Victoria Williamson at 567-274-0095.



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## Alzheimer's caregivers need to guard against wandering in the wintertime

Wandering is one of the most unsettling behavioral changes common for someone with Alzheimer's disease. Yet it surprises far too many family caregivers and can end with tragic results.

Six in 10 people with dementia or Alzheimer's disease will wander. A person with Alzheimer's may not remember his or her name or address, and can become disoriented, even in familiar places.

As freezing temperatures and increased darkness settles in, those winter weather conditions add additional stress for more than 16 million people caring for a loved one living with Alzheimer's or dementia.

Because people in the middle to later stages of Alzheimer's experience losses in judgment, orientation, and the ability to understand and communicate effectively, they might think night is day, the past is the present and the immediate need to go somewhere can push them to leave the safety of their home.

"If a family talks to me about their loved one wandering off, I suggest immediate remedies that need to happen because it signals a change in behavior and thinking," said Pam Myers, Program Director for the Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter. "Individuals with Alzheimer's require increasing levels of supervision and personal care as the disease progresses. It's important for families to understand the stages of the disease and that is where the Alzheimer's Association can help."

Most individuals with Alzheimer's are cared for by family members. According to the Alzheimer's Association's 2020 Facts and Figures Report, 83 percent of the help provided to older adults in the United States comes from family members, friends or other unpaid caregivers and nearly half of all caregivers (48%) who provide help to older adults do so for someone with Alzheimer's or another dementia.

Also, family caregivers of people with Alzheimer's or other dementias are more likely than other family caregivers to help with emotional or mental health problems and behavioral changes like wandering.

The Alzheimer's Association suggests the following tips for preventing wandering:

- Have a routine for daily activities
- Identify the most likely times of day that wandering may occur and plan activities at that time because activities can reduce restlessness
- Reassure the person if he or she feels lost, abandoned or disoriented
- Place locks out of line of sight
- Use devices that signal when a door or window are open

And most importantly, Myers said, have a plan in place in case of emergency. "Often, even though it is common for persons living with dementia to wander from home, it often takes caregivers by surprise because it can happen suddenly, and this can be a source of anxiety for families. My advice is to put safeguards in place before you think they are needed, such as door alarms and additional lighting, and to reach out to us and create a plan, hopefully you'll never need it, but if you do, it can alleviate a lot of stress to know you are prepared," she said.

Individuals needing immediate advice should call the Alzheimer's Association's 24/7 Helpline at 800-272-3900.

The Alzheimer's Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's care, support and research. Our mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. For information visit [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org) or call our 24/7 Helpline at 800-272-3900.

## Area Agency on Aging presents awards at annual meeting

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. annual meeting was held virtually on Thursday, Dec. 3, on the Area Agency on Aging Facebook page. A special thank you to the exclusive 2020 Platinum Sponsor, Mechanics Bank.

Chief Executive Officer, Duana Patton, and President of the Corporate Board of Trustees, Jeff Polzin, presided over the online event that highlighted accomplishments of the Area Agency on Aging for 2020.

The Area Agency on Aging also presented annual awards which included:

The Project Collaboration Award was presented to the Ontario Stungel Elementary and the Ohio State Highway Patrol for their letter writing campaign to nursing home facilities to keep residents connected to the community during the pandemic.

The Community Partnership Award was presented to the "Mask Makers Who Care" — a group of volunteers that had sewn or donated masks for older adults.

The Advocate of the Year award was presented to Dr. Robert Santiago for pro-

viding a person-centered approach of medical care for his patients and referring them to the Agency's programs and services.

The Award of Excellence was presented to the Ohio Manufacturing Alliance for their leadership, innovation, and collaboration to fulfill the lack of available Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) by refurbishing materials and distributing PPE statewide to front line workers that provided home and community-based services.

During the event, the kickoff of the 2021 Scholarship program was announced. A portion of the proceeds from Annual Meeting Sponsorships will be designated by the Board of Trustees for the Scholarship Program. Three scholarship awards will be provided to individuals that are within the nine-county region and are pursuing higher education or classes benefitting the field of aging.

For additional information concerning Area Agency on Aging services or programs, call 419-524-4144 or 800-560-5799.



## •Madison board given grant

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The superintendent recommended approval of a stipend paid to Kyle Gordon in the amount of \$600 for the additional administrative duties assumed from Nov. 16–Dec. 22, 2020. It passed.

The overnight 8th grade student trip to Washington, D.C. from May 5–7, 2021, has been cancelled.

The purchase of Cisco9500x and related components to replace the core network equipment at the middle school was approved. The total project cost is \$171,565; however, after the 80% E-rate discount, the cost to the district is \$36,669.80, to be paid for out of MS Technology repair funds.

A grading scale was approved, effective Jan. 6, 2021, showing 97–100, A+; 93–96 A; 90–92 A-; 87–89, B+; 83–86, B; 80–82, B-; 77–79, C+; 73–76 C; 70–72, C-; 67–69, D+; 63–66, D; 60–62, D-; 0–59, F.

The Board of Education also approved the agreement with Garmann/Miller

Architects-Engineers at a cost of \$4,500 to provide design and engineering services to determine renovation options for the Cosmetology Lab and related areas in the Madison Career Center. The services will be paid for using Adult Career Center CARES Act funds.

The board voted to rescind the Oct. 28, 2020 approval of the purchase of a 2021 Silverado Crew Cab truck at a cost of \$27,573.70 for the transportation of supplies and students to and from job sites on an as needed basis. Instead the purchase of a 2021 Silverado Crew Cab truck at a cost of \$31,927.26 was approved. The purchase will be funded through CTE weighted funds.

The board authorized the execution and delivery of a Master Electric Energy Sales Agreement between the Madison Local School District and Power4Schools' endorsed electric supplier, Engine Resources LLC.

## RPH creates vaccine registration process

Richland Public Health has created a registration process for facilities or groups in the health department's jurisdiction who wish to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Those facilities or groups named in Phase 1A by the Ohio Department of Health (see below), are asked to follow the process explained in this release. Richland Public Health will contact the facility or group to schedule the appointment times for their staff, patients, residents etc. when the time comes.

RPH is advising those groups and facilities named in Phase 1A to visit [richland-health.org/covid-19-vaccine-information](http://richland-health.org/covid-19-vaccine-information) to download a spreadsheet to enter information on those that want to be vaccinated in the facility or group. The finished spreadsheet should then be emailed to the department at [covidvaccine@richland-health.org](mailto:covidvaccine@richland-health.org). This will help the Public Health Nursing Division keep a record of those needing the vaccine.

There is no guarantee at this time when every group listed in Phase 1A of the Ohio Vaccination Program will be able to receive the vaccine.

"We are hoping to vaccinate everyone in our county who wants the vaccine, when the time comes," said Schmidt. "However, we do not know how many doses we will be sent or how many additional shipments we will receive. There

will only be a limited supply in the earliest stages until production catches up with demand. We are committed to an equitable distribution of a safe and effective vaccine."

Those in Phase 1A to be vaccinated in congregate care facilities include residents and staff of nursing homes and assisted living facilities not enrolled in the federal pharmacy program. People with developmental disabilities and those with mental health disorders including substance use disorders who live in group homes, residential facilities, or centers and staff at those locations not enrolled in the program are also included.

Healthcare providers prioritized for vaccination in Phase 1A should be those with the greatest occupational risk for exposure to and/or transmission of SARS-CoV-2.

This can include health/hospice workers; Emergency Medical Services responders; Primary care practitioners, including family medicine and general medicine providers; Freestanding EDs, urgent care, pharmacies, and dialysis centers; OB-GYN practitioners; Federally Qualified Health Center providers; dental providers, surgeon; mobile unit practitioners, healthcare providers, including public health employees, at risk for exposure to and/or transmission of SARS-CoV-2, such as vaccinators; and transport and janitorial support staff of healthcare facilities.

## News Briefs

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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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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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.

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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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The Richland County Republican Party has announced that letters of interest and resumes are being accepted for appointment to the Richland County Board of Elections with the full term beginning March 1, 2021.

Deadline to apply for consideration of appointment is Jan. 2, 2021. Forward all letters and resumes to Zoi Romanchuk at [zoi@prmachineetworks.com](mailto:zoi@prmachineetworks.com).

A special meeting of the Richland County Republican Central and Executive Committees will be held on Jan. 6, 2021 to make the appointment.

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The Pioneer Career and Technology Center Board of Education will hold its January organizational and regular meetings on Wednesday, Jan. 13, at 7 pm remotely.

In order to enable the board to continue with district operations during the public

health emergency and in accordance with the provisions of HB 197, the board may meet telephonically or through other electronic means, including conference calls or other meeting technology to conduct the public business of the public body while emergency orders of the federal and/or state government are in effect limiting public gatherings.

Access will be made available to the extent reasonably possibly and feasible. The means of technology and information on how to access the meeting will be made available via the district's website. The board intends to fully honor its obligations under the Open Meetings Act.

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

Acceptable items include steel and aluminum cans, crushed milk jugs, detergent bottles, plastic bottles with number 1 or 2 on the bottom, cardboard, all papers included with the newspaper but no other magazines or paper. Please remove caps from bottles and rinse all containers well.

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The Mansfield Richland County Public Library is hosting an Arctic Animals Program in a Bag. Children can pick up a bag at any library to learn about animals such as polar bears and penguins. The kit includes a craft and activities. Call your local branch for more information.

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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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# Richland County Foundation awards COVID grants

The Richland County Foundation Board of Trustees approved \$254,038 in grants during its December meeting.

The Board of Trustees approved COVID-19 pandemic grants to Grace Episcopal Church for a hoop house for its winter food distribution; Harmony House for roof repairs; Love in the Name of Christ for a copier; and Madison Local Schools for Final Forms and a nurse.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Richland County Foundation Board of Trustees redirected its Unrestricted/Community Fund to meet emerging needs. To date, a total of \$743,902 has been awarded for COVID-19 Relief in the community. That total includes the funding from the Foundation's Community Fund, Donor-Advised Funds, \$100,000 from Richland County Job and Family Services, and \$37,742 raised online via a special COVID-19 Relief edition of Richland Gives in early May.

As part of the Mansfield Rising Plan, the Foundation approved a grant for a façade improvement program to Downtown Mansfield Inc. The Mansfield City Council also approved funding for the façade program through its Downtown Improvement Board which receives funds from the

license plate fee.

Mansfield Rising is a citizen led plan backed by the Foundation to continue the revitalization of downtown Mansfield. For more details go to [richlandcountyfoundation.org](http://richlandcountyfoundation.org) and click the Community Impact tab.

Seven career technical education scholarships were approved during the meeting. The Foundation has experienced a 75% increase for CTE scholarships this year. The increase is attributed to better communication with the schools and changes made to the criteria. Those changes included the elimination of the full-time student requirement and adjusted deadlines for career technical school scholarships. For more details on scholarships go to

[richlandcountyfoundation.org](http://richlandcountyfoundation.org).

The Board of Trustees also approved donor-advised fund grants to meet emerging needs to 33 Forever, Inc., American Red Cross, Avon Theater, Bellville Neighborhood Outreach Center, Boy Scout Troop 121, Catholic Charities, City of Mansfield Community Development, Discovery School, Domestic Violence Shelter, Downtown Mansfield Inc., Freedom Ridge Church, Friendly House, Friends of Gorman Nature Center, Grace Episcopal Church, Harmony House, Humane Society of Richland County, Kingwood Center Gardens, Little Buckeye Children's Museum, Love in the Name of Christ, Malabar Farm Foundation, Mansfield Area YMCA, Mansfield Art Center, Mansfield Christian School, Mansfield Community

Playhouse, Mary McLeod Bethune Intervening & Enrichment Center, Mid-Ohio Guardianship Services, Inc., North Central Ohio Land Conservancy, North End Community Improvement Collaborative, Ohio Bird Sanctuary, Plymouth Improvement Committee, Raemelton Therapeutic Equestrian Center, Richland Community Development Center, Richland Early American Center for History, Reinhardt University, Renaissance Performing Arts Association, Richland Academy of the Arts, Richland Area Educational Chamber Foundation, Richland County Soil & Water Conservation District, Salvation Army, Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Building, Starfish Project of Richland County, Third Street Family Health Services and Visual Bucket List Foundation.

## Pioneer board meets to approve policy changes, accept donations

The Pioneer Career & Technology Center Board of Education met Dec. 21.

The board made revisions to policy and to the hourly pay schedule for staff not covered by the master agreement.

A grant was accepted from Catholic Ladies of Columbia. The grant was given to Kathleen Fiske for CLC Make a Difference Day and deposited into the Language Arts Rotary Fund.

A donation was accepted for the Pioneer Penguin Fund to assist students in need during the holiday season. Tina Duckworth

gave \$40 and the Education Association of Pioneer gave \$1,500.

Quality Tech Dental Lab donated three boxes of plaster with an approximate value of \$165 to the Dental Assisting Career Technical program.

Retirements and/or resignations were accepted from Rick Stevens, home remodeling instructor; and Cindy Markley, high school electives instructor, effective June 1, 2021.

Supplemental contracts were approved for Terri Cain and Dawn Roberts, both for STNA Clinicals. Stipend contracts were awarded for

non-traditional Gals & Gears Day stipends and non-traditional day for boys as well as for second semester mentors.

Kelli Cofer and Hanna Meade were employed as substitute instructors and a bus driver was also employed.

The board approved employment of classified substitute personnel.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, Jan. 13, at 7 pm in the Pioneer Community Room. Douglas Theaker, board president, was elected president pro-tem for the January meeting.

## Romanchuk supports millions in Capital Budget for county

State Rep. Mark Romanchuk voted to support Senate Bill 310, which passed out of both chambers of the General Assembly. The legislation includes the two-year state construction budget which contains funding for a variety of initiatives across the state and aid for local projects in Richland County. Known as the "capital bill," these additions were accepted into Senate Bill 310 through a House-Senate conference committee.

"I'm very pleased to secure this record

high funding for Richland County during these difficult times," said Romanchuk. "This significant amount in appropriations will provide growth for infrastructure and jobs to help our communities."

In total, Richland County is to receive \$6.8 million within the legislation. Local projects funded within the bill include:

Crestline Pool and Park, \$350,000; Shelby Black Fork Commons Plaza, \$350,000; Plymouth Community Pool, \$125,000; Mansfield Newhope Inclusive

Playground, \$100,000; Lucas Community Playground, \$25,000; Outdoor Band Stage at Lucas Community Center, \$10,000; Richland County MARCS Tower, \$400,000; Imagination District, \$1,000,000; Ohio State Reformatory ADA Improvements and Pedestrian Bridge, \$450,000; The Ohio State University - Mansfield, \$1,700,000; and North Central State College, \$2,328,293.

The legislation now heads to the governor's desk to be signed into law.

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Pastor Thomas Crank  
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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  
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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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[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.



# Memorial Arrangements

## Joyce "Joy" Warne

Joyce "Joy" Warne, 91, of Mansfield, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at Kingston of Ashland.

Joy was born on September 1, 1929 in Petoskey, Michigan to Jay and Katherine (Hawkes) Booth. Sunday mornings in the Booth home were always about attending church and that day was no different, as Joy's dad still made it to preach Sunday morning and proudly announced to the church that a new soprano for the choir was born. She was a 1947 graduate of Ashland High School, and a 1951 graduate of Ashland University with a Bachelor of Education. Joy taught more than thirty years in the Mansfield City Schools as a remedial reading teacher. Joy was a very active member of The First Christian Church of Mansfield where she was involved with many committees and boards. She was a devoted Christian who loved and trusted the Lord always. Joy loved to travel and traveled the world. She loved to play bridge and headed up events for the Retired Teachers Association.

She leaves behind her sons, James Warne of Mansfield, Gary (Cheryl) Warne of Jacksonville, Florida, and Dennis (Monica) Warne of Fredericksburg, Virginia; her grandchildren, Matt (Amy) Warne, Ryan (Valerie) Warne, and Allison (Bud) Harris; five great grandchildren and one on the way; her brothers, Joel (Pat) Booth and Bill Booth both of Florida; her sister-in-law, Sylvia Moritz of Mansfield; her brother-in-law, Aulden (Joyce R.) Warne of Florida; and numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her parents; she was reunited in Heaven with her husband whom she married on Aug. 27, 1950 and shared 65 blessed years of marriage, Richard Warne; and her brother-in-law, David Warne.

The Diamond Street Home of Wappner Funeral Directors is serving the Warne family.

Words of comfort may be expressed to the family at [www.wappner.com](http://www.wappner.com).



## Marlene Amy (Trease) Mount

Marlene Amy (Trease) Mount, 71, of Mansfield, passed away peacefully Sunday evening, Dec. 13, 2020 with her daughter and son by her side.

Marlene was born May 1, 1949 in Mansfield, Ohio to Vernon and Marie (Krebs) Trease. She was a 1967 graduate of Madison High School. Over the years, she was a volunteer with RSVP, The United Way, Mansfield/Richland Public Library, Mansfield MedCentral, the Mansfield Area Y, and a brief time at the Lexington Senior Center. She and her late husband, Dale, were foster parents and babysitters for a few years. She enjoyed reading, cooking, baking, fishing, collecting teddy bears, and loved watching the Hallmark channel. She loved spending time with her granddaughters and family.

She is survived by her daughter, Jenny Jones of Mansfield; her son, Pastor Darrel (Jen) Leibolt of Ashland; her granddaughters, Maggie Jones and Sadie Jones both of Mansfield; her nephews, Gene (Joan) New and Wes New both of Mansfield; her niece, Tracey (Mickey) Hamilton; three great nieces; a great nephew; a great great niece; three great great nephews; and many other aunts, uncles, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Carol New; and her loving husband whom she married Nov. 16, 1991, Pastor Dale E. Mount II.

Family and friends visited on Sunday, Dec. 20, at the Diamond Street Home of Wappner Funeral Directors. An additional hour of calling was held on Monday, Dec. 21, at the funeral home. A graveside service was held immediately following at Mansfield Cemetery where she was laid to rest beside her husband. Post-pandemic, a Celebration of Life will be held for all who wish to attend. Memorial contributions may be made to Mansfield Memorial Homes.

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**CITY OF ONTARIO CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST** second and third place winners were (top photo) Scott and Kelly Purvis, 2597 Fairway Crossing, second place; and (bottom photo) Nathan and Libby Kamps, 3688 Carmen Dr., third. Second place won a \$25 gift card to McDonald's and third place won a \$15 gift card to The Cove Coffee Shop.

## Premier Bank donates \$500,000 to organizations

As part of their new movement designed to foster kindness, "Powered By (kind) People. Fueled By You," Premier Bank has committed to more than \$535,000 in donations benefitting 75+ of the bank's community partners who share their dedication and passion for spreading kindness, doing good and making our communities stronger.

This donation includes support for A Special Wish Foundation, Inc. - Upper Ohio Valley Chapter, Akron Children's Hospital Mahoning Valley, AMVETS National Service Foundation, Angels for Animals, Aurora One Fund, Beatitude House, Bellevue United Selective Fund, Blanchard Valley Health Foundation, Boys & Girls Club of Lenawee, Boys & Girls Clubs of Youngstown, Center of Hope Family Services, Coleman Professional Services, Columbiana Area Tourism Bureau, Concordia Lutheran High School, Delphos City School District, East Akron Neighborhood Development Corporation, Economic Action Group, Inc., Family & Community Services, Inc., Family Promise of Summit County, Friends of Breakthrough Schools, Golden String Inc., Haven of Rest Ministries, Humane Society & SPCA of Hancock County,

Jewish Community Center, Lenawee Cares, Lenawee Community Foundation, Mahoning Youngstown Community Action Partnership, McDonald Community Chest, Mon Valley Habitat for Humanity, Mortgage Bankers Association of Southwestern Pennsylvania, Mustard Seed Furniture Bank, Niles Community Services, Norwalk Area United Fund, OCCCHA Inc., Ottawa Glandorf Jaycees, Our Community Kitchen, Pathway Caring for Children, PBS Fort Wayne, Potential Development Programs Inc., Refuge of Hope Ministries, Stambaugh Auditorium, The Salvation Army, The Salvation Army of Greater Cleveland, The Way Station, Tiffin University, Toledo Botanical Garden Board Inc., United Way of Allen County (Indiana), Ashland County, Beaver County, Central Ohio, Defiance County Book Drive, Defiance County, Erie County, Fostoria, Gauga County, Greater Lima, Greater Stark County, Greater Toledo, Hancock County, Lake County, Marion County, Monroe and Lenawee Counties, Northern Columbiana County, Paulding County, Portage County, Putnam County, Richland County, Southern Columbiana County, Summit County, Upper Ohio Valley, Trumbull County, Williams County and Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley, Upper's Fantasy of Lights, Valley Partners, Wood County Plays and Youth for Christ.

## Alzheimer's Association to hold virtual educational programs Jan. 5-14

The Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter will be presenting a variety of 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. They will discuss topics such as what is Alzheimer's disease, how do you manage behaviors, legal and financial issues, and how to better communicate. We will even help you have a healthy brain! The programs are very 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

Jan. 5, Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia, 2 pm

Jan. 5, Understanding and Responding to Dementia-Related Behavior, 4 pm

Jan. 6, 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's, 11 am

Jan. 6, Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia, 2 pm

Jan. 7, Living with Alzheimer's for Caregivers, Early Stage - Part 1, 3:30 pm

Jan. 7, Effective Communication Strategies, 6:30 pm

Jan. 8, Healthy Living for Brain and Body, 10 am

Jan. 8, Legal and Financial, 1 pm

Jan. 11, Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia, 3 pm

Jan. 12, 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's, 2 pm

Jan. 13, Effective Communication Strategies, 11 am

Jan. 14, Living with Alzheimer's for Caregivers Early Stage - Part 2, 3:30 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. Visit [alz.org](http://alz.org) or call 800-272-3900 for information.

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# Protecting yourself and others from hypothermia as winter comes to Ohio

Extreme cold weather forecasts usually come in mid-January. Richland Public Health is reminding Richland County residents to be aware of hypothermia (dangerously low body temperature).

Hypothermia occurs when more heat escapes from your body than your body can produce. Signs and symptoms of hypothermia may include gradual loss of mental and physical abilities. Severe hypothermia can lead to death.

For most people, hypothermia isn't a serious risk. Still, each year nearly 700 people in the United States die of hypothermia. One of those deaths happened in Mansfield, in December of 2017. Common causes are prolonged exposure to cold air or water temperatures.

"We tend to think of these things happening somewhere else," health commissioner Sarah Humphrey said. "That's why we continue to emphasize the importance of checking on your neighbors, especially the elderly, when temperatures drop below freezing for extended periods."

"When you're outdoors enjoying such activities as camping, hunting, ice fishing and skiing, be aware of weather conditions and if you or others with you are wet and cold. If you get cold and wet, move indoors and get warm and dry early — before you develop hypothermia."

Hypothermia usually occurs gradually. Often, people aren't aware that they need help, much less medical attention. Common signs to look for are shivering, which is your body's attempt to generate heat through muscle activity, and the "-umbles": Stumbles, Mumbles, Fumbles, Grumbles. These behaviors may be a result of changes in consciousness and motor coordination caused by hypothermia. Other hypothermia symptoms may include: slurred speech; abnormally slow rate of breathing; cold, pale skin; fatigue, lethargy or apathy. Persons exhibiting these symptoms need medical attention immediately.

Children are at greater risk for hypothermia than adults. Children lose heat more rapidly through their skin than adults and hypothermia in children can occur in temperatures as high as 40 degrees F. This is especially true if clothing is wet or the weather is windy.

Senior citizens may be at risk due to normal age-related changes that can make it harder to feel when they are getting cold. Medical conditions and certain prescription medications can affect body heat or reduce blood flow putting seniors at greater risk for hypothermia. Even some over-the-counter medications such as cold remedies can cause problems.

Before you or the people you are responsible for step out into cold air, remember the advice that follows with the simple acronym COLD — cover, overexertion, layers, dry:

**Cover:** Wear a hat or other protective covering to prevent body heat from escaping from your head, face and neck. Cover hands with mittens instead of gloves. Mittens are more effective than gloves are because mittens keep your fingers in closer contact with one another.

**Overexertion:** Avoid activities that would cause you to sweat a lot. The combination of wet clothing and cold weather can give you chills.

**Layers:** Wear loose-fitting, layered, lightweight clothing. Outer clothing made of tightly woven, water-repellent material is best for wind protection. Wool, silk or polypropylene inner layers hold more body heat than cotton does.

**Dry:** Stay as dry as possible. In the winter, pay special attention to places where snow can enter, such as in loose mittens or snow boots.

## Warnings signs of hypothermia

Adults: shivering, exhaustion, confusion, fumbling hands, memory loss, slurred speech, drowsiness

Infants: bright red, cold skin, very low energy

If you notice any of these signs, take the person's temperature. If it is below 95°, the situation is an emergency — get medical attention immediately.

If medical care is not available, begin warming the person, as follows:

Get the victim into a warm room or shelter. If the victim has on any wet clothing, remove it.

Warm the center of the body first — chest, neck, head,

and groin — using an electric blanket, if available. Or use skin-to-skin contact under loose, dry layers of blankets, clothing, towels or sheets.

Warm beverages can help increase the body temperature, but do not give alcoholic beverages. Do not try to give beverages to an unconscious person.

After body temperature has increased, keep the person dry and wrapped in a warm blanket, including the head and neck. Get medical attention as soon as possible.

A person with severe hypothermia may be unconscious and may not seem to have a pulse or to be breathing. In this case, handle the victim gently, and get emergency assistance immediately. Even if the victim appears dead, CPR should be provided.

Frostbite is an injury to the body that is caused by freezing. Frostbite causes a loss of feeling and color in affected areas. It most often affects the nose, ears, cheeks, chin, fingers, or toes. Frostbite can permanently damage the body, and severe cases can lead to amputation. The risk of frostbite is increased in people with reduced blood circulation and among people who are not dressed properly for extremely cold temperatures.

At the first signs of redness or pain in any skin area, get out of the cold or protect any exposed skin — frostbite may be beginning. Any of the following signs may indicate frostbite: a white or grayish-yellow skin area, skin that feels unusually firm or waxy and numbness

A victim is often unaware of frostbite until someone else points it out because the frozen tissues are numb.

If you detect symptoms of frostbite, seek medical care. Because frostbite and hypothermia both result from exposure, first determine whether the victim also shows signs of hypothermia, as described previously. Hypothermia is a more serious medical condition and requires emergency medical assistance.

If there is frostbite but no sign of hypothermia, and immediate medical care is not available get into a warm room as soon as possible. Unless absolutely necessary, do not walk on frostbitten feet or toes. This can increase the damage. Immerse the affected area in warm — not hot — water (the temperature should be comfortable to the touch of unaffected parts of the body). Or, warm the affected area using body heat. For example, the heat of an armpit can be used to warm frostbitten fingers.

Do not rub the frostbitten area with snow or massage it, at all. This can cause more damage. Do not use a heating pad, heat lamp or the heat of a stove, fireplace or radiator for warming. Affected areas are numb and can be easily burned.

These steps are not substitutes for proper medical care. Hypothermia is a medical emergency and should be evaluated by a healthcare provider. Taking preventive action is the best defense against extreme cold-weather conditions.

# News Briefs in Education

Douglas D'Mello of Lexington earned an Honors College pin, signifying completion of at least half of the honors credits needed prior to graduation from Youngstown State University.

D'Mello is majoring in Electrical Engineering Biomedical Track and received the award earlier this semester at a drop-in reception held at Fok Hall.

Honors students complete honors courses, community service, and engagement activities as members of the college. More than 1,200 students are part of YSU's Honors College. Collectively, the students amass approximately 60,000 hours of volunteer service annually through a variety of projects which impact the campus and community.

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The following local students were among the 638 students named to the dean's list for the fall 2020 semester at the University of Mount Union:

Andrew Hathaway of Lexington, Brittany McCauley of Ontario and Connor McCauley of Ontario.

To be eligible for the dean's list, students must have completed at least 12 credit hours of traditionally graded coursework while achieving a grade point average of 3.550 or better with no letter grade below a B.

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The names of more than 5,600 graduates from the University of Kansas this spring and summer have been announced by the University Registrar. Fall graduates will be announced in early 2021.

Many spring and summer 2020 graduates celebrated their accomplishments as part of the virtual 2020 commencement. The university also plans to hold an in-person commencement event in May 2021 for the Class of 2020.

Michael Joseph Arnold, Ontario, received a Master of Public Health.

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Capital University has announced its president's list honorees for the fall 2020 semester.

Capital has three lists denoting academic distinction among full-time, degree-seeking students: the President's List, Provost's List and Dean's List. The President's List indicates the highest level of academic distinction. To be named to the President's List, students must have achieved a grade point average of at least 3.85.

On the list are Aubreion Chatman of Ontario, Joshua Hamrick of Ontario and Jae Merrick of Lexington.

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Capital University's Provost's List honorees for the fall 2020 semester are Abbey Mays of Ontario and Carlee Seric of Lexington.

To be named to the list, full-time, degree-seeking students must have achieved a grade point average of 3.70 to 3.849.





# Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

## Ontario swimmers complete 10 mile challenge/Swim-A-Thon

On Monday, Dec. 21, the first day of Holiday Break, half of the Ontario swimmers started the first half of their 10-mile challenge at 6 am. The other half started at 9 am.

In order to complete the 10 miles, each swimmer had to finish two sessions of three hours each with a three hour rest between swims. Ellie Martinez swam her 10 miles in six continuous hours with no break.

Every team member finished from three to twelve plus miles on that day. There are 1,760 yards in a mile — 35.2 down and backs. So these swimmers complete over 350 down and back laps. Some experts say swimming 10 miles is like running a marathon which is 26 miles.

The Ontario swimmers have done this

challenge for over ten years, but this year added the Swim-a-thon. Each swimmer was challenged to finish their goal as a money maker for the team. Finishing the 10 miles were:

Amy Evans, 12.2; Shelby Kever, 12.2; Brie Trumpower, 12.2; Tiffany Whittaker, 12.2; Alex Rose, 12.2; Jayden Dechert, 12.1; Will Bolin, 12.0; Ava Ruhe, 11.6; Natalie Link, 11.6; Alex Matthes, 11.1; Riley Them, 11.0; Greg Tan, 10.2; Evan Trumpower, 10.1; Alexis Johnson, 10.0; Ellie Martinez, 10.0; Colin Cordrey, 10.0; Duncan McLean, 10.0; and Hunter Petit, 10.0.

The following morning (6 am) the team completed a 4-hour practice and then hosted the strong team from Lexington that same evening.



Photo by Jeff Hoffer

**THE CLEAR FORK** cheerleaders came to support the varsity basketball team on Dec. 15 in the game against Ashland.



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**AUBRYNN MAIYER** has her temperature checked by coach Megan Young before the start of basketball practice at Mansfield Christian School.



Photos by Jeff Hoffer

**THE CLEAR FORK COLTS** won a varsity basketball game 59-49 against Marion Pleasant on Dec. 22. (Left photo) Senior Merritt Burgholder (42) takes possession of the ball for the Colts. (Right photo) Colt senior Luke Labaki (10) battles against an opponent.



Photos by Jeff Hoffer

**THE CLEAR FORK BOYS** basketball team hosted Ashland on Dec. 15. The Colts were leading 28-25 at halftime but fell to the Arrows 47-60. Pictured for Clear Fork are Merritt Burgholder (42), Jared Scott (35), Ben Blubaugh (3) and Brady Tedrow (45).





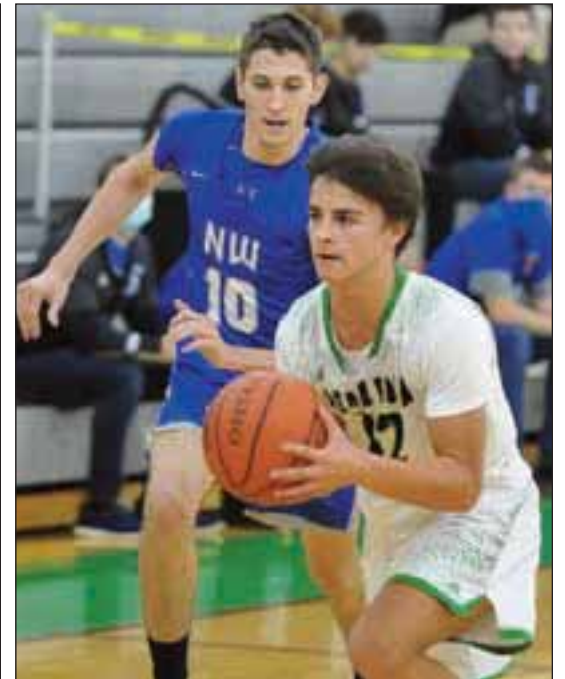
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**THE MANSFIELD CHRISTIAN LADY FLAMES** fell to the Galion Tigers 33-48 in a Holiday Tournament held in the Furnace. Junior Aubrynn Maiyer (3) takes control as Lexi Rush (4) defends for Galion. Both players were high scorers for their team, both scoring 11 points. Maiyer was the only Lady Flame to sink a 3-pointer.



Photos by Jeff Hoffer

**THE CLEAR FORK** girls hosted Ontario for a basketball game played Dec. 23. Ontario won 58-46. (Left photo) Clear Fork senior Morgan Galco (1) goes up for a shot against Ontario junior Rylee Nigh (11). (Right photo) Sophomore Pacey Christina (21) takes a shot for the Lady Colts as sophomore Lizzie Nagel (21) defends for the Lady Warriors.



Photos by Jeff Hoffer

**NORTHWESTERN** traveled to Bellville to battle Clear Fork in a varisty basketball game Dec. 28. Clear Fork took the win 77-60. Photos from left to right: Brady Tedrow (45) breaks away and make his way down the court for the Colts. Ben Blubaugh (3) jumps high to make a shot. Jared Scott (35) goes up for a basket. Sophomore Victor Skoog (12) takes control for Clear Fork against Northwestern senior Maxwell Albright (10).

## First-Year Plymouth FFA members Erin Rothhaar and Jack Kelbley awarded jackets

This fall, the Ohio FFA Foundation awarded the funds for chapters to purchase nearly 200 FFA jackets for first-year members. Students from across Ohio either applied or were nominated to be a part of the Blue Jackets program, sponsored by Beck's Hybrids.

With the generosity shared from community supporters and the Beck's Hybrids dealer network, 191 FFA jackets were awarded in 2020 – the most provided in a single year. In total, the Ohio FFA Foundation has awarded more than 630 jackets since the program's inception.

Plymouth FFA member Erin Rothhaar's jacket was do-

nated by Beck's Hybrids and Jack Kelbley's jacket was donated by the local Plymouth Hardware.

"For many members, having an FFA jacket is one of the first steps toward becoming a future leader in agriculture," said Jessica Parrish, executive director of the Ohio FFA Foundation. "There are so many members that deserve to wear the blue jacket that may otherwise not be able to afford one. I am proud that the Ohio FFA Foundation partners with Beck's Hybrids and donors around Ohio to help meet this need. Our supporters are truly opening doors of opportunity for these members."

Those interested in contributing to the program can contact the Ohio FFA Foundation at [jparrish@ohioffa.org](mailto:jparrish@ohioffa.org).

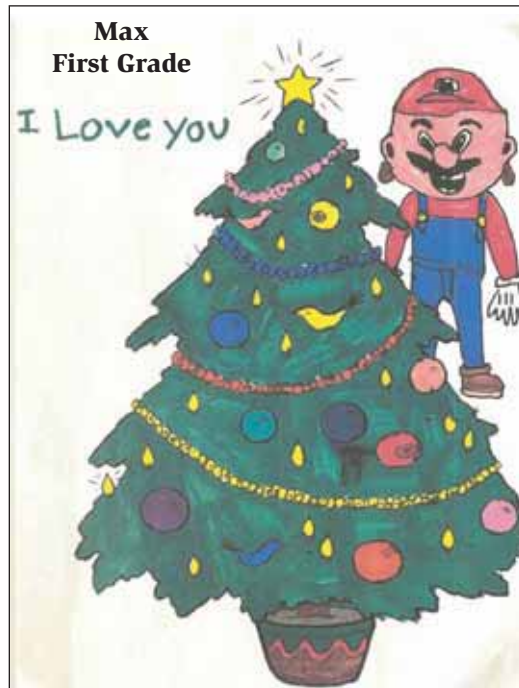
More information about the Blue Jackets program can be found at [ohioffa.org/foundation/programs/blue-jackets](http://ohioffa.org/foundation/programs/blue-jackets). About the Ohio FFA Foundation The Ohio FFA Foundation is a cooperative effort among education, business and industry to support and inspire Ohio's 25,000 FFA members. FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.



# Ontario Recreation Department Coloring Contest Winners



**Natalee  
Kindergarten**



**Max  
First Grade**  
I Love you



**Rowyn  
Second Grade**



**Natalee  
Kindergarten**



**Rowyn  
Second Grade**



**Alexis  
Third Grade**



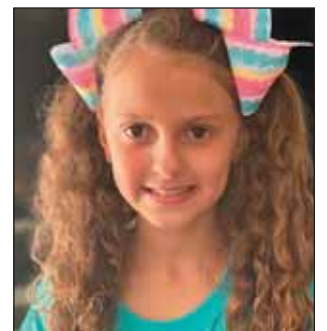
**Kari  
Fourth Grade**



**Aria  
Fifth Grade**



**Alexis  
Third Grade**



**Kari  
Fourth Grade**



**Aria  
Fifth Grade**

Contest winners each received a gift certificate to Arby's. The City of Ontario Recreation Department would like to thank Arby's for donating the gift certificates and the Ontario Lions Club for judging the contest.



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Residents are reminded that leaks can sometimes occur. Natural gas is colorless and odorless in its purest form, but an odorant – mercaptan – is added to give it that distinctive sulfur-like rotten egg smell.

If you ever smell this odor, don't open the windows. Don't use anything that could cause a spark, like a phone, light switch, appliance, or flashlight. Don't start a car or use the garage door. Leave the area immediately and from a safe place Call 911 and Columbia Gas of Ohio at 1-800-344-4077. Crews will respond 24/7/365

to investigate and make the situation safe.

Even if you aren't certain there is a leak, Columbia Gas always prefers customers err on the side of caution and call. Potential leaks should never be ignored, and there is never a charge for crews to respond.

Other signs of a natural gas leak may include blowing dirt, bubbling water, dead vegetation, or a hissing/roaring sound.

Tips for preventing natural gas leaks in and around the home:

- Ensure natural gas appliances are up-to-date and inspected regularly
- Never use a gas stove or range top as a space heater
- Always call 811 before digging



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## LEGAL ADVERTISING

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION  
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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  
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## “Count On Me Richland County” launched

The Richland County Unified Messaging Team has launched the “Count On Me Richland County” campaign in an effort to keep the Richland County community up-to-date about COVID-19 facts, suggested guidelines, updates, local impact and ways to support ourselves and each other as everyone works to CANCEL COVID in the community.

Lead by Dr. Julie Chaya at Richland Public Health, the Richland County Unified Messaging Team includes area leaders and communication experts from Destination Mansfield-Richland County, DRM Productions, Integrity Project Management, OhioHealth Mansfield, Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development, and the Richland County Foundation combining their resources to serve Richland County in this unusual time.

“The Count On Me Richland County unified messaging campaign is here to remind everyone in the community that our local agencies, businesses and organizations are here to support, protect, serve, educate and care for you during the pandemic or any other challenging time,” Dr. Chaya said.

“However, we need to be able to count on you to help us reduce the spread of COVID-19 in Richland County by wearing a face mask when out in public, social distancing, and frequent handwashing.”

Through billboards, social media and other marketing outlets, #CountOnMeRC provides reminders of what each of us can do to affect COVID-19, what the current risk levels are, and what additional measures will continue to

reduce the Coronavirus impact. The unified message also has a website for more information at [CountOnMeRC.com](http://CountOnMeRC.com).

County Commissioner Marilyn John said “It’s been wonderful partnering with agencies from around Richland County to share important information on our local response to the Coronavirus pandemic.”

The Count On Me Richland County campaign encourages community members to continue COVID-19 prevention practices and to support our local schools, organizations, and businesses.

“We are proud to live in Richland County, a community that has a long history of taking care of its own during challenging times. We know we can count on each other once again. If we each do what we can, the only thing that will be canceled next year is COVID-19” said Jodie Perry, President & CEO of the Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development.

While the COVID-19 vaccine is beginning to be distributed throughout Ohio to healthcare workers and individuals with the highest risk of contracting the virus, the spread of COVID-19 in Richland County is still high.

Everyone needs to take personal responsibility and continue to wear your masks, social distance, wash our hands, and stay home as much as possible.

Visit [CountOnMeRC.com](http://CountOnMeRC.com) to review what you know, find out what is new and see how we can Count On You! Follow Richland Public Health on Facebook and spread the word using the hashtags #CANCELCOVID and #CountOnMeRC.

## 2020 National Wreaths Across America Day sees placement of 1.7 million wreaths

On National Wreaths Across America Day at 2,557 participating locations, dedicated Americans in every state honored our nation’s heroes by safely placing a total of 1.7 million veterans’ wreaths on their headstones and remembering them, by saying each name out loud.

“The 2020 theme for Wreaths Across America has been ‘Be an American worth fighting for,’ and this year I have been blessed to see my fair share,” said Karen Worcester, executive director of Wreaths Across America. “The determination of the American people and their commitment to the mission to Remember, Honor, Teach, made it possible for us to move forward this year, safely. We are humbled, and forever grateful for the outpouring of support from all across the country.”

Wreaths Across America would like to thank the dedicated volunteers in every state for overcoming the many obstacles presented and remaining focused on the mission over the last year. From the individual Location Coordinators working with local officials on modified wreath placement plans, to the professional truck drivers who have been keeping this country moving but found time to help deliver these truckloads of respect,

each person has played an important part in the mission to Remember the fallen, Honor those that serve and their families, and Teach the next generation the value of freedom.

Each live, balsam veteran’s wreath is a gift of respect and appreciation, donated by a private citizen or organization and it is placed on graves by volunteers as a small gesture of gratitude for the freedoms Americans enjoy. For centuries, fresh evergreens have been used as a symbol of honor and have served as a living tribute renewed annually. Wreaths Across America believes the tradition represents a living memorial that honors veterans, active duty military and their families and when volunteers say the name of a veteran out loud, when placing a wreath, it ensures they live on in our memory. For more information visit [www.wreath-sacrossamerica.org](http://www.wreath-sacrossamerica.org).

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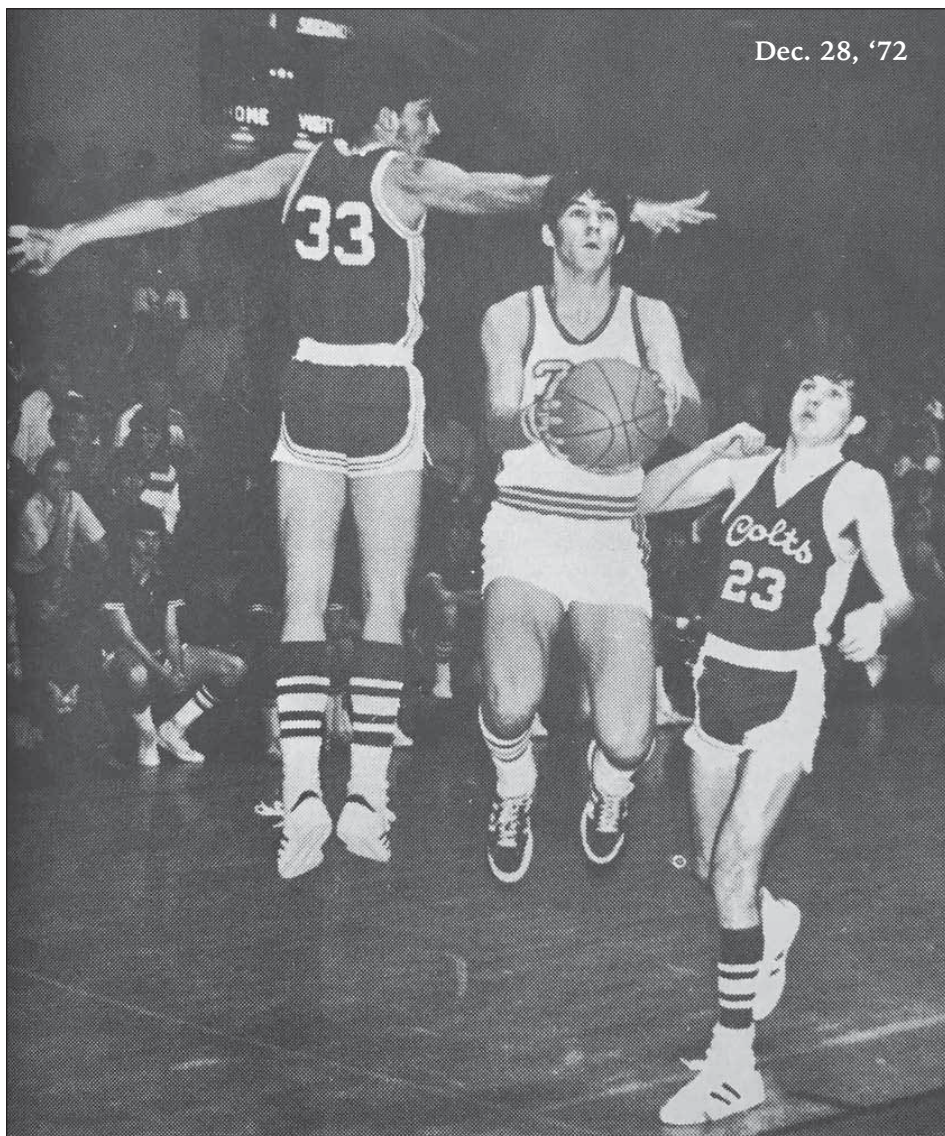
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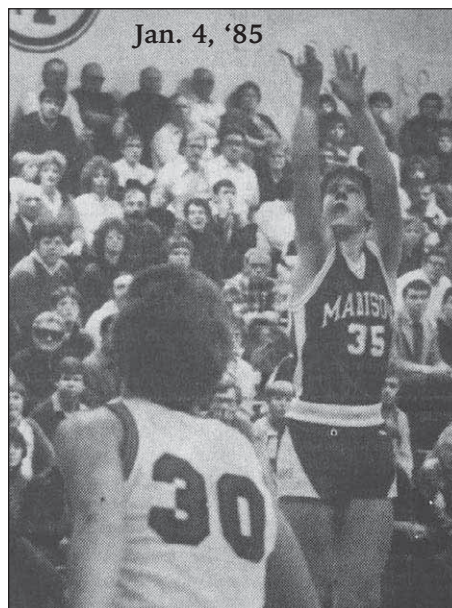



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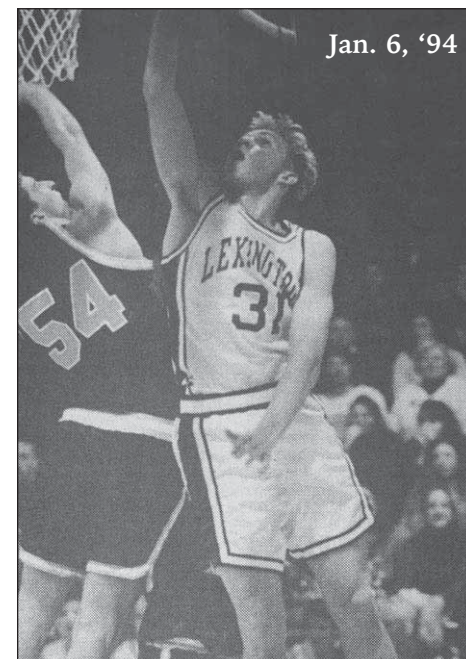
**HANDY'S GOT A PAIR** — Ontario's Randy Gates splits a pair of Colt defenders Friday night to put in an easy layup. This action took place in the third period of the JAC tilt. Ontario went on to win the game 75-70 to move into a tie for first place in the conference and drop the Colts into a second place tie with Lexington. Photo by Dan Moore



Jan. 4, '85

Marc Stumbo

**ROB PETERSON OF MADISON** is all concentration as he takes this jump shot against Clear Fork last Friday night. The Colt defender in the foreground is Jim Baumann. Peterson was one of the Ram heroes in a close 85-64 win down at Bellville. The 6'3" junior dropped in the winning basket on a jump shot from the right of the lane with just 14 seconds remaining in the contest.



Jan. 6, '94

George Billman

**JOSH ALEXANDER (31)** of Lexington was fouled on this play by Andy Arnold (54) of Madison last Tuesday night in the Ohio Heartland Conference boys basketball game at Lexington. The Rams trailed the whole game but managed to rally for a thin 57-56 victory. Alexander scored eight points in the game and Arnold nine.



Dec. 22, '67

Bedford Elementary's Ed Glowski was Santa at last Friday's Christmas Program. His helpers are: 1 to r: front row, Thomas McElavin; Kim Zahn; Doris Eyerly; Theresa Beans; middle row, Tim Cline and Lori Frey; in the rear row, Mark Gaul and Theresa Foltz.



Dec. 23, '76

**MSGT CHARLES MATNEY** chats with some of the children during the Christmas party held at the Mansfield Lahm Airport for handicapped children. The sergeant is a member of the Mansfield Chapter of the NCO Academy graduates Association.

## 179th Lahm Airport Officers Treat Handicapped Children

Seventy area handicapped persons and their sponsors from the Personal Advocacy Program were guests at a Christmas party at the Mansfield Lahm Airport.

Hosting the event was the Noncommissioned Officers Academy Graduates Association from the 179th Tactical Airlift Group of the Ohio Air National Guard. The Mansfield association has dedicated itself to community action projects of this nature.

The enthusiastic youngsters put their all into the games and Christmas carols as a closed circuit TV delighted the little ones in their appearance on tele-

vision. A light dinner was served by the Academy Graduates Auxiliary.

Highlighting the evening was the appearance of Santa Claus who passed out gifts and treats for the group.

The Mansfield Chapter of Noncommissioned Officers Academy Graduates Association is composed of the men and women of the 179th who have graduated from the NCO Academy in Nashville. Each year they deliver Christmas baskets to needy families; assist the Newhope School in various projects; assist with the Area Five Special Olympics; and assist in many other projects which benefit the handicapped child.