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February donors will receive Amazon gift card

The American Red Cross encourages eligible donors, and especially those who have recovered from COVID-19, to give blood in February.

Donors have the ability to create a legacy of their own simply by rolling up a sleeve to give blood, platelets or plasma to help patients in need. COVID-19 survivors are especially needed to address a convalescent plasma shortage. These individuals may have antibodies in their plasma that could help patients currently battling the virus.

Blood donation appointments can be made by downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device. As a thank-you for helping ensure a stable blood supply, those who come to give this February will receive a \$5 Amazon.com gift card via email, courtesy of Amazon. This gift is made possible by a generous \$1 million donation from Amazon.

In addition to Amazon's financial gift, Amazon has opened their corporate and operations building to host blood drives nationwide. In 2020, Amazon hosted 65 blood drives, collecting nearly 2,000 donations.

The Red Cross is testing blood, platelet and plasma donations for COVID-19 antibodies. The test may indicate if the donor's immune system has produced antibodies to this coronavirus, regardless of whether an individual developed COVID-19 symptoms. Red Cross antibody tests will be helpful to identify individuals who have COVID-19 antibodies and may now help current coronavirus patients in need of convalescent plasma transfusions. Convalescent plasma is a type of blood donation collected from COVID-19 survivors that have antibodies that may help patients who are actively fighting the virus. Plasma from whole blood donations that test positive for COVID-19 antibodies may be used to help COVID-19 patients.

COVID-19 antibody test results will be available within one to two weeks in the Red Cross Blood Donor App or donor portal at RedCrossBlood.org. A positive antibody test result does not confirm infection or immunity. The Red Cross is not testing donors to diagnose illness, referred to as a diagnostic test. To protect the health and safety of Red Cross staff and donors, it is important that individuals who do not feel well or believe they may be ill with COVID-19 postpone donation.

Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows safety and infection control, and additional precautions – including temperature checks, social distancing and face coverings for donors and staff – have been implemented. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive and are required to wear a face covering or mask while at the drive, in alignment with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention public guidance.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities:

Tuesday, Feb. 16, noon to 6 pm, Saint Paul Lutheran Church, 48 Church St., Mansfield

Wednesday, Feb. 17, 1–7 pm, Richland Mall RSMO, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario; and 2–7 pm, Planktown Country Market, 1921 Free Rd., Shiloh

Sunday, Feb. 21, 11 am to 5 pm, Richland Mall RSMO, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

Wednesday, Feb. 24, 1–7 pm, Richland Mall RSMO, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

Saturday, Feb. 27, 11 am to 5 pm, Richland Mall RSMO, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

ONTARIO STUDENTS at Stingel Elementary are partnering with the Area Agency on Aging to make Valentines for local senior citizens. Members of the fifth grade Kindness Club made several valentines for seniors. A few fourth graders also have been busy making cards for the seniors too. All Stingel students are encouraged to participate. Valentines are placed in a specially decorated red mailbox in the Stingel lobby. (Left photo) Fourth grade students Leah Bonen and Emerson Weiler display the cards they made. (Right photo) Fifth grade student Kaelin Scott drops a valentine in the collection box.

RPH announces safe drug disposal options

The Richland County Youth Substance Use Coalition is asking the public to help create a healthier community and prevent substance abuse by properly disposing of all unused or expired medications.

Properly disposing of medications is easy thanks to numerous prescription drug drop boxes available throughout the county. Many are located inside local pharmacies or near grocery stores, making them an easy and convenient stop while running errands.

RPH is also offering free Deterra drug deactivation packets free of charge. These pouches can be safely used at home by putting the medications in the pouch, filling it with warm water, gently shaking the packet and throwing it in the trash. The pouches are an environmentally friendly option, since they decompose leaving virtually no waste behind.

Using a deactivation packet or secure drop box are the best ways to prevent harm to people or pets who may intentionally or unintentionally misuse a medication.

"Throwing away medications in the trash or flushing them down the toilet are not safe for the environment and don't actually deactivate them, meaning they can still be misused," said Gurpinder Deol of RPH.

RPH is also seeking community input on locations for additional prescription drug drop boxes to be placed in Richland County in the future. It hopes to increase access to proper disposal locations and reduce transportation barriers.

Drop boxes are available at:

Genoa Pharmacy @ Catalyst, 741 Scholl Rd., Mansfield, 567-307-4600, Mon.–Fri. 8 am to 5 pm. On Friday between 3–5 pm you must call.

Meijer Pharmacy, 1355 N. Lexington-Springmill Rd., Ontario, 419-747-8310, Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat 9 am–9 pm;

Tues., Thurs. 7 am–9 pm; Sun. 10 am–6 pm.

Avita Ontario Hospital, 715 Richland Mall, Ontario, 567-307-7557, 24 hours

Bucyrus Hospital, 629 N. Sandusky Ave., Bucyrus, 419-562-4677, 24 hours

CVS Pharmacy, 1049 W. 4th St Mansfield, 419-529-6001, Mon.–Fri. 8 am–9 pm; Sat, 9 am–6 pm; Sun, 10 am–5 pm.

Walmart Pharmacy, 2485 Possum Run Rd., Mansfield, 419-756-7177, Mon. and Wed.–Sat. 9 am–7 pm; Tues. 6 am–7 pm; Sun. 10 am–6 pm.

First Call 211, 36 W. 3rd St., Mansfield, 419-522-4636, Mon.–Fri. 9 am–4 pm

Check with each location to learn what is accepted.

Free Deterra pouches are available at the following locations. Residents are asked to fill out a brief, five-question anonymous survey before receiving a packet:

Richland Public Health, call 419-774-4754 first, 555 Lexington Ave, Mansfield

North End Community Improvement Collaborative (NECIC), call 419-522-1611 first, 134 N Main St, Mansfield

Mansfield YMCA, 750 Scholl Rd, Mansfield, 419-522-3511

Shelby YMCA, 111 W Smiley Rd, Shelby, 419-347-1312

Third Street Family Health Services, <http://www.tsfhs.org>

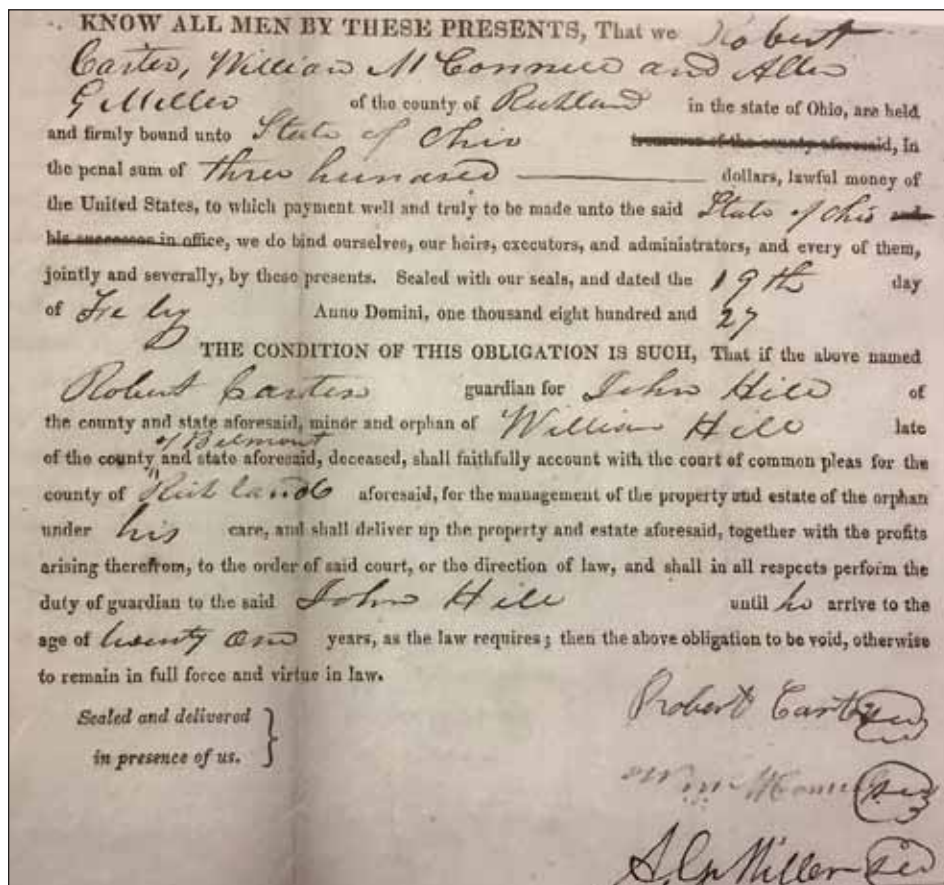
Mansfield/Richland County Public Library, all locations, <https://www.mrcpl.org/locations>, 419-521-3100

Area Agency on Aging, 2131 Park Ave West, Ontario, 419-524-4144

419 Barbershop, 1367 Park Ave West, Ontario, 419-709-9172

Styles N Motion, 410 Park Ave West, Mansfield, 419-526-4247

Starfish Project of Richland County, 9 N. Mulberry St., Mansfield, 419-512-6878



OHIO LAW mandated a record be made and a bond posted for the proper care of an orphan or bound child to prevent that person from obtaining property due the estate of the child.

The Six Cent Runaway

By Bob Carter

Life was tough in the early 1800s. Sometimes a sickness or disease could wipe out part of or an entire family.

If a parent was lost, the surviving spouse might not be able to handle the brood of children and, in those situations, some were sent out to others to raise and teach a trade.

For boys it was often farming, blacksmiths trade, shoe making and the like. Most girls were to be taught the art of being a housewife.

Most were orphans and treated according to the laws of the governing situation. At times the new guardian simply used them as cheap labor and were abusive. By law, they were only required to furnish a bed, boarding and clothing.

It didn't always work out. For a child the only escape was to run away. The guardian was, by law, to attempt to locate

or return them to their bound duties. Thus the reason for the following advertisement for a boy who took off for reasons unknown:

"Six cents reward. Runaway from the subscriber, living in Springfield Township, the evening of the sixth, a bond boy to the farming business named Leonard Williams, about 11 years old. He had on linsey clothes of a drab color, black eyes and a very ill-tongued and bad boy. All are warned not to harbor him on my account. Whoever returns him shall be entitled to the above reward, but no thanks. Samuel Weber, October 20, 1847."

What happened to the 11-year-old boy or why did he run away? Was he abused, a bad kid or just suffering from the loss of his own family? No record has been found. Life was hard in early Richland County. An 11-year-old was worth more than six cents wasn't he? Or was he?

Black Fork River clean-up sparks need for joint ditch petition

Community members in Shelby privately planned and organized cleaning a portion of the Black Fork River. Phase 1 cleaned the section of the river from St. Rt. 13 to State St. and Phase 2 is cleaning the river from State St. to Mickey Rd. The combined total cost for the cleaning projects is approximately \$367,000.

Both phases of the Black Fork River clean-up project are nearing completion. These two projects were beneficial in cleaning and clearing the river, but more work is necessary to help with continuing efforts to keep the river flowing.

To help with the cleaning efforts and maintain the Black Fork River for years to come, the City of Shelby and rural community members will continue their efforts by filing a Joint Ditch Petition with the Richland County and Crawford County Commissioners in mid-February. The Joint Ditch Petition will request the Black Fork River be cleaned and maintained from Mickey Rd. to St. Rt. 13. The City of Shelby will be petitioning for the area of the river inside of the city corporation limits, while rural community members will be petitioning for the remainder of the river. The total petitioned area of the river is approximately 18 miles.

A Joint Ditch Petition is a legal process under Ohio Revised Code 6133 that is requested by a petitioner(s) for the cleaning and the annual maintenance of a waterway (ditch, tributary, stream, river) through an assessment process to all parcel owners

within the watershed area. The petition is filed with the county commissioners of both counties. There are approximately 10,500 parcels in the petitioned watershed area, involving approximately 70,000 acres.

The petition will request the river be cleaned and maintained annually by removing felled trees, leaning trees, log jams, and debris piles. The clearing of the obstructions will allow for better drainage and reduce risk of flooding. It also improves safety by removing rotting logs and trash, allowing for recreational use of the water including boating, fishing, birding, wildlife watching and enjoying the natural views.

For more information on the petition process, visit <https://richlandswcd.net/services/water/stormwater/ohio-drainage-laws>.

The Black Fork River begins near Mansfield/Ontario, goes through Shelby to Charles Mill Lake and joins the Rocky Fork River east of Lucas below Charles Mill. It also includes a small portion in Crawford County. For information on watersheds in Richland County, visit <https://richlandswcd.net/services/water/watersheds-of-richland-county>.

The Richland Soil and Water Conservation District develops, implements, and assists landowners, government agencies and our partners with a wide range of natural resource conservation programs.

Erica Thomas
Richland Soil & Water Conservation
Director

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

Wednesday, March 10, 2021,
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Braxton C. Daniels III presenting first exhibition in art center's new gallery

The Mansfield Art Center will present the first solo exhibition and first artist, Braxton C. Daniels III in a new "small space gallery" on the foundation floor, named the REACH Gallery.

His solo exhibition opened Feb. 6 and is an exhibition of photography entitled "Atypical". As Braxton explains, "the photographs are not typical, but irregular in relation to my work". Daniels goes on to say that these photographs are his true form of expression, the type of work that is not typically seen by others.

"These works are expressions of thoughts, feelings and emotions, still me, but the other side — the side I keep hidden from the public."

Braxton is drawn to the dark and misunderstood. Through his photography, Daniels advises us to not be afraid to visit that side within that makes us who we are. Braxton C. Daniels III has been impactful in the cultural growth of Downtown Mansfield through his photography, often partnering with surrounding companies & organizations and promoting events to enhance and engage others.

He has received many accolades for his work as a landscape, commercial, portraiture, and wedding photographer, including OSU Mansfield's prestigious Art Area 2018 Book Award. Braxton uses modern day technology to create distinct images and continues to grow and evolve as technology changes. He is a board member of NECIC and an active member of the community who strives to bring life, art and culture to Mansfield and beyond.

Braxton C. Daniels III "Atypical" will be on display through March 20 in the Reach Gallery at the Mansfield Art Center, 700 Marion Ave., Mansfield.

"The REACH Gallery is designed to support local artists and give the community an opportunity to see firsthand the wealth of talent that we have in Mansfield through small solo exhibitions," said Susan Duncan Gentile, marketing/development director at the center. "In our mission to be an all-inclusive community art center we believe we need to start in Mansfield and continue to reach for opportunities to give local artists recognition and exposure."



"In the large space Upper and Foundation Gallery is to focus this year on exhibitions that are Ohio Artists. The arts have taken a hit with the pandemic and we want to do all we can to bring local and Ohio art and artists back to life."

Five local artists have been chosen to have a seven week exhibition of their own. Remaining are Jane Johnson (April 3 – May 15), E.D. Jasbeck (May 29 – July 10), James Fleeson (July 24 – Sept. 4) and Gibby Kain (Sept. 18 – Nov. 6).

2021 sponsors for the REACH Gallery exhibitions are Richland Source and Westfield Bank.

Mansfield Art Center hours are 11 am to 5 pm, Tuesday through Friday; 10 am to 4 pm Saturday; and 11 am to 4 pm Sunday. The center is closed on Mondays.

For more information on upcoming exhibitions and classes call 419-756-1700 or visit mansfieldartcenter.org.

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News Briefs

Richland Newhope/Richland County Board of Developmental Disabilities is now seeking nominations for its CARE awards. CARE stands for Compassion, Advocacy, Respect, and Excellence. The award categories are Direct Support Professional, Self-Advocate and Community Partner.

A nomination form with descriptions of all of the award categories can be found at www.rnewhope.org. Forms are also available at the Richland Newhope Administration Building, 314 Cleveland Ave., Mansfield. Nomination deadline is Feb. 19. For information contact Troy Smith at 419-774-4215 or tsmith@rnewhope.org.

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

Those who need help with winter heating bills can apply for HEAP. Applications are available by calling the Area Agency at 419-524-4144 or 800-860-5799 Monday–Friday 9 am to 5 pm. Anyone age 18 and older may apply for this assistance. Those 60 and over can get assistance with filling out the application. All heating types are eligible for energy assistance programs – electric, wood, coal, natural gas, propane and kerosene.

A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church,

3540 Park Avenue West, Feb. 27 and 28.

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.

Catholic Charities, in collaboration with the Richland County Office of Reentry, is convening an organizational meeting on Feb. 23 of the Richland County Reentry Coalition. The coalition is modeled after The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections Ex-Offender Reentry Coalition whose mission is to ensure successful offender reentry, reduce recidivism and enhance public safety. The coalition will achieve these goals through collaborative partnerships with government entities, faith and community-based organizations and other stakeholders. The coalition will utilize a holistic evidence-based approach that starts at the point of contact with the criminal justice system and includes education, families, health services, alcohol and other drug treatment, job training, mentorship and housing.

For more information and to participate in the meeting, contact Brian Hunt at 419-524-0733 x223 or bhunt@toledodiocese.org.

The Ontario 4th of July Festival is scheduled for Saturday, July 3. The Miss Ontario Pageant will be held June 26.

Drive-thru Easter plans released

The City of Mansfield Parks and Recreation Department, Richland County Children Services and the Mansfield Y are organizing a city-wide Drive Thru Easter Celebration from noon to 2 pm on March 27, at South Park.

Since "normal" events, have been cancelled due to the pandemic, the organizers would like to make this a big community event which includes a plethora of community partners. The event is planned to be along the one-way semicircle in South Park, 100 Brinkerhoff Ave., Mansfield.

Community partners will stand along

the route and pass out candy, small toys, information, craft kits, prepackaged food and games.

There will be music and a visit from the Easter Bunny.

In an effort to make this event organizations and businesses are needed to help. Masks, gloves and hand sanitizer will be available for anyone who may want it.

If an organization is interested in being a part of the celebration email asingleton@ci.mansfield.oh.us or mansfieldcityparks@gmail.com or call 419-522-9801 by Feb. 26.

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Foundation approves close to \$1.8M in grants to charities

The Richland County Foundation Board of Trustees approved grants totaling \$1,775,600 during its February meeting.

Two competitive grants were approved by the board. One was awarded to the Domestic Violence Shelter to purchase a building to increase its bed capacity from 30 to 50 beds. Another grant was awarded to the Ronald McDonald House of Central Ohio to house Richland County families with a seriously ill child hospitalized at Nationwide Children's Hospital.

Two career technical education scholarships were approved for students to earn certifications and credentials at technical institutions. The Scholarship Committee implemented a rolling deadline for CTE scholarships to meet various enrollment deadlines. In aligning with Ohio's Attainment Goal, the Foundation wants to help fill the gap between job openings and certified employees as well as lead the way to support workforce development through CTE scholarships.

Graduating high school seniors and current college students from Richland County are eligible to apply for college and career technical education scholarships.

New applicants including high school seniors must have at least a 2.5 grade point average (GPA), and returning applicants must have at least a 2.0 GPA, attend an accredited school and be a resident or high school graduate of Richland County. The deadline for college scholarship applications is April 1.

The Board of Trustees approved grants from donor-advised funds which allows individuals and families the opportunity to make grant suggestions to favorite charities. Donor-Advised Funds are a flexible and convenient alternative to a private foundation. It is also a way to keep charitable contributions anonymous, at the preference of the donor.

The following organizations received grants from donor advised funds:

American Red Cross, Richland County, Brookwood School, Butler Clear Fork Adult Center, Catalyst Life Services, Cooperstown Food Pantry, Discovery School, Domestic Violence Shelter

Family Planning of South-Central New York, Family Service Association, Fenimore Art Museum, Firelands Symphony Orchestra, First Congregational Church, Friendly House, Friends of the Richland County Park District, Galion Community Center YMCA, Galion Historical Society, Greater Cleveland Food Bank, Habitat for Humanity of Richland & Crawford Counties, Harmony House, Hartwick College, Highlands Nature Sanctuary, Horse Rescue, Rehabilitation and Retirement Foundation,

Humane Society of Richland County, Indian River Hospital Foundation, Lifeline of Ohio, Lighthouse Assembly of God Church, Lucas Community Center, Lucas Local Schools, Mansfield Art Center, Mansfield Christian School, Mansfield Reformatory Preservation Society, Mid-Ohio Youth Mentoring, Nature Conservancy, North Central Ohio Land Conservancy, North End Community Improvement Collaborative, Ocean Conservancy, Ohio Bird Sanctuary, Ohio Environmental Council, OhioHealth Mansfield Hospice, Ohio State University Foundation, Ohio Heartland Community Action Center, Old Growth Forest Network, Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio, Raemelon Therapeutic Equestrian Center, Resurrection Parish, Salvation Army, Shelby Helpline Ministries, Sierra Club Foundation, Springbrook Foundation, United Way of Crawford County and United Way of Richland County.

The board allocated grants from donor-designated and agency funds. Agency Funds are established by charitable organizations and can be endowed or non-endowed. The agency benefits from the Foundation's professional asset management, which allows the agency's staff and board to focus on providing services to their constituents.

Designated Funds provide annual support to the charities selected by the donor. They offer the added benefit that if the organization ceases to exist; the Foundation has the responsibility to ensure that the donor's original intent is met in seeking new suitable organizations.

The board approved grants from donor designated and agency funds to the following organizations:

AA/Mansfield Intergroup, American Guernsey Foundation, American Red Cross, Ashland University, Buckeye Council Boy Scouts of America, Catalyst Life Services, Center for Individual and Family Services, Children's Dyslexia Center, Children's Theatre Foundation, Clear Fork Valley Foundation, Community Action for Capable Youth, Discovery School, Domestic Violence Shelter, Downtown Mansfield Inc., First Christian Church, Mansfield, First Congregational Church, Friendly House Association, Friends of Richland County Park District, Habitat for Humanity Richland County, Hospice of North Central Ohio, Kingwood Center Gardens, Lucas Local Schools, Malabar Farm Foundation, Mansfield Richland Public Library, Mansfield 1st Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Mansfield Area Y, Mansfield Art Center, Mansfield Aviation Club, Mansfield Cancer Foundation, Mansfield Cancer Foundation - Pat Kracker, Mansfield Christian School, Mansfield City Schools, Mansfield Memorial Homes, Mansfield Playhouse, Mansfield Police Department,

Mansfield Rotary Club Foundation, Inc., Mansfield/Richland Public Library, Methodist Theological Seminary, North Central Ohio Alzheimer's Association, North Central Ohio Land Conservancy, North Central State College, North Central State College Foundation, North End Community Improvement Collaborative, Ohio Bird Sanctuary, Ohio Genealogical Society, OhioHealth Foundation, OhioHealth Mansfield Hospital, Ohio State College of Medicine, Ohio State University - Mansfield, Ontario Local Schools, Ontario Police Department, OSU/NCSC Photo Arts Programs, Pioneer Career and Technology Center, Renaissance Performing Arts Association, Renaissance Theatre, Richard David Gardner Fund, Richland Academy of the Arts, Richland Carrousel Park, Richland Community Development Group, Richland County Children Services, Richland County Historical Society, Richland County Museum, Richland County Sheriff's Office, Richland Newhope Center, Richland Newhope Industries, Richland Pregnancy Services, Salvation Army, St. John's Church, The New Store, Third Street Family Health Services, Trapshooting Hall of Fame Inc., United Way of Richland County, University Club and Volunteers of America.



T-C Staff/Bud Motter

DEPUTY GARY KIENER from the Richland County Sheriff's Department recently spoke to Madison Middle School students to inform and warn them of the dangerous effects that vaping can have on the body. Vaping is a way of smoking in which electronic devices simulate cigarette or cigar smoking using aerosolized vapor instead of smoke. Deputy Kiener shared the numerous toxic chemicals that are linked to lung disease and the lung injuries that can occur.

Church Directory

Bunkerhill Baptist Church

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

Hillside First Church of God

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

St. Mary of the Snows Catholic Church

1630 Ashland Rd., Mansfield • 419-589-2114
Father Matthew Frisbee
Saturday Worship, 4 pm and Sunday Worship 11 am
Tuesday Worship 5:30 pm and Friday Worship 9 am
Faith Instruction & Bible Study on Sunday Mornings
www.mansfieldstmarys.org

Mayflower Congregational Church

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

Lexington Presbyterian Church

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Reverend James Randas
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Renaissance Theatre's Emerging Artist Program receives prestigious grant from National Endowment for the Arts

The National Endowment for the Arts has announced that the Emerging Artists Program of Mansfield's Renaissance Theatre has been awarded a funding grant for the 2021-'22 season.

Created by Renaissance Artist Director, Michael Thomas, the goal of the program is to guide, encourage, support and advocate for artists of all ages who wish to find their own voice through the creation of original work. By establishing an environment that promotes the importance of self-expression, risk-taking and collaboration, the Theatre 166 Emerging Artists Program is designed to foster and translate an artist's creative thinking into smart, vital, and thought-provoking new works.

For its inaugural season, the program has chosen to workshop the following projects:

Some Battle Scars Make the Best Tattoos: A year in the life of a Midwestern rust belt town. 2020 saw the murder of George Floyd, the rising voices of Black Lives Matter, the devastating swath of Covid-19, unemployment and isolation, the growing acceptance and complacency toward hate groups, and the divisiveness of the 2020 election and the effect it had on one racially and politically divided small town in Ohio. African American writer/composer Jody Odom, Jr puts into words and music his struggles with depression, anger, disillusion, and a community at war with itself.

Things We Know to be True: Chicago playwright and composer, Tatum Hunter's film script is based on the true story of two siblings who confront a cult-like evangelical Christian sect and the conspiracy theories they embrace as they investigate the mysterious disappearance of their parents in a rural Ohio town.

Young & Unsullied: The Redemption of Ruby Crowe: Based on the recently discovered letters of Ruby Crowe, a Mansfield socialite and wife of a charismatic Presbyterian minister, Alison Shaw Bolen and Jason Kaufman's new play tells a heartbreaking story of abuse and sexual betrayal simmering beneath a veneer of opulence, intellectualism, and Victorian

propriety.

Desde Mi Corozon: In June of 2018, 114 undocumented workers at Corsos Garden Centers in Sandusky and Castalia, Ohio were arrested by immigration agents and jailed in various undisclosed locations throughout the midwest. Their homes and children were left abandoned and their lives were torn apart. Told in their own words, *Desde Mi Corozon*, (From my Heart) features an original score by Latin Grammy-winning singer/songwriter Julia Vargas.

This Too Shall Pass: Inspired by Dante's *Inferno*, Allie Carter and Aaron Nicolas have created a musical journey through the personal hell of one man as the last fourteen years of his life unfold to reveal a labyrinth of betrayal, lies, manipulation, guilt, sexual debauchery and murder. It's a stunning visual and musical experience that combines storytelling with modern dance and an electro-acoustic score.

This is the first time the Renaissance has received the prestigious grant. According to the National Endowment for the Arts, grants support "artistically excellent projects that celebrate our creativity and cultural heritage, invite mutual respect for differing beliefs and values, and enrich humanity."

Established by Congress in 1965, the National Endowment for the Arts is the independent federal agency whose funding and support gives Americans the opportunity to participate in the arts, exercise their imaginations, and develop their creative capacities. Through partnerships with state arts agencies, local leaders, other federal agencies, and the philanthropic sector, the Arts Endowment supports arts learning, affirms and celebrates America's rich and diverse cultural heritage, and extends its work to promote equal access to the arts in every community across America.

The Renaissance Theatre is a performing arts theater located at 138 Park Avenue West, Mansfield. For more information visit rentickets.org or contact renaissance@mansfieldtickets.com. Follow the Ren on Facebook, Instagram, or YouTube.

Maple Sugar Days and pancake breakfast continues at Hale Farm & Village

Visitors can experience the process of maple sugaring past and present at Hale Farm & Village on March 13, 14, 20 and 21, from 9 am to 4 pm.

Guests are invited into the sugar bush to experience the history of the maple syrup process. The 19th century village is open to experience outdoor demonstrations including tree tapping, oxen talks, a sugaring camp and the process of boiling sap into syrup. Historic crafts and trades including glassblowing, blacksmithing, spinning and weaving are also demonstrated throughout the day.

A breakfast including pancakes, sausage links, fruit, coffee, juice and milk will be available to eat on-site or carry-out.

For centuries the maple trees on the

farm provided sap to be processed and sold or consumed. Guests at the festival will be able to learn this history and tradition first hand.

The marketplace will be open for shopping. Admission for breakfast and all activities is \$17 for adults, \$11 for children 3-12 years of age, and \$7 for pancake breakfast only tickets (breakfast is served until 3 pm). Museum only rates are available.

Reservations are required and a limited number will be sold for admission each hour with final admission at 2 pm. Tickets can be purchased at www.halefarm.org. For more information call 330-666-3711.

The farm is a property of the Western Reserve Historical Society. For GPS directions use 2686 Oak Hill Rd. Peninsula, OH.



POWER OF THE PEN DISTRICT COMPETITION — On Saturday, Feb. 6, twelve members of Ontario Middle School competed in the Power of the Pen District Competition. This year the competition was a virtual contest, but eleven students chose to compete at school while one participated from home. Students had three 40-minute periods to write on three different creative prompts. Mrs. Ritchey provided a McDonald's breakfast to help the writers get their creative juices flowing. Students will learn the results soon. This year's team members are Taylor Dille, Sky Liu, Lindsay Knecht, Zach McChristy, Keya Pandya, Camden Platner, Deanna Givens, Madeline Saltzgeber, Alexia SESCO, Brooklinn Tanner, Grace Them and Michael Ward.

Ohio Senators announce business first caucus

State Senators Mark Romanchuk and George Lang announced that they will serve as co-chairs of the Business First Caucus along with state representatives Craig S. Riedel and Jon Cross. The bipartisan, bicameral caucus focuses on helping small businesses in Ohio become more successful.

"Ohio has consistently ranked near the bottom for economic performance when compared to other states. This caucus will focus on passing policy that moves Ohio to the top of the list," said Senator Romanchuk.

"Small businesses create jobs and opportunities for Ohioans and strengthen our communities. The caucus will be laser-focused on helping Ohio's businesses to flourish and prosper," said Senator Lang.

The Business First Caucus plans to be at the center of major tax and regulatory reform and to promote ideas and legislation that positively impact Ohio small businesses.

The caucus contains the following sub-committees and their respective chairs:

Tax Reform/Simplification - State Representatives Derek Merrin and Bill Roemer

Regulatory Reform - State Senators Kristina Roegner and Robery McColley

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The caucus, with over 70 Representatives and Senators, plans on meeting monthly.

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MADISON SENIOR Chesney Davis (31) puts up a shot from the three point range during the Madison Lady Rams vs. the Mansfield Lady Tygers contest played in the Madison Middle School gym. The Rams fell short in a 44-42 loss. Leading all scorers was Kari Eckenwiler with 14 points followed by Melanie Slick with 2; Chesney Davis, 10; Faith Kuhn, 8; and Janautica Bradley, 4.



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LEXINGTON sophomore Maddie Basilone (11) puts up a shot while being guarded by Madison's Kari Eckenwiler (1). The Madison Lady Rams fell to Lexington 47-35 during a home game. Score by quarters was 5-5, 13-8, 13-12 and 16-10. Leading scorer for Lady Lex was Basilone with 11 points while Madison's Chesney Davis led all scorers with 14 points which included a 3-pointer.



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LEXINGTON sophomore Hudson Moore (22) is fouled as he goes to the basket during the Lexington Minutemen boys varsity game against the Mansfield Tygers at Lexington Feb. 6. Moore finished the night with nine points. The Tygers won 43-41.



Lacy DeFrancisco

DeFrancisco competes in Mid Winter Melt

Ontario Middle School seventh grade student, Lacy DeFrancisco recently participated at WB Ranch in Swanton, OH as part of the Mid Winter Melt (Youth Equestrian Competition).

As a member of the Arnold Equestrian Team and with her coach Debbie Arnold, Lacy competes with YEDA (Youth Equestrian Developmental Association).

In her most recent contest, Lacy competed in two classes. First was the Junior Open Rail Class in which she received a first place and a second place (double judged). In her second class, the Jr. Opal Pattern Class, Lacy received two first places and they were also double judged. Both of the classes had seven riders.

This is Lacy's first year on the team. Ten of the riders will qualify for Nationals in June.

Lacy is currently ranked sixth out of 93 in the Junior Rail Class and eighth of 93 in her Jr. Opal Pattern.



Photos by Jeff Hoffer

THE CLEAR FORK GIRLS hosted Shelby on Feb. 4. Clear Fork ended the night with a 20-42 loss to the Whippets. Lady Colts pictured are (top photo) junior Trinity Cook (5) and (bottom photo) sophomore Lyvia Davis (33).

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ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR ETHAN SNYDER was recognized in a special ceremony on Feb. 4, in front of family, friends, teammates and coaches, to recognize his outstanding achievements in Warrior football. Snyder entered the 2020 football campaign in August, unsure of his position. When given the opportunity to play quarterback for the Ontario Warriors, he took it and ran. He threw for 1,884 yards this season, totaling 21 touchdown passes with a 63.5 percent completion. He is the most successful single season quarterback in Ontario's football history. He is second place in all-time yardage and solidified a top 5 placement in all other statistical categories for a career. Ontario 1995 graduate and Ontario record-holder, Mike Murray, taped a message of congratulations to Ethan from his home in Vail, Colorado. His single season stats are: Passing touchdowns, 21; Passing attempts, 233; Passing completions, 148; 1000 Yard Passing Club, 1882; and Completion rate (QB), 63.5. Ethan is pictured with his family members.



Photos by Jeff Hoffer

THE CLEAR FORK SENIOR CHEERLEADERS were honored at the Colts vs. Marion Harding game on Feb. 6 at Clear Fork. Honored were Hannah Tarr and Jordan Robison.



Claire Henige



Halle Cirolì



Griffin Shaver



Carleigh Pearson



Ryan Brophy

ON NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT SIGNING DAY, students at Ontario High School committed to play sports at the collegiate level. Griffin Shaver will be playing football at Ashland University. He is the son of Randy and Jennifer Shaver. Ryan Brophy will be playing baseball at Capital University. He is the son of Pete and Tyanne Brophy. Claire Henige will be playing softball at Malone University. She is the daughter of Tim and Wendy Henige. Halle Cirolì will be playing volleyball at Tiffin University. She is the daughter of James and Angie Cirolì. Carleigh Pearson will be playing volleyball at Tiffin University. She is the daughter of Dion Pearson and Becky Pugh.

Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights



CHAMPIONS — The Mansfield Christian School seventh grade boys basketball team defeated Crestline 50–32 to claim the Mid Buckeye Conference championship on 2–6–21, at the Franciscan Activity Center in Mansfield. Team members are front, JR Reeder (3), Hudson Stigall (5), Nathan Marks (1); and back, Coach Jonathon Rank, Blake Arnold (2), Caden Bistline (42), Jayden Shewan (13), Denver Elliott (4), Blayne Morrow (33) and Logan Wilson (10).



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THE MADISON RAMS hosted Lexington Feb. 8, and went on to take the 42–37 win in overtime. (Left Photo) Lexington's Corbin Green (10) brings down a rebound near the end of regulation play. Pictured for Madison is Jarrett Mandusic (10). (Right Photo) Jayden Jeffries (11) puts up a shot for Madison while Baden Forup (32) defends for Lexington. The Rams were led by Jeffries with 16 points which included 3 for 6 at the foul line, 3 of 7 from the three point range and 2 for 4 from inside the paint. The Rams had two other players with nine points: Isaac Brooks which included 1 for 3 from beyond the line and Luke Pruitt with 3 of 5 three pointers. Ethan Spillman contributed 3 points. Scoring for Lexington were Hudson Moore with 10, AJ Young 8, Forup with 6 and Green and Caden Eichler with 2 each.



T-C Staff/Bud Motter

AN OFFICIAL SIGNALS that Ontario senior Griffin Shaver's shot is good for three points. Ontario welcomed the Marion Pleasant Spartans Feb. 6 and took the 78–40 win.



T-C Staff/Bud Motter

MADISON'S CHESNEY DAVIS (31) brings the ball down court while being guarded by Lexington's Maddie Basilone.



By Kenn Spencer

The deadline is quickly approaching for spring soccer and we are seeing a great number of registrations coming in this past week. OYS would like to suggest having your soccer athlete try on his/her uniform in the next few days to ensure proper fit for this spring season. Any uniform needs and/or questions can be emailed to info@oysports.com. If you or someone you know is having trouble getting registered, contact us right away.

Recreation baseball and softball registration is going on now. OYS is looking for boys and girls between 4–14 years old. All home games are played at Marshall Park and/or Stowell Park in Ontario.

Any softball or baseball player interested in open gym is invited to join. This is an open gym so parents must stay around and hopefully participate. Athletes will be able to practice with a pitching machine and do some light fielding. See OYS Facebook for more information or call the baseball commissioner at 419-610-1091.

Tomahawk baseball registration is still going strong at www.oysports.com. OYS tomahawk programs are for individuals with physical and intellectual challenges. Any individual with a physical or intellectual challenge may participate. Call 419-566-8072 for more information.

OYS is looking for umpires for league games. We are currently looking to cover 8U–12U baseball and softball games. Anyone interested can send an email to info@oysports.com.

Upcoming dates for OYS:

- March 1: Middle school baseball/softball start
- March 28: Soccer Preview Day
- April 5: First day of spring soccer
- When registering, do not create an 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.
- Watch the *Tribune-Courier* each week for updates.
- Sign up on WMFD OYS text to your cell where we text sign up information on a regular basis.
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SEAN DELONG was chosen as the Ontario Middle School February MVP by Kellie Ritchey. She said, "Delong is passionate about his subject and teaches his students a love for music. He goes above and beyond to help those students who want to become better. I have had the opportunity to observe him in all of his classes and his passion and love for his subject matter cannot be topped. He is a master musician who works extremely hard to provide his students with many fun and educational activities. He is in charge of bands at the elementary, middle school, and high school, and he teaches students in grades 5-12. His passion for music is contagious. Under his leadership, our students have had the opportunity to compete at music competitions across the state. They have been able to march in the Shoe at The Ohio State University, and they traveled to Florida to march at Disney. I admire his hard work and dedication to prepare daily for so many students."



JASLYN LY, a junior in Mrs. Toombs' English/Language Arts 4 class at Ontario High School works on her project. The students are creating art projects to visually symbolize the novel they selected from a multi-genre list of works. Jaslyn read *The Reader* by Traci Chee.

Ohio EPA and The Ohio Academy of Science accepting scholarship applications

Ohio EPA and The Ohio Academy of Science are accepting applications for the 2021 Environmental Education Fund scholarships. The deadline to submit applications is April 15.

"I encourage all Ohio college students who are eligible and working toward careers in environmental science and engineering fields to apply for these scholarships," said Ohio EPA Director Laurie A. Stevenson. "We are honored to help foster learning and achievement, especially with those students who one day will use their education and skills to protect human health and the environment."

The merit-based, nonrenewable scholarships will be awarded to junior and senior year students enrolled at Ohio public or private colleges/universities/community colleges demonstrating their knowledge and commitment to careers in environmental sciences or environmental engineering. Students will be selected based on academic performance, as well as research, employment/internships, leadership,

letters of recommendation from education or environmental professionals, and other criteria.

Up to \$5,000 is available for students entering their collegiate junior or senior year in four-year and five-year programs and up to \$2,500 is available to students entering the second year in two-year degree programs. A total of \$50,000 will be awarded this year.

Since the scholarship program began in 2000, \$964,950 has been awarded statewide to 380 students at 51 Ohio colleges and universities. Funding comes from civil penalties collected by Ohio EPA for violations of air and water pollution control laws. The scholarship program is administered by the Ohio Academy of Science.

Additional information about the scholarship is available by calling Ohio EPA's Office of Environmental Education at 614-644-2873 or visiting www.epa.ohio.gov/oe. To learn more about the Ohio Academy of Science, call 614-488-2228 or visit www.OHIOSCI.org.



THE ONTARIO MIDDLE SCHOOL students in the Careers and Life classes just finished a unit on babysitting. They learned about families, health and safety and balance of work and family life. In one activity, the students were able to learn how to complete CPR on an infant. Students practicing their skills are Leonard Barragan and Emma Bell.

Exhibition features works of Barbie Waters

In February, the Ashland University Coburn Gallery hosts the Senior Art + Design Exhibition that features the capstone experience for graduating art majors.

Showcasing the work of graduating senior Barbie Waters, the 2021 Senior Art + Design Exhibition will open on Friday, Feb. 12 and run until Feb. 21.

"The exhibition represents more than just students' studio art experiences," said Cynthia Petry, director of the Coburn Gallery. "For the student in the liberal arts, the exhibition is the culmination of their undergraduate career at AU."

Waters, originally from El Paso, Texas, is a December 2020 graduate with a Bachelor of Art in Fine Art (Painting Concentration) with a minor in Psychology. Waters graduated with Honors in 2014 from North Central State College with an Associate of Applied Business, Visual

Communications Media and Technology (Graphic Design Concentration). She also received the VCMT Student of the year for 2014. Waters has enjoyed the opportunity and support from the AU Art Department staff in continuing her education at AU. Following graduation, Waters intends to continue working toward her Master's in Counseling and Art Therapy.

The Coburn Gallery is open from 10 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday and noon to 4 pm on weekends. Gallery admission is free and open to the public. COVID-19 safety protocols include: a maximum of 15 visitors in the gallery at one time, and groups no larger than five, and face masks must be worn at all the times on the Ashland University campus, including on the exterior of the buildings.

For more information call 419-289-5652 or visit the Coburn Gallery Facebook page.



MEMBERS of Maureen Johnson's Warrior Time class at Ontario Middle School had a delicious treat awaiting them at The Cove on Thursday, Feb. 4, for being the top fundraising class in the school's United Way Campaign. Students walked to The Cove with principal Mr. Strickler and received personal pizzas. OHS sophomore Miles Meisse, was on hand to mix the drinks students enjoyed with their pizzas.



ONTARIO MIDDLE SCHOOL sixth grade students in FCS 6 classes have started a unit on Design. They started their studying of the elements and principles of design by completing a "gallery walk." Around the library, the students moved from place to place, filling out their notes and learning about each concept. Soon they will be applying these terms to their own 3D designs.



Renaissance announces free online classroom

The Renaissance Theatre will offer a new series of REN-Spiration Classroom sessions beginning the week of Feb. 22. The series will feature classes which are formatted as a four-week series of offerings, with participants meeting once a week for four weeks. Class sessions are scheduled during times which allow families the opportunity to explore the arts while accommodating other winter activities.

REN-spiration Classroom provides a variety of educational theatre activities designed with creativity in mind. The series, coordinated by Renaissance Resident Teaching Artist Dauphne Maloney, expanded its offerings to the community in a series of live "classes," originally in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Based upon the popularity of the series of online classes, the Ren's Education Department continued with a new series of classes during the summer of 2020, and into the fall.

Maloney hopes that the continued expansion of online educational resources will offer opportunities to not only students, but to their teachers and parents as well. "We've been thrilled to provide additional class options which encourage creative learning as our students, teachers and educators have found it necessary to continue to work within guidelines and restrictions brought on by the current pandemic, and as we've moved forward throughout the school year. The REN-spiration Classroom Initiative continues to bring together young people from throughout the North Central Ohio region and beyond, as they meet for arts-focused activities through our 'virtual classroom'. It's been reaffirming to observe the ways in which students connect — even though they're in a remote setting.

Sessions offer free classes for a variety of students of different ages and grade bands, from three years of age through twelfth grade. Parents and educators can register at www.rentickets.org/renspiration.

Registration is free, and each session has a limited number of spots available. Information regarding any needed materials will be provided by Maloney prior to class sessions. All the material provided can be used by educators, as well as parents and students. Material for the website will be updated, and expanded upon, regularly to include new material and resources for other activities and creative exploration.

For more information on the REN-spiration Classroom, or any Renaissance Education programs, visit www.rentickets.org or email renaissance@mansfieldtickets.com. REN-spiration Classroom is part of the Mechanics Bank Education Series.

The Renaissance Theatre is a performing arts theater located at 138 Park Avenue West, Mansfield.



ONTARIO LOCAL SCHOOLS counselors have been busy making an impact on students and helping them achieve success in and out of the classroom. Counselors are (top photo) John Boyd, Ontario Middle School; (above) Tod Petit, Stingel Elementary; (top right) Veronica Cain, Ontario High School; and (bottom right) Kelly Conn, Ontario High School.



Beacon visits Madison Middle School

Photo and Article By Bud Motter

Madison Middle School students attended an assembly with music artist Beacon. This was another support for students as part of the Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) program. Beacon's message focused on teaching students how to resolve conflict and stay positive when life is tough. Beacon shared his own life



Musical artist Beacon speaks with Madison Middle School Principal Jonathan Muro

experiences with students while engaging them with his talent as a musician. During a school year that is challenged with a worldwide pandemic, Beacon was able to engage and lift up our students in a positive way.

Beacon said he was a "good kid" in school. He gave off the impression that he had it all together. But like many, it was an act. What his teachers, friends and even his parents did not know was that he had been through abuse.

In third grade, Beacon was abused by a distant relative. The abuse continued until eighth grade. He carried that very heavy secret in silence and it began to wear him down. He did not tell anyone until he was 19.

Once he shared what had happened to him, he started the beginning of his recovery. Now he travels all over the United States sharing his story with students to let them know they are not alone.

"Life has a way of tearing you down," Beacon said. "We try to distract ourselves, think positively and run away from problems, but often times, until we face our problems head on, we do not find a real answer."

"So many young people are struggling in secret. Suicide rates are skyrocketing, and many kids are wrestling with depression, anxiety, addiction and mental health. My goal is to show young people that regardless of the obstacles in their way, they can overcome."

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to answer said Complaint within twenty-eight (28) days after the last publication. Answer date will be March 18, 2021.

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Applications may be picked up at the Ontario Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio and must be returned by February 22, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. in a sealed envelope addressed to "Tax Department Position." Qualified candidates will be contacted to schedule interviews.

Jeff Wilson
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Eichorn on college dean's list

Wheaton College student Samuel Eichorn of Mansfield, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2020 semester.

To earn dean's list honors at Wheaton, an undergraduate student must carry 12 or more credit hours and achieve a 3.5 grade point average or higher on the 4.0 scale.

Wheaton College (Wheaton, Ill.) is a coeducational Christian liberal arts college noted for its rigorous academics, integration of faith and learning, and consistent ranking among the top liberal arts colleges in the country.

Increasing treatment options for Ohioans struggling with addiction

By Senator Sherrod Brown

We were already dealing with an addiction crisis in Ohio before COVID-19, and this pandemic is only making it worse.

From increased social isolation, to the strain on people's jobs, school, and family budgets, this pandemic has not been easy for any of us. For Ohioans struggling with addiction, all of that only gets harder.

In Ohio, overdoses from opioids and meth are both on the rise. With more Ohioans dealing with addiction, it's even harder for people to get the treatment they need. We cannot leave people struggling with addiction on their own and without help.

That's why I teamed up with my Republican colleague from West Virginia, Shelley Moore Capito, to write to the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) in support of ef-

orts to research and develop effective medication treatment options for those struggling with addiction to methamphetamine and other stimulants.

Medication-assisted treatment has been an important tool in our fight against opioid addiction, and has allowed many Ohioans to get treatment in their own homes. But right now, there are no FDA-approved medication options for those struggling with addiction to methamphetamine.

NIDA recently announced promising research findings related to a potential medication treatment option for methamphetamine use disorder. We're encouraging further investment and increased research to help develop effective treatments, both during this pandemic and in the years ahead.

I'll keep fighting for additional resources to help Ohio fight addiction - both through additional COVID relief measures, and through Medicaid. The package we passed in December included more than \$4 billion for mental health and substance use disorders. We must ensure Ohioans dealing with addiction have accessible and reliable treatment options, now and in the years to come.

Pioneer board will meet remotely on February 15

The Pioneer Career and Technology Center Board of Education will hold its February regular meeting on Monday, Feb. 15, at 7 pm, remotely.

In order to enable the Board of Education 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.

In an effort to provide an opportunity for attendance by the public, news media, and any other person that has requested notification of meetings, access will be made available to the extent reasonably possible and feasible. The means of technology and information on how to access the meeting as a member of the public will be made available via the district's website. The board intends to fully honor its obligations under the Open Meetings Act.

Dogs sought in biting incidents

Richland Public Health is seeking the public's assistance in locating two dogs implicated in the bite of persons in separate incidents.

On Feb. 5, a person was bitten by a dog described as a black lab-type. The dog was last seen in the area of 508 Fleming Falls Rd., Madison area.

On Feb. 9, a person was bitten by a dog described as an orange golden retriever-type. The dog was last seen in the area of Ashland Rd., in Mansfield.

If the whereabouts of either dog is known, call RPH at 419-774-4500 with the location of the animal. Do not attempt to restrain the dog yourself.

Humphrey chosen as liaison to OPHA Committee

Sarah Humphrey, Health Commissioner at Richland Public Health, has been chosen as a Legislative Liaison for the Ohio Public Health Association's (OPHA) Public Policy and Advocacy Committee.

As a Legislative Liaison, Humphrey will assist OPHA in advocating for public health in Ohio's legislative and rulemaking processes. She will be instrumental in helping OPHA communicate with Ohio House and Senate members on the public health issues that matter to Ohio citizens.

Humphrey will have an opportunity to give feedback about pending legislation to OPHA's Public Policy and Advocacy Committee which advises the OPHA Governing Council. She will be attending training and monthly meetings while working with other public health professionals to provide support for OPHA policy.

Humphrey is beginning her second year as Health Commissioner at Richland Public Health, helping to guide continuity of the local health department's services during the difficult COVID-19 pandemic.



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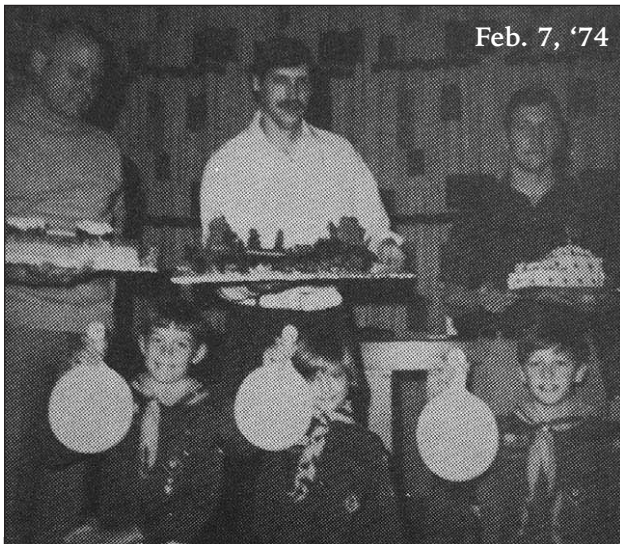
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Feb. 7, '74

PRIZE WINNING CAKES — Prize winning cakes at the Cubscout father-son cake bake were those entered by Steve Roof, Greg Mueller and Nils Larson, shown here with their fathers.

Sponsor Dinner-Dance Feb. 9

A father-son cake bake was the highlight of Lexington Cub Scout Pack 152 pack meeting at Western Elementary School Jan. 23.

Cakes were first judged and, after some agonizing minutes by indecision, the judges decided there had to be at least two winners in each category. The cake designed with the best Scouting theme was entered by Greg Mueller and his father; Mike Troupe and his father received honorable mention.

The most original design was awarded to Steve Roof and his father with honorable mention going to Ed Chapman and his dad. Nils Larson and his father decorated the most artistic cake with close competition from Doug Stone and his father who received honorable mention.

Serving as judges were Mrs. Jessie Ingersoll, Mrs. Peggy Sporer and Mrs. Roseann Peck.

Bradley Hart was welcomed into the Pack as a new member, Terry Hammett received his wolf badge, Mark Phaneuf earned a gold arrow and two silver arrows and Mike Burrows gained a gold arrow.

The cakes were auctioned off

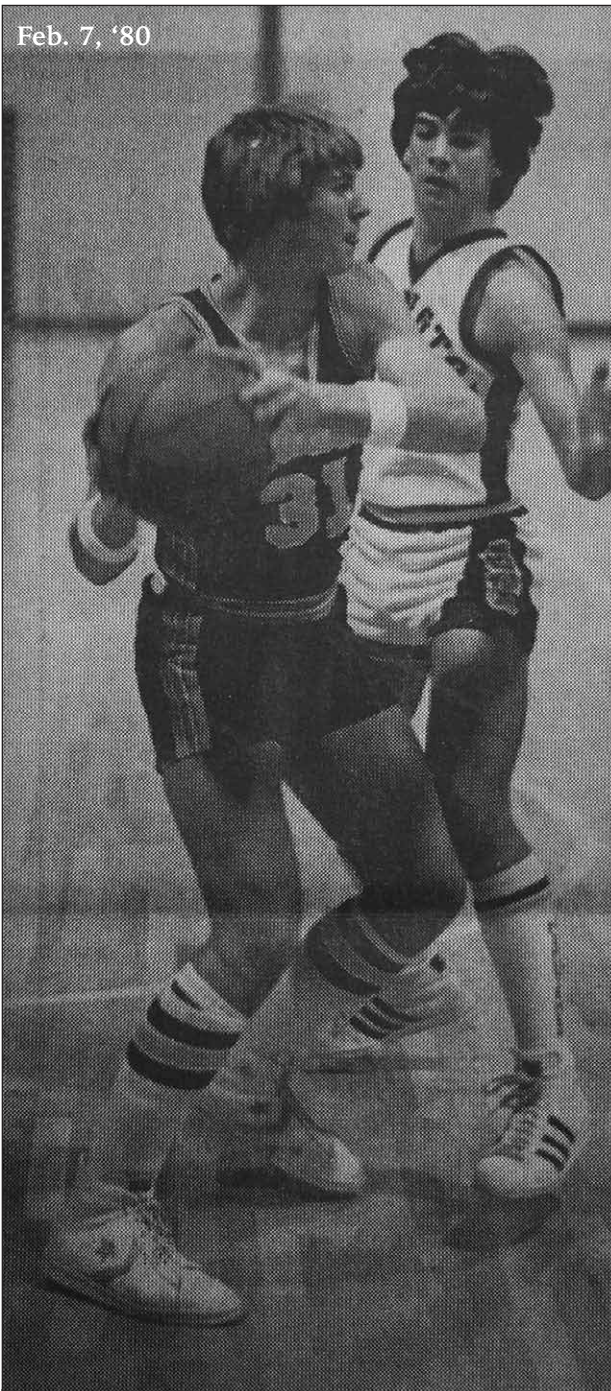
by the new Cubmaster Frank Fish. Fish, who has been Cubmaster, Webelos Leader, and Assistant Scoutmaster of different Scout units for 8½ years, is taking the place of Ken Pepper, 469 Craigston Dr. Don Smith is the new Committee Chairman, Robert Muth has signed on as Awards Chairman, Kurt Shuster serves as Akela, Mrs. Jessie Ingersoll is the pack treasurer and Mrs. Jeanne Mueller is the secretary.

Den Leaders are Mrs. Barbara Troupe, Mrs. Sharon Sawman, Mrs. Carol Chapman, Mrs. Brenda Jo Marshman, Mrs. Judy Baker, and Dennis Mueller. Roger Jesson is the Institutional Representative.

The Pack is making plans to celebrate the 64th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America with a Blue and Gold Banquet at Western Elementary on February 23.

For every man who gets rich quick there are dozens of others who get poor even quicker.

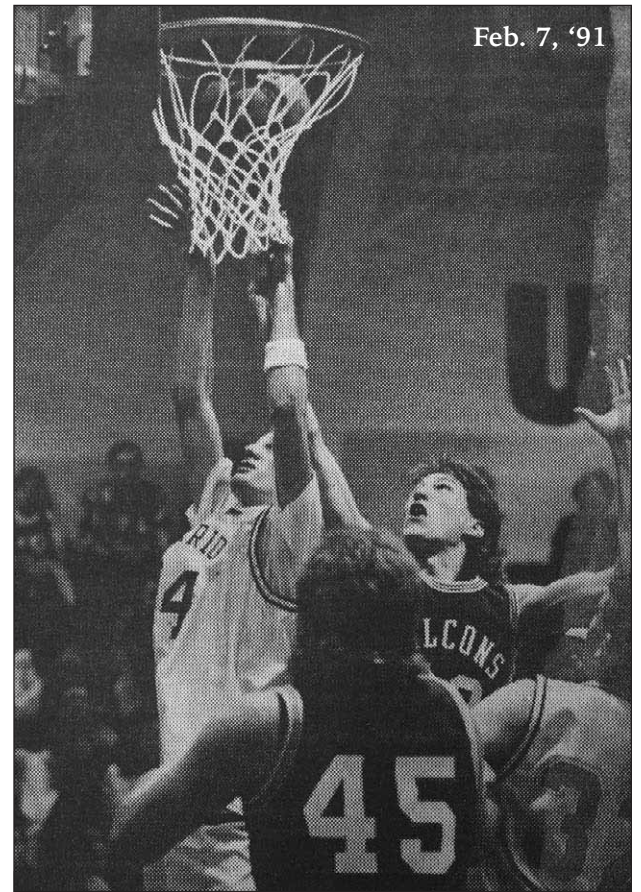
When the Devil finds work for idle minds, he usually keeps them busy making trouble.



Feb. 7, '80

BRIAN WATERHOUSE of Ontario (31) is closely guarded by a Lexington defender in action from Friday night's Lexington-Ontario game in Johnny Appleseed action, won by the Minutemen 70-50. Waterhouse had 14 points in the game for the Warriors.

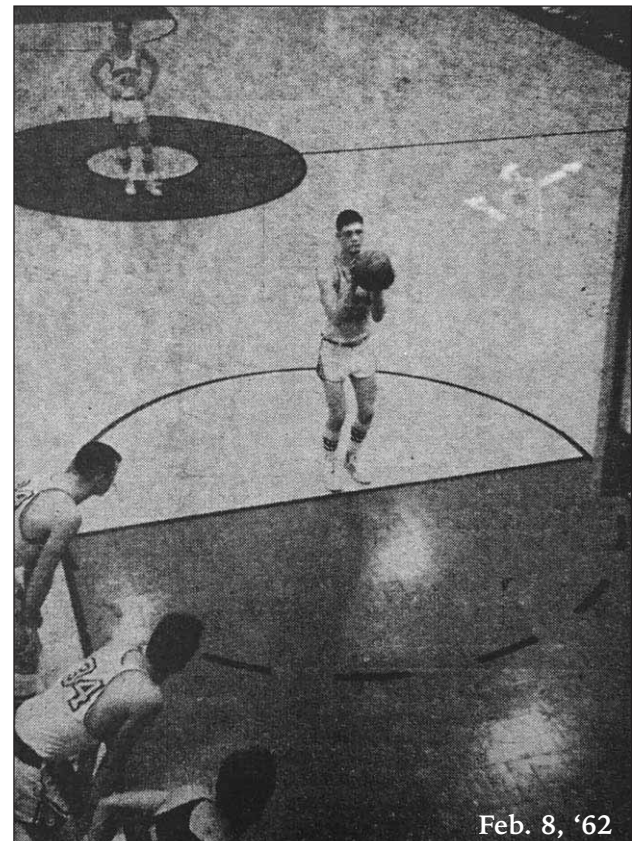
Photo by Tom Sprout



Feb. 7, '91

BRIAN SLUSHER OF ONTARIO is fouled on this field goal attempt in the boys basketball game with Riverdale Friday night. Slusher scored six points and Ontario rolled to a 72-46 victory. The next night the Warrior boys bowed to Colonel Crawford, 70-61.

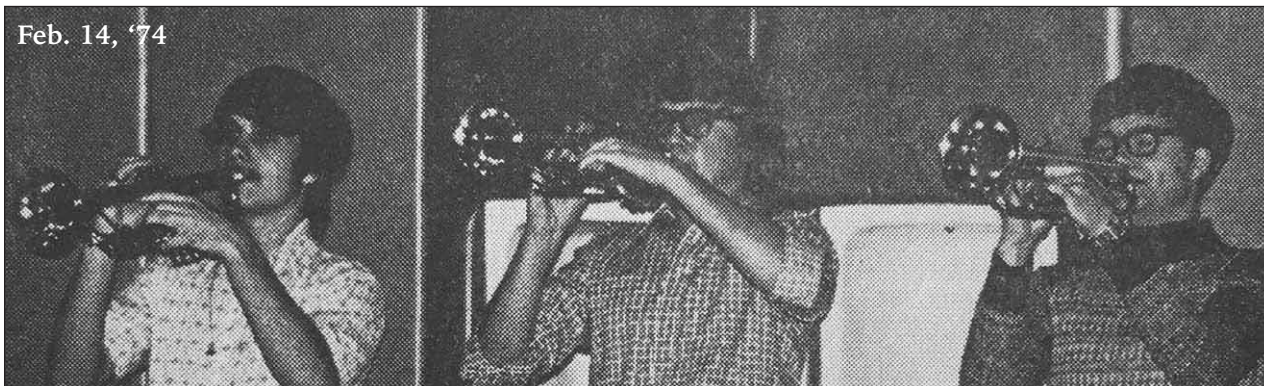
George Fleiner



Feb. 8, '62

Ready to sink a free throw in the Ontario-Upper Sandusky game is Merle Orewiler, while Charlie Fleming (back ground) watches. Ready to take the rebound left Roger Walters (above) and Glen Heller. Upper Sandusky won in overtime 56-55.

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THESE THREE Ontario students play the Star-Spangled Banner for home basketball games. The T-C photographer caught the boys playing at Saturday night Ontario-Plymouth basketball game. From the left are Dave Cronebaugh, Bob Eichenger and Mike Garberich.

Photo by Paul Benich



Agricultural experiences drive 2020 American FFA Degree recipient

By Jacob Echelbarger

This past summer I had the chance to intern at Mid-Wood Inc. at the Plymouth Branch, where I was a part of the operations team. My duties included delivering liquid and dry fertilizer to customers.

Fertilizers are applied to replace the essential nutrients for plant growth to the soil after they have been depleted. Part of the summer I had to take customers liquid fertilizer applicators as well. Liquid fertilizer applicators help ensure optimum crop performance through precise placement of nutrients when it's most needed during periods of high growth.

At other times I would be chasing one of our sprayers around the area to keep them full, a job known as tending. Farmers have their fields sprayed with chemicals that have been highly researched for their safety in order to prevent or control weed growth or to repel insects and pests or prevent the spread of disease.

As part of my internship I would also make trips to our other locations such as the feed mill in Bascom, the tire shop in North Baltimore and our corporate office in Cygnet. At other times I would be in the shop working on dry fertilizer spreaders and other equipment that was in need of repair or re-adjustment. I learned a lot about different chemicals this summer and what purpose they serve when applied to crops.

I came to find out about my internship through my Ag teacher Laura Ringler. This is just one of the many things that have helped not only in my internship but also in my academic career. Things I learned in my high school Ag class that helped during my internship included public speaking that helped when I would make deliveries and job interview practice that helped me in my interview. In Ag Food and Natural Resources and Plant and Animal Science courses I picked up a basic understanding of row crops and different fertilizers. I also learned valuable leadership skills, if something needs done, I help get it done. Mrs. Ringler has also always told me to ask questions and to ask for help which is very important when you're just starting a new job. In Ag Mechanics I learned to keep up maintenance on all equipment to ensure the next time its used it doesn't have any issues.

This past fall I was awarded my

American FFA degree this is the highest degree a member can receive within the National FFA Association. This was a huge honor to receive as I am the third sibling in my family to have earned the degree. The degrees are awarded annually at the National FFA convention in Indianapolis, Indiana during the last week of October. However, this year due to the ongoing pandemic I received mine in the mail and a presentation was done on RFD TV that showed a picture of every member from each state who earned their degree. The Plymouth-Shiloh FFA Alumni, realizing this great accomplishment worked with Vicky Mack of East of Chicago in Willard to have a socially distanced pizza smorgasbord with my family in honor of this accomplishment.

Through out my five years of involvement with the Plymouth FFA chapter I learned skills and life lessons that are not just specific to one job or one focus. These skills are broad and when paired with the many different opportunities I had have helped me to prepare while advancing my education at OSU-ATI. FFA pushes you outside your comfort zone. There will never be anything I do that I won't be able to look back on and say that the FFA was a big part of my basic skills that got me there. I was a recipient of the Plymouth-Shiloh FFA Alumni scholarship and many others and I would like to once again thank all of our FFA alumni and supporters for the time they give to the FFA as my time in the FFA provided me with some amazing experiences and life skills.

At OSU-ATI I am majoring in Agribusiness where I am gaining knowledge in marketing, economics, supply chain management, and accounting. I will complete my associates degree this spring and have accepted a job with Ag Pro out of Monroeville as a field equipment sales representative. I am looking forward to helping area farmers to meet their needs as they strive to be more efficient in today's economy where the profit margins tend to be tighter and tighter. If I can help to make a farmers return on investment (ROI) just a little bit bigger every year by upgrading and managing their equipment acquisitions, I will consider myself a success. I am looking forward to providing the area with premier service, parts and equipment sales as part of the Ag Pro team.

New visitors guides now available

Zanesville and Muskingum County's new visitors guides are hot off the press. 80,000 guides are printed and ready for distribution throughout the year to leisure travelers, group tour planners, meeting planners, and local citizens throughout Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Indiana and Michigan.

Designed to attract visitors and help build the local economy, the Visitors Guide includes information about accommodations, restaurants, shopping options, attractions, and parks and recreation, as well as feature stories, entertainment and nightlife options and a maps section. New this year is Destination Dresden, itinerary ideas and local business spotlights.

The Zanesville and Muskingum County Visitors Guide is one of the various marketing tools used to attract travelers to our county. In addition to the guide, the Convention and Visitors Bureau also distributes Trail Guides, Motorcycle Guides, Education brochures, Antique Guides, National Road brochures, Experience Adamsville brochures, Downtown and Putnam Walking Maps, Lorena Sternwheeler brochures and other various themed brochures.

For a free copy of the new visitors guide call 740-455-8282 or 800-743-2303 or email a request to acook@zmchamber.com. View the guide virtually <https://www.visitzanesville.com/Travel-Guides/>.

Richland Academy installs new air system

Richland Academy of the Arts has recently completed the installation of needle-point bipolar ionization units throughout their facility to upgrade indoor air quality and fight the spread of COVID-19. This high-tech HVAC tool has also been installed in renowned places like The White House, Harvard University, and Mayo Clinic.

"The safety of our valued students, parents, faculty and staff is our paramount priority," says Marianne Cooper, Executive Director of Richland Academy of the Arts. "We consider this project to be a great step forward in providing a clean, safe, and healthy environment for our community."

The HVAC ionization units work to safely clean indoor air by destroying

volatile organic compounds and pathogens in the air, including COVID-19, bacteria, mold, and other viruses. This system is ozone compliant and can kill 99.4% of the virus within 30 minutes.

Richland Academy has also invested in a new disinfectant sprayer, where surfaces throughout the building are disinfected with the same disinfectant solution used in hospitals. Richland Academy extends a warm thanks to MG Energy and the Ohio Arts Council for making these projects possible.

For information on classes or financial assistance, call 419-522-8224 or visit www.richlandacademy.com. The academy is located at the corner of 4th and Walnut St.



OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS, Carley Benavides' fourth grade virtual students have been learning about the history of Native American tribes from Ohio. The Ontario students worked on a google slideshow presentation in groups to research each tribe's daily life, resources, art and traditions. The students shared their presentations with the rest of their classmates through google meet. Each student then created their own diorama to represent a specific tribe's shelter and living space. The students were very creative with their projects, and I was proud of the hard work that was put into each diorama.

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