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JIM BUKER'S woodworking class at Ontario High School made birdhouses that look like campers. Painting her birdhouse is Kylie Snow.

Madison School Board moves to purchase two 84-passenger buses

Madison Local School District's Board of Education met Feb. 17 in the high school library.

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

The legislative report was given as were the reports for the Athletic Board of Control, Facilities, Student Achievement, Board Policy and Superintendent's Update.

A presentation was given by Melissa Wigton, principal of Eastview Elementary.

Treasurer Robin Klenk gave her report and the board gave approval of the monthly financial report and appropriation modifications.

Supplemental positions for the 2020-'21 school year were awarded to William Harper, half assistant varsity softball coach and Mico Castelvetero, half assistant varsity softball coach, both pending proper certification, paperwork and background checks. Jacob Townley was approved as a volunteer for baseball.

The board approved Felicia Montero, Jacob Townley and Angela Foster as substitute teachers on an "on call" basis, as needed for the 2020-'21 school year:

Jenny Jones was approved as a substitute custodian on an "on call" basis.

The resignation of Evelyn Barker, 2 hour cook at the middle school, was accepted, effective Jan. 27, 2021.

Amy Childs has been awarded the building aide

position at Mifflin Elementary, replacing Holly Beidelschies who took another position.

Craig Goodwin has been awarded the second shift custodian position at Madison South Elementary, replacing Johnny Gibson who retired.

The board approved the disciplinary action for Michelle Windsor, special education aide at Madison Middle School, who was suspended one day without pay.

A sick bank for 29 days was approved for Audra Fellure, high school cook, for medical reasons.

The resignation of Dr. Patricia Tresey, Special Services Director, was approved, effective July 31, 2021.

The 2021-'22 school calendar was reviewed and approved by the board.

The board also moved to authorize the purchase of two 84-passenger conventional school bus chassis and bodies from the bids received through the Ohio Schools Council on Nov. 2, 2020. These will be Blue Bird school buses purchased at a cost of \$179,590 out of ESSER funds and the School Bus Purchase Program.

An ammendment was made to the July 15, 2020 approval to purchase 1600 Lenovo 100e Chromebooks from Staples in the amount of \$318,224 using Wellness funds to a cost of \$339,632.

The next regular meeting will be March 24, at 6 pm in the Madison Middle School Auditoria.

Residents can watch townhall meetings

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc., has announced that the Ohio Department of Health and the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services have put together a series of COVID-19 vaccine town halls with medical experts, community leaders and public health professionals to address common concerns and questions from specific communities. Ohio wants to ensure that communities have the information they need to make informed decisions about COVID-19 vaccines.

Certain groups of Ohioans, with limited access to healthcare, may be more hesitant to get COVID-19 vaccines, wanting to "wait and see" how it goes for others who are receiving their vaccines.

Ohio wants to ensure that all communities have the information they need to make informed decisions about COVID-19 vaccines. Medical experts, community leaders, and public health professionals will speak.

To watch the meetings on-demand visit:
<https://www.facebook.com/OHdeptofhealth/>
<https://www.youtube.com/c/OhioDepartmentofHealth1>
<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/townhall>

Lexington moves graduation date to June 4

The Lexington Board of Education met Wednesday, Feb. 17. Board president Robert Whitney called the meeting to order.

Sydney Detlef, student representative to the board, gave her report and Kathy Weidig and students from Central Elementary gave a presentation.

The board approved appropriation modifications to Fund 516 IDEA-B, \$751.75; Fund 572 9921 EOEC, \$5,695.32; Fund 587 ECSE, \$31.02; Fund 599 9921 Richland Co. HotSpot, \$20,800; and Fund 599 Title IV-A, \$236.75.

The board accepted a leave of absence request from Anne Mutti, junior high English, for the 2021-'22 school year.

The employment of Rita Stoll and Kaitlyn Swartzmiller as junior high morning monitors for the current school year was approved.

Coaching resignations were accepted from Austin Javurek, JV boys' cross country; and Laila Blackwell, junior high cheer coach (at the conclusion of the 2020-'21 winter cheer season).

Approved as coaches were Kevin Morrow, varsity baseball; Jeff Strickler, JV baseball; Vincent Sansalone, freshman baseball; Zack Sterry, volunteer assistant

baseball; Joe Swartzmiller, volunteer assistant baseball; Joe Galownia, varsity softball; Christen Mattia, JV softball; Ron Schaub, varsity boys' tennis; Rob Michels, volunteer boys' tennis; Ralph Baker, head boys' track; Michelle Smith, head girls' track; Allyssa Hostette, assistant high school track; Grant Weaver, assistant high school track; Denise Benson, assistant high school track (half contract); Anne Petrie, assistant high school track (half contract); Tony Newman, assistant high school track; Seth Cole, volunteer assistant high school track; Buck Morton, junior high track; Jeff Meyer, junior high track; Heidi Roush, junior high track; Kayla Duryea, junior high track and Emily Patterson, weight/strength (February-April).

Steven Echelberger was approved as a tuition student for the remainder of the 2020-'21 school year, per board policy allowing a senior to complete their senior year tuition free when parent has moved out of district.

The revised Lexington substitute list dated Jan. 13, 2021, was approved as presented by MOESC. The substitute rate was increased to \$100 per day.

The graduation date was changed to Friday, June 4, at 7 pm. It will be held in the football stadium with rain dates of June 5 or June 6.

Winter storms cancel blood drives, donors urged to give

Record-breaking cold and winter storms across much of the U.S. have had a significant impact on blood donations. The American Red Cross is urging healthy individuals, especially those with type O blood, to give now to ensure blood products are available for patient emergencies when help can't wait.

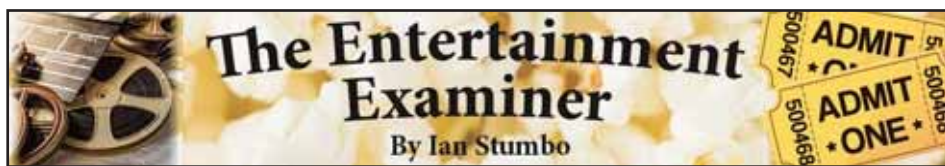
Extreme winter weather has forced the cancellation of hundreds of Red Cross blood drives in about 30 states and caused more than 15,000 blood and platelet donations to go uncollected. In Ohio, 600 units have gone uncollected as at least 20 blood drives canceled across the state.

To help ensure lifesaving patient care

isn't impacted, donors are urged to make appointments to donate 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.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities: Wednesday, March 24, 1-7 pm, Richland

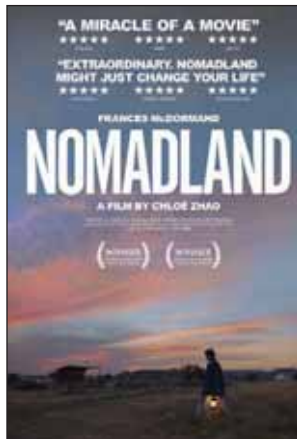
Mall, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario Saturday, Feb. 27, 11 am to 5 pm, Richland Mall 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario Monday, March 1, 1-7 pm, Richland Mall 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario Tuesday, March 4, 8 am to 1 pm, Shelby YMCA, 111 W. Smiley Rd., Shelby (Continued on Page 5)



The Entertainment Examiner

By Ian Stumbo

Writer/director Chloe Zhao directs the beautiful and terrific film *Nomadland*. Zhao deserves all the best director recognition she is receiving as she tells this story of Fern (Frances McDormand) who lost her job in 2011 at a factory in a small town in Nevada. Fern decides to take her van and live her life as a nomad.



Frances McDormand gives her most subtle and beautiful performance as Fern, a woman who gives away so much and comes to know the people on her journey through life. People may come and go and taking this journey with Fern is very rewarding as someone who did not know much at all about a nomadic lifestyle.

Much of this movie is very interesting in learning about how Fern can stay somewhere for free via her seasonal job working at an Amazon warehouse to how she meets up with different people (many actors in this movie are real life nomads). She also meets a man named Dave (David Strathairn, in a very understated performance) who takes a liking to her.

As Fern travels across the country, Zhao

lets the camera do the talking as we get some beautiful landscapes mixed with captivating lighting and a story can be told through McDormand's expressions. McDormand does not receive as much recognition as she deserves, having won two Oscars for *Fargo* and *Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri*. She deserves another nomination for this film.

This movie may not seem like one that is interesting to most moviegoers, but absolutely give it a chance. It's a captivating story and almost documentary like in its approach as we see what these people have had to go through in their lives and through their stories we can see many of our own. Zhao captures all of this so nicely and *Nomadland* is definitely one to watch this awards season and one that will stay with you, it certainly did me. Check this movie out now on Hulu.

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



Romanchuk announces passage of Senate Bill 10

State Senator Mark Romanchuk (R-Ontario) announced the Senate passage of Senate Bill 10, which would repeal two previously enacted utility provisions that are harmful to customers and requires refunds to be paid to Ohio's ratepayers.

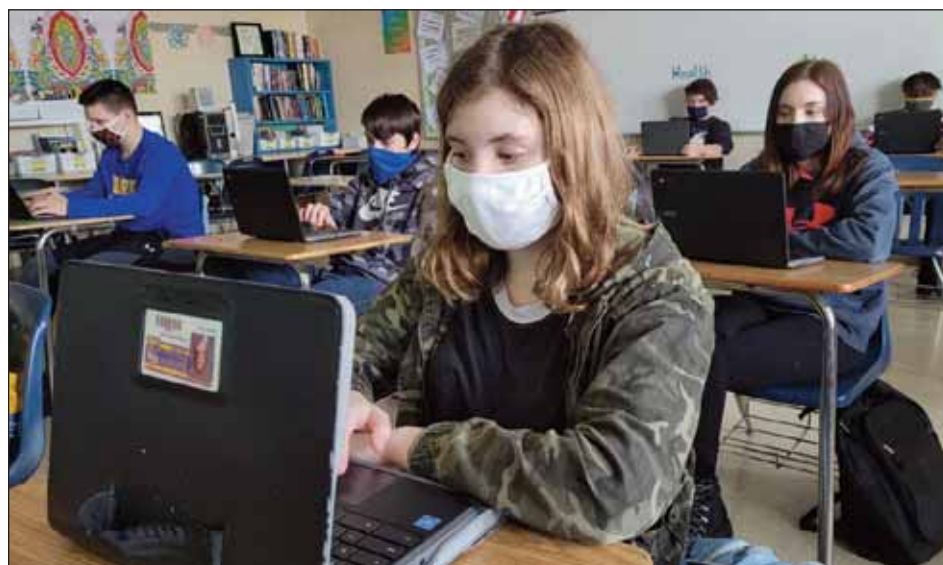
The legislation first repeals the revenue decoupling mechanism from House Bill 6 in the 133rd General Assembly. Decoupling separates a public utility's revenue from the volume of electricity that it sells to customers. Regardless of how much electricity is sold, decoupling operates to ensure that a utility's revenue target is reached. Senate Bill 10 repeals the decoupling provision from House Bill 6 that guaranteed a particular revenue threshold.

Additionally, Senate Bill 10 repeals changes to the Significantly Excessive Earnings Test (SEET) created under House

Bill 166, the FY 20-21 Main Operating Budget. SEET proceedings attempt to protect consumers by guarding against any one utility earning significantly excessive profits. Until the passage of House Bill 166, all utilities were subject to SEET testing individually. House Bill 166 allowed all subsidiaries of a parent company to calculate their earnings as a group, preventing them from returning excessive profits to ratepayers. The bill requires a refund for revenues received from consumers in regards to the decoupling and SEET.

"When these policies were enacted last General Assembly, they were designed not to benefit Ohio's ratepayers, but a single company," said Senator Romanchuk. "This was simply bad public policy."

Senate Bill 10 will now be sent to the Ohio House for further consideration.



STUDENTS AT ONTARIO MIDDLE SCHOOL participated in Random Acts of Kindness (RAK) Day, Wednesday, Feb. 17 by sending digital cards to St. Jude Children's Hospital. After watching a video from Principal Strickler, students got busy choosing the artwork and message to send to the kids who are currently staying at the hospital.

Ohio Humanities launches Public Humanities Recovery Grant Program

Ohio Humanities announced the Public Humanities Recovery Grant Program, a special one-time funding opportunity to provide support to public humanities organizations across the state seeking to serve public audiences in 2021. Eligible projects include public humanities events, digital projects, efforts to provide social distancing measures at cultural sites, and more.

"The cultural sector continues to be challenged by the economic effects of the COVID-19 crisis," said Ohio Humanities Executive Director Pat Williamsen. "Ohio Humanities is dedicated to helping mitigate the effects of the pandemic on public humanities organizations by continuing to support our partners as they bring humanities programming to

Ohioans." Application deadlines for the program align with Ohio Humanities' regular quarterly grant cycle for the spring and summer of 2021. First-round applications are due on March 26, with drafts due by March 8, for projects with start dates after May 17. Second-round applications are due on June 7, with drafts due by May 10, for projects with start dates after Aug. 15.

To learn more about Ohio Humanities grant opportunities, and for more information about recovery grants, visit ohiohumanities.org/public-humanities-recovery-grant.

For assistance navigating the Recovery Grant application process, please contact Ohio Humanities at ohiohumanities.form-stack.com/forms/phrg_interest_contact_copy.

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THE SCIENCE CLUB at Ontario High School started its socially distant beekeeping class recently. The four courses consist of the history of beekeeping, bee biology, hive care and personal safety, tools and extraction of honey. In this first course, students learned about the reasons why someone might keep bees and the rich history Ohio has in beekeeping. Students also tasted honey samples.

Safe drug disposal options available around county

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 Gulpinder 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

News Briefs

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.

Larry Weirich, Richland County Democratic Party chair, announced that volunteers from the party are available to provide rides for individuals to receive COVID-19 immunization. Rides can be secured by calling 419-989-1874.

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.

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

To submit a news brief item, email information to news@tribune-courier.com. Deadlines are noon Mondays.

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.

Applications for Samaritan Hospital Foundation Scholastic Awards available

The Board of Directors of Samaritan Hospital Foundation has announced it will again offer scholastic awards to persons residing in Ashland County, UH Samaritan Medical Center employees or immediate family members. To be eligible, applicants must be currently enrolled or accepted in an accredited program in the areas of nursing, medicine or allied medical studies.

Completed applications must be returned with appropriate grade transcripts by April 16, 2021 to the Samaritan Hospital

Foundation, Attn: Mona Campbell, at 663 East Main Street in Ashland, Ohio.

Scholastic Award applications for the 2021-'22 academic year are available at www.samaritanhospitalfoundation.org and at University Hospitals Samaritan Medical Center in the following locations: Reception Desk, Pharmacy, and Human Resources. Applications are also available at Samaritan on Main, or by contacting the Foundation office at 419-207-7861. Recipients will be notified in late May.

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MANSFIELD CHRISTIAN musical group Image performed and led worship for Community Bible Church, 1043 Springmill St., Mansfield, during Sunday service on Feb. 21.

Pioneer board appoints Schumacher to review council

At the Feb. 15, 2021 meeting of the Pioneer Board of Education approved the appointment of Linda Schumacher to the Richland County Tax Incentive Review Council for 2021.

The board approved revisions to Policy 3220 concerning Standards Based Teacher Evaluation and approved the annual Ralph Phillips Business Partner of the Year

Dinner and the Annual Board Member/Administrator Dinner meeting, both to be held on a date to be determined.

A donation of \$105 was accepted from Dawn Wright Smith, Blackbaud Giving Fund, Wells-Fargo. This donation will be deposited into the Alumni Fund which is used for student scholarships awarded to a Pioneer senior.

The retirement resignation of James Calhoun, assistant director, high school, was accepted and the resignation of Mary Lee Barr, Interim Director of Business Affairs, was also accepted, both are effective Aug. 1, 2021.

The board approved employment of substitute instructors and a student worker in the Early Childhood Education program.



ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND STAFF raised \$1,715.51 for the United Way in 2020. Each homeroom competed against each other to see who could raise the most money. Mr. Coley's homeroom, AP Government, raised the most and were treated to a luncheon from the Olive Garden. In addition one lucky student from the class, Brooklynn Wharton, won an Xbox X in a raffle. Ontario Key Club members wanted to express their thanks to Buckeye Express Carwash in Ontario for their donation of \$500 to the Ontario Key Club.

Association to host virtual programs

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

These presentations cover a variety of topics and occur at different times during the day and evening via videoconferencing. The programs are helpful for anyone experiencing signs of memory loss, family members who may be concerned and community members looking for more education. All programs are free and open to the public. Registration is required. To register call 800-272-3900

Feb 24, 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's, 11 am; and Effective Communication Strategies, 6:30 pm

Feb 25, Living with Alzheimer's - Younger Onset, 3 pm

March 1, 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's, 2 pm

March 2, Dementia Conversations, 3 pm; and Effective Communication Strategies, 4:30 pm

March 3, 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's, 11 am

March 4, Effective Communication Strategies, 5 pm

March 8, Understanding and Responding to Dementia-Related Behavior, 1 pm

March 9, Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia, 3 pm

March 11, Living with Alzheimer's, Late Stage Part 1, 3:30 pm

March 12, Healthy Living for Brain and Body, 1 pm

The Alzheimer's Association leads the way to end Alzheimer's and dementia - by accelerating global research, driving risk reduction and early detection, and maximizing quality care and support. In Ohio, more than 600,000 caregivers provide care for more than 220,000 loved ones impacted by Alzheimer's disease. Visit alz.org or call 800-272-3900 for information.

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
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www.mansfieldstmarys.org

Mayflower Congregational Church

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

Lexington Presbyterian Church

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

Risen Savior Lutheran Church

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100 Days of School

Mrs. Alt's virtual kindergarten class at Ontario's Stingel Elementary recently celebrated the 100th day of virtual school. Although students may be learning from home, they were still able to have a fun filled day of activities involving the number 100, including making a necklace out of 100 Fruit Loops.



Peyton



Grayson



Gracelynn



Kaiden



Byron



Malika



Abigail

•Donors urged to give at blood drives

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Wednesday, March 3, 1-7 pm, Richland Mall 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

Saturday, March 6, 9 am to 3 pm, Shelby Police Department, 31 Mack Ave., Shelby

Wednesday, March 10, 1-7 pm, Richland Mall 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario; and 10 am to 4 pm, American Legion Hall, 89 E. Main St., Shelby

Saturday, March 13, 8 am to 1 pm, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1951 Middle-Bellville Rd., Mansfield

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, regardless of whether an individual developed symptoms. Red Cross antibody tests will be helpful to identify individuals who have 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 high levels of 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. It is important that individuals who do not feel well or believe they may be ill with COVID-19 postpone donation.

Each blood drive follows high standards of safety and infection control, and additional precautions - including temperature checks, social distancing and face coverings for donors and staff - have been implemented to help protect the health of all those in attendance. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive and are required to wear a face covering or mask.

Mechanics Bank celebrates America Saves Week

As part of America Saves Week, scheduled for Feb. 22-27, Mechanics Bank is spreading a message of saving. By featuring special savings products, Mechanics is encouraging members of the community to set a goal, make a plan, and save automatically.

Individuals with a saving plan are twice as likely to make progress towards their saving goals as those without a plan.

"When establishing a plan, start with a short-term goal in mind" commented Mark Masters, President & CEO of Mechanics Bank.

"Working toward a goal will make a habit of saving, helping you to become a regular saver and reach additional goals. Our people at Mechanics are here to help you get started."

To promote saving, Mechanics is offering a special America Saves Certificate of Deposit (CD), available from Feb. 22-27. Additionally, customers have a chance to win a \$100 Visa® gift card by depositing into an existing or new passbook account or opening an America Saves CD.

Visit MyMechanics.com/americanasaves for more information. Mechanics Bank is Richland County's only local and independent bank with nine locations.

America Saves Week (ASW) is a great opportunity to help people in the community build up their savings. ASW is coordinated by America Saves and the America Savings Education Council. This is an annual opportunity for organizations to promote good savings behavior and a chance for individuals to assess their own saving status. Learn more at AmericaSavesWeek.org.



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KNOX COUNTY CAREER CENTER students recently competed virtually in the Business Professionals of America (BPA) Region IV competition.

KCCC students qualify for BPA state competition

Knox County Career Center students competed virtually in the Business Professionals of America (BPA) Region IV competition last month.

KCCC students in the Computer Network Technology (CNT), CollegeU-Business (CLGU), Digital Media and Software Development (DMSD) and Pre-Professional Mentorship (PPM) programs competed against students from Delaware Hayes High School and Delaware Area Career Center.

BPA is a career technical student organization that allows students to compete in various competitions in the areas of Finance, Business Administration, Management Information Systems, Digital Communications and Design, Management, Marketing and Communications and Health Administration.

KCCC had 111 students compete in the Region IV competition. 79 of those 111 students were recognized on the regional level for placement. Hannah, junior in CollegeU-Business, was given special recognition as she was awarded with the Executive Torch Award for completing activities in the seven Torch categories: Leadership; Service; Cooperation; Knowledge; Friendship; Love, Hope, Faith; and Patriotism.

Keyara Murphy, BPA Region IV Director, said, "The students did a great job competing under new circumstances. All students prepared in different ways. They reviewed resources for tests, created projects using specific software, recorded presentations or connected virtually with a community member. All contests were scored by a professional from the content area. Students apply and improve life skills through these competitions."

Murphy added, "As an alumnus, I love what this organization offers to students. It was life-changing for me as a student, and know it can be for current students as well. We wish the best to the students who are proceeding to compete at the state, and potentially national level. These are the opportunities and experiences

CTE is made of."

The following students qualified to compete virtually in the BPA State competition in March:

Drew (PPM) first place in Fundamental Accounting
 Hayden (CLGU) first place in Payroll Accounting
 Erin (CLGU) first place in Personal Financial Management
 Hannah (CLGU) first place in Fundamental Word Processing
 Emma (CLGU) first place in Basic Office Systems and Procedures
 Titus, Jack, Nadia, Hunter (CLGU) first place in Administrative Support Team
 Arianna (CLGU) first place in Business Law and Ethics
 Zachary (CLGU) second place in Business Law and Ethics
 Jake (CNT) second place in Computer Network Technology
 Kaden (CNT) first place in PC Servicing and Troubleshooting
 Ethan (CNT) second place in PC Servicing and Troubleshooting
 Joshua (CNT) first place in Network Administration Using CISCO
 Titus (CNT) second place in Network Administration Using CISCO
 Jacob (CNT) third place in Network Administration Using CISCO
 Logan, Caleb, Blake (CNT) first place Network Design Team
 Sam (DMSD) 1st place Digital Media Production
 Rachel, Emma (CLGU) first place in Small Business Management Team
 Kyleigh (PPM) first place in Interview Skills
 Mason (CNT) first place in Advanced Interview Skills
 Robert (CNT) first place in Extemporaneous Speech
 Hannah (CLGU) first place in Human Resource Management

Sutton Bank provides remote financial literacy learning resources

Sutton Bank stepped up to make partial or full remote learning in the wake of COVID-19 easier.

Thanks to their sponsorship, over 980 students and teachers at seven schools in local counties will have free access to Banzai.

Banzai is an award-winning online financial literacy program and content library of articles, calculators and personalizable coaches. All of these resources are available to students at home or in the classroom via any device that can access the internet.

"Banzai is a web-based financial literacy program. Kids get their own accounts, and they work through assignments that are based on real life," says Morgan Vandagriff, co-founder of Banzai.

"Because Sutton Bank is sponsoring it, local schools get it for free. More than ever, it's important that kids develop sound financial skills to prepare them for the real world, and Sutton Bank realizes that and they're doing something about it."

Banzai content builds a foundation of practical knowledge and gives students the tools to create a sound financial future. While students learn, teachers can easily monitor and grade their progress remotely. After finishing Banzai, students will know how to track where their money is and what it's for, recognize financial trade-offs, build a budget, and more.

At a time when many are facing unprecedented financial challenges, these lessons are invaluable.

For four years, Sutton Bank has worked with Banzai to build financial literacy in their communities by investing time, money, industry experience, and a variety of bank resources. According to Rhonda Martin, Sutton Bank Marketing Officer "Money is an integrated aspect of our lives. It's so important that the current generation of young people grow up to be consumers capable of making responsible financial choices that pave the way to a healthy financial future for themselves and society as a whole. We feel a responsibility to our communities and our schools to assist in providing that practical knowledge."

Banzai resources are used by over 72,000 teachers across the U.S. The courses align with Ohio's state curriculum requirements, making the program a fun way for students to gain vital financial literacy skills.

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Ashland University announces Tuition Relief Scholarship for incoming students

First-time, full-time students who enroll at Ashland University this fall will have a unique opportunity to make use of a "2-for-1" Tuition Relief Scholarship.

Thanks to the generosity of AU's trustees, first-time students who complete fall term with a GPA of 2.0 or better will automatically receive the "2-for-1" scholarship which will cover any remaining tuition expenses for the Spring 2022 semester.

"This scholarship is available to all first-time, full-time students living on campus for the Fall 2021 semester," said University President Dr. Carlos Campo. "Ashland University is dedicated to providing financial help for any individual who wants to

invest in a college education but may not be able to enroll because of financial limitations. Our goal is to close the financial gap and, in honoring our promise to offer an affordable education to all students, ensure that those who want to attend Ashland have that opportunity to do so. If you want to go to Ashland University, we are committed to making it happen."

Aligned with Ashland University's commitment to affordability, additional scholarship opportunities for the 2021-2022 academic year are also available for students who do not qualify for the Tuition Relief Scholarship.

The COVID-19 crisis has placed a significant burden on students and parents as

they prepare to transition to college life, especially in financial terms. The Tuition Relief Scholarship was designed to ease the financial burden of incoming students and help jump start their academic careers with a strong financial incentive.

"While COVID-19 has made life more complicated for both parents and students," said Campo, "this scholarship is powerful and simple: enroll this fall and pay your first semester's tuition, and Ashland picks up the tuition bill for your next semester."

The initiative behind creating the trustee-funded Tuition Relief Scholarship stems directly from The Ashland Promise, a statement of Ashland University's core promises to its students in alignment with

its long-held dedication to "Accent on the Individual." Among its commitments that include mentorship opportunities, transformative life experiences within a culture of respect, and ongoing support for each student's success even after graduation, The Ashland Promise pledges continued access to an affordable education. The Tuition Relief Scholarship, funded entirely by the university's trustees, is designed to be another example of that commitment to each student who attends Ashland University.

Additional scholarship opportunities for the 2021-2022 academic year are available for non-residential, non-traditional as well as currently enrolled students.

Ashland University students on list

The following students were named to the Fall 2020 Dean's List at Ashland University.

Mya Lockwood of Lexington is majoring in biochemistry. She is the daughter of Kendra Boggs.

Allyson Vinson is majoring in criminal justice. She is the daughter of Michael Vinson and Anne Strouthand is a 2018 graduate of Clear Fork High School.

Jenna Hoffer of Lexington, is majoring in accounting. She is the daughter of Jeff and Margaret Hoffer and is a 2019 graduate of Clear Fork High School.

Ruben Quintero is majoring in business administration. He is a graduate of David Anderson High School.

Blaise Ladze is majoring in nursing.

Fiona Donley is majoring in music.

Nicole Lockhart is majoring in nursing.

Hannah Cline is majoring in forensic chemistry. She is a 2020 graduate of Lexington High School.

Kyle Young is a 2005 graduate of Lexington High School.

Tyler Cook of Lexington is majoring in exercise science. He is the son of Michelle Cook and is a 2018 graduate of Lexington High School.

Alex Newberry is majoring in accounting. He is the son of Todd and Jodi Newberry and is a 2020 graduate of Lexington High School.

Brooklyn McPeck is majoring in intervention specialist early childhood education. She is a 2020 graduate of Lexington High School.

Alayna Ross is majoring in digital media production. She is a 2017 graduate of Lexington High School.

Stephanie Phillips is majoring in intervention specialist education. She is a 2006 graduate of Lexington High School.

Samantha Coon is majoring in international business. She is a 2017 graduate of Lexington High School.

Zoey Lockwood is majoring in biochemistry. She is a 2017 graduate of Lexington High School.

Ciera Cathcart is majoring in nursing.

Francesca Depue is majoring in supply chain management. She is the daughter of Kevin and Annette Depue and is a 2019 graduate of Lucas High School.

Jessica Burton is majoring in business administration. She is a 2001 graduate of Madison Comprehensive High School.

Sierra Barber is majoring in nursing. She is the daughter of Mel and Michele Barber and is a 2020 graduate of Madison Comprehensive High School.

Delaney Wilson is majoring in Spanish. She is a 2020 graduate of Madison Comprehensive High School.

Tara Andrews is majoring in forensic chemistry. She is the daughter of Ronald and Tracy Andrews and is a 2018 graduate of Madison Comprehensive High School.

Whitney Atwell is majoring in accounting. She is the daughter of Josh and Donna Atwell and is a 2018 graduate of Madison Comprehensive High School.

Gwendalyn Smith is majoring in early childhood education. She is a 2014 graduate of Madison Comprehensive High School.

Ashley Howell is majoring in psychology. She is a 2014 graduate of Madison Comprehensive High School.

Kane Feldhake is majoring in computer science. He is the son of Christina Fields and is a 2019 graduate of Madison Comprehensive High School.

Mallory Hord of Lexington is majoring in nursing. She is the daughter of Janel Hord and is a 2018 graduate of Mansfield Christian High School.

McKenzie Staron is majoring in exercise science. She is a 2017 graduate of Mansfield Christian High School.

Tessa Nehr Korn is majoring in toxicology. She is the daughter of Paula Nehr Korn and is a 2016 graduate of Mansfield Senior High School.

Bryce Patterson is majoring in biology. Patterson is a graduate of Lexington High School.

Brooke Young is majoring in business administration. She is the daughter of Cheryl Young.

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THE ONTARIO MIDDLE SCHOOL POWER OF THE PEN team met in a Google Meet to watch the virtual District Awards on Saturday, Feb. 20. The eighth grade team placed third out of 22 schools. Grace Them, seventh grade, placed 11th out of 106 students and Zach McChristy, eighth grade, placed second out of 104 students. The team will learn next week who else will be moving on to the Regional Competition with Grace and Zach. Students are top, Zach McChristy and Vanessa Liu; middle, Brooklinn Tanner, Taylor Dille and Keya Pandya; and bottom, Madeline Saltzgriver and Grace Them.

News Briefs in Education

More than 2,300 students graduated with bachelor's, master's or doctorate degrees from Ohio University for fall semester 2020. Students included:

Kristina Albers of Mansfield who graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Baccalaureate Nursing), Jillian Earnest of Mansfield who graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Baccalaureate Nursing), Anthony Lemaster of Lexington who graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Baccalaureate Nursing) and Erin Odom of Mansfield who graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Baccalaureate Nursing).

More than 8,400 students qualified for the fall semester 2020 Dean's List at Ohio University, including main and regional campuses.

Local students on the list are Owen Murray, Tony Olivieri, Keeley Weese, Morgen Conn, Chase Munro, Jared Strickler, Carina Weaver, Sammie Cates, Erin Odom, Kristen Grassick, Abby Miller, Marrin Eighinger and Eric Boll.

Due to COVID-19, students who earned 12 semester hours of credit, including at least six hours attempted for



ONTARIO LOCAL SCHOOLS employees received their COVID vaccine shots, Thursday, Feb. 18 in Stingel Elementary's library. Employees came in before school started to complete paperwork and receive the vaccine.

letter grades, with a minimum grade point average of at least 3.5 achieved this distinction.

Kent Reese of Lexington was named to the dean's List at Rochester Institute of Technology for the 2020 Fall Semester. Reese is in the game design and development program.

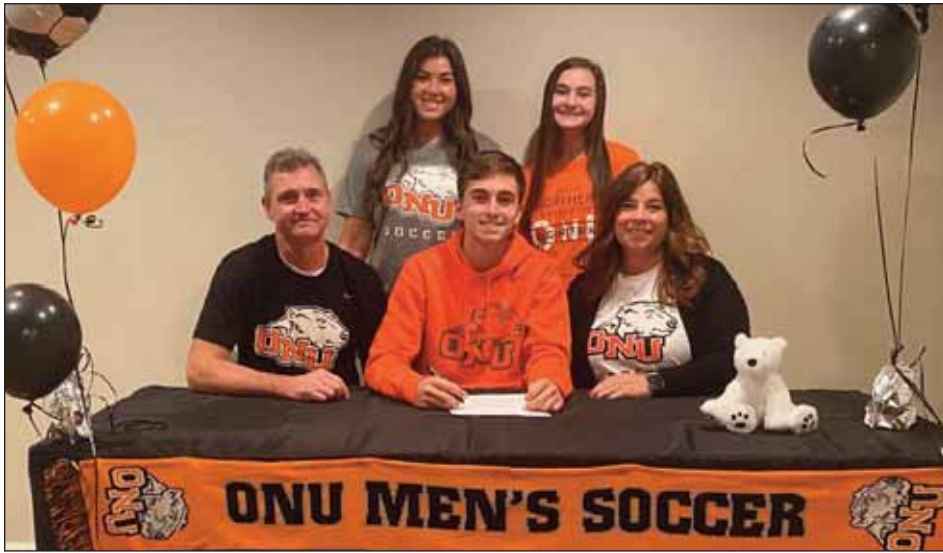
Undergraduate students are eligible for the list if their GPA is greater than or equal to 3.40 for nine credits of traditionally graded coursework, they do not have any grades of Incomplete, NE, D, or F and they have registered for, and completed at least 12 credit hours.

Miami University students who are ranked in the top three percent of undergraduate students within each division for first semester 2020-'21 have been named to the president's list recognizing academic excellence. On the list are Alec Baldasare of Lexington, Cassidy Hanner of Ontario, Gabe Porter of Lexington and Julia Kocher of Lexington.

Miami University students who are ranked in the top twenty percent of undergraduate students within each division for first semester 2020-'21 have been named to the dean's list. On the list are Cameron Kozlay, Cat Dennison and Kayla Lynskey, all of Lexington.

Lexington Local Schools announced that on Friday, Feb. 19, staff received their COVID-19 vaccinations as part of the 1B group designated by the state. The dose that the employees received was from Pfizer, which requires a second dose 21 days later. Lexington will operate a day of remote learning Friday, March 12, to allow for the second dose. Building administrators and teachers will be reminding students of this day, and will be preparing lessons to accommodate the remote learning day. Students in grades Pre-K-5 will not need a computer, as paper and pencil lessons will be created. Teachers will be available to answer questions during the day via email, phone, Remind, or DOJO. Students in grades 6-12 will be utilizing Chromebooks to complete most assignments.

Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights



RYAN PARKER, a Lexington High School senior, recently signed a Letter of Intent to play soccer at Ohio Northern University. At the signing were his family members, dad Chris, Mom Lisa and sisters Emilee and Allie. Ryan said "COVID made this journey nearly impossible and with NCAA recruiting restrictions, the process was quite stressful. When picking a college, ONU felt like home and it was the right fit for me. The atmosphere is great there and the coach was very welcoming." Ryan is a four-year letter winner and has scored 98 career goals, earning the title as second leading scorer at Lexington. He holds the record at Lexington for 63 career assists. He was named among the Offensive Conference Players of the Year his junior and senior years. Ryan was named First Team All District in ninth and tenth grades and was named District Player of the Year during his junior and senior years. He was All Ohio and All American his junior and senior years.



ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL'S wrestling team attended the MOAC wrestling tournament. The team placed fourth with 106 Jacob Ohl, 160 Ethan Turnbaugh and 182 Carter Kroll, each being named champions. Placing second were 113 Riley Kleshinski and 152 Brennan Strickler; and placing fourth was 145 Chase Studer. Team members are front, Jacob Ohl, Brennan Strickler, Carter Kroll and Riley Kleshinski; second row, Cole Dille, Bralen Boone, Brice Wentz and Ethan Turnbaugh; third row, Grayson Bias, Chase Studer and Dylan Floyd; fourth row, coaches Ohl, Rickert, Komives and Miller; and back, coaches Turnbaugh and Head Coach Kroll.



Photo by Jeff Hoffer

MERRITT BURGHOLDER (42), a Clear Fork senior, goes to the basket as senior Ethan Sauder (5) and freshman Logan Toms (2) defend for the Lucas Cubs. The Colts hosted the Cubs Feb. 19 and took the 62-53 win.



Photo by Jeff Hoffer

AHMANI MITCHELL (30) takes control of the ball as she goes up against Lady Colts players Lily Wortman (35) and junior Bekah Conrad (45).



Photo by Jeff Hoffer

CLEAR FORK SENIOR Morgan Galco (1) takes off down the court in a home varsity basketball game against the Mansfield Senior Lady Tygers on Feb. 17. The Lady Colts fell 48-53.

Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights



By Kenn Spencer

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 Milligan Road in Ontario. Please take time to register your athlete for this great summer sport.

Each OYS coach must pass a background check and complete an online concussion protocol class. This is just one more way our community is looking out for your athlete.

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.

All OYS Training will follow guidelines set by the Health Department and the CDC. Please call 419-566-8072 for more information.

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

Indoor functional soccer training will be available to 8-12th graders starting Tuesday, Feb. 23. Please follow OYS on Facebook for more information.

- 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.

- Create an account on www.oysports.com. Once registered, log-in 24/7 and see what sports are available for your athlete.

- Call the sports director at 419-566-8072.



T-C Staff/Bud Motter

SOUTH CENTRAL'S Ivy Ott (55) was unable to stop Mansfield Christian's Elle Schmitz (20) as she adds to her total of 11 points for the night. The Flames took the loss 41-51. MCS scored just 14 points the first half while the Trojans scored 31. Coming out to start the second half the Lady Flames outscored the Trojans 13-10 in the third and had 14 points in the final. Leading the Flames in scoring was senior Elle Schmitz with 11 points followed by three players with 8 each, Anna Sparks, Alexis Tripple and Kyleah Jones. Coach Megan Young said, "We were not expecting South Central to be so tall. The girls were a bit intimidated when they walked in. We made silly mistakes and played nervous but one thing I am proud of is that we kept playing hard until the buzzer. I am just really proud of the girls this season, they really wanted that sectional title and worked really hard to get where they did and we unfortunately couldn't make shots and had too many turnovers."



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Mansfield Christian's Aubrynn Maiyer (3) goes up against South Central's Angela Williams (11). The Lady Flames fell to the South Central Trojans by a score of 41-51 in a tournament contest played in the Furnace.



Katie Valle of Lexington and McKenna Gorbett of Ontario

Gymnasts compete in shortened season

Ontario, Lexington and Ashland have a team in high school gymnastics. They practice at the Ashland YMCA.

McKenna Gorbett and Chasity Mies each made All District last year.

Practicing at the Ashland YMCA are McKenna Gorbett, Ontario High School; Katie Valle, Lexington; Megan Hicks, Ashland High School; and Cadence Johnson, Ashland High School

The girls were judged at Level 8 and coaches are Lisa Ferguson and Keirsten Proulx.

Results from the Toledo-Perrysburg meet on Jan. 18: 35 varsity athletes, 10 high schools. McKenna Gorbett placed first on beam and 10th All Around.

Northwest District Schools meet on Jan. 24: 67 athletes, 13 teams. McKenna Gorbett placed fifth on beam, seventh on bars, tenth on vault and seventh All Around. Katie Valle placed fourth on bars, sixth on vault, sixth on beam and fourth All Around.

Northwest District Schools on Jan. 31: 60 gymnasts, 13 high schools. McKenna Gorbett placed third on vault and seventh All Around. Katie Valle placed sixth on beam and eighth on floor.

Worthington Kilbourne Feb. 18: 50 gymnasts, 7 schools. McKenna Gorbett, 11th on vault and seventh on bars. Katie Valle, eighth on floor, eighth on bars and 10th All Around.

Districts will be held in Toledo Friday, Feb. 26.

Chasity Mies of Ontario High School went to state last year with Mid Ohio Gymnastics. She practices gymnastics in Marion.



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ONTARIO SENIOR Ryan Brophy (10) makes his way through traffic during the Ontario vs Galion Boys varsity game at Ontario. Defending for Galion was Hanif Donaldson.



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ONTARIO'S GAGE WEAVER (14) puts up a shot during the Ontario vs. Galion Boys varsity game played in the O-Rena Feb. 20. Ontario won 72-29.

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THE MANSFIELD CHRISTIAN Lady Flames just barely defeated New London 37-35 in the Furnace Feb. 18 during their first tournament game. Leading scorer for New London was Kiaya Thierry with 21, making seven 3-pointers. Leading the Flames was Alexis Rippel with 11 followed by Elle Schmitz with 9, Aubrynn Maiyer with 8, Anna Sparks with 5 and Kyleah Jones with 4. Head Coach Megan Young said, "We made a 16-point run in the third that helped get us back in the game. The score was 29-26 at the beginning of the fourth. Aubrynn Maiyer made a crucial 3-pointer with about 3 minutes to go. Alexis Rippel made it to the foul line for a 1-1 and made both of those free throws making the score 36-32. New London's 1,000 point scorer Thierry (she met that career milestone during our game) went and made a 3-pointer bringing the score to 36-35. We were able to keep control of the ball and they began fouling us and got Aubrynn to the line, she made the first free throw and missed the second. Thierry was able to get the ball off the miss and booked it down the court with under 4 seconds left in the game. Alexis Rippel met her on the side and was able to stop her and get the ball at the buzzer. We started out slow and timid, nervous. We didn't play our game the first quarter at all. We were able to get some momentum in the second quarter. The third quarter was when we finally showed up to play and were able to hold them to 3 points and we scored 16. I was proud of the way the girls knew what needed to be done and they went out and executed. It was good to see them be able to come back from a 14 point deficit and still win. We are just proud of the hard work they've put in and the way we communicate as a team helps keep us all on the same page."

New scholarship honors Doug Castle's legacy

Doug Castle was a local educator whose 50-year career spanned all aspects of education in Richland County. He had a special place in his heart for the underdog. When he died of brain cancer in 2018, his family established the Doug Castle Legacy Fund at the Richland County Foundation to carry on his work and honor his life. His wife, Liz; son, Michael, and daughter, Beth, want the fund to help in many areas including education, racial equity and inclusion, mentorship, and community building.

He began his teaching career in 1965 at John Simpson Junior High School and took an active role in coaching football, basketball, and track. Castle retired from Mansfield City Schools in 2000 after years of leadership including as principal of Simpson, and then worked as the Galion Middle School principal for the next five years.

For many years he was also the director of the Mansfield Mehock Relays and then the Gorman Wrestling Tournament. Ohio State University Football Coach Jim Tressel hired Castle to work as an Academic Encourager for the young men on the football team.

Castle developed an administrative philosophy based on being fair and keeping a sense of humor. He was a staunch believer in disciplining children in a way that would not destroy their dignity or self-respect. He valued every student.

The first grant from this fund will be a \$2,000 scholarship to a Mansfield Senior High School senior. The scholarship will be awarded annually at the discretion of the Doug Castle Legacy Project Advisory Committee.

The scholarship will acknowledge and celebrate a student who has demonstrated leadership and commitment to community involvement through education, racial equity, and social justice. Priority will be given to a student interested in pursuing a degree and career in K-12 education.

The members of the scholarship selection committee are Liz and Beth Castle, Brigitte Coles, Donna Hight and Effie James. Applications for the scholarship are available through the Mansfield Senior High School Guidance Counselor Office. The deadline to apply is April 1, 2021.

Anyone can donate to the Doug Castle Legacy Fund online at richlandcountyfoundation.org, click the donate button and select the Doug Castle Fund. Or you can write a check to the Richland County Foundation and note the fund on the memo line.

The Richland County Foundation, a not-for-profit 501c3, was established in 1945 as a way for individuals to pool and invest their gifts for the long-term good of Richland County and its residents.

The Foundation helps people in Richland County give back to their community by investing their gifts for charity wisely so that grants can be made to improve the quality of life for all the county's citizens.



Photo by Jeff Hoffer

SENIOR BRADY TEDROW (45) took a shot during a game against the Lucas Cub Feb. 19. Clear Fork took the 62-53 win.

• Ashland University students on list

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Barbara Waters is majoring in fine art.

Kade Sayre of Lexington is majoring in accounting.

Ajia Powers of Ontario is majoring in nursing. She is the daughter of Craig and Latoya Powers of Ontario and is a 2019 graduate of Ontario High School.

Carissa Whitmer is majoring in intervention specialist early childhood education. She is a 2017 graduate of Ontario High School.

Jalyn Allen is majoring in public relations & strategic communication. She is the daughter of Melissa McPeak and is a 2018 graduate of Ontario High School.

Kyle Hall is majoring in computer science. He is a 2017 graduate of Ontario High School.

Saylor Lee-Vanauker is majoring in art. Lee-Vanauker is a 2020 graduate of Ontario High School.

Destiny Whitmer is majoring in biology. She is the daughter of John and Barbara Whitmer and is a 2018 graduate of Ontario High School.

Colton Turnbaugh is majoring in life sciences. He is a 2020 graduate of Ontario High School.

Abigail Knapp is majoring in business management. She is the daughter of Kris and Shelly Knapp and is a

2019 graduate of Ontario High School.

Jacob Summers is majoring in education studies. He is a 2011 graduate of Ontario High School.

Rachel Miller is majoring in public relations & strategic communication. She is the daughter of Steven and Melinda Miller and is a 2017 graduate of Ontario High School.

Eric Watts is majoring in computer science. He is a 2017 graduate of Ontario High School.

Bailey Hall is majoring in biology. He is the son of Brandon and Tara Hall and is a 2019 graduate of Ontario High School.

Mara Collins is majoring in nursing. She is the daughter of Leanne Collins and is a 2019 graduate of Ontario High School.

Kirstan Franklin is majoring in toxicology. She is a 2018 graduate of Ontario High School.

Christy Higgins is majoring in forensic biology. She is a graduate of Ontario High School.

Bria Meisse is majoring in international business. She is the daughter of Robert and Jennifer Meisse and is a 2019 graduate of Ontario High School.

Cheyenne Pierce is majoring in nursing.

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LEGAL ADVERTISING

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Separate sealed bids for the 2021 Resurfacing Program, City of Ontario, Ohio will be received by Jeff Wilson, Service-Safety Director, at 555 Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio 44906 until 11:00 am, local time Thursday March 11, 2021, and then, at said office, publicly opened and read aloud.

Pursuant to CDC Covid-19 guidelines, Contractors will be required to purchase and download an electronic set of plans and bid documents via the KEM Web Site by visiting <https://kemccartney.com/project-bids/>. If you would prefer a hard copy be mailed, we will do so upon receipt of payment in the amount of \$50.00 per set, along with your UPS or FedEx account number so that shipping charges can be applied to your account. Checks shall be made payable to K.E. McCartney & Associates and all documents become the property of the prospective bidder, with no portion of the payment being refunded. Should

you have any questions during the bidding process please contact jburgholder@kemccartney.com.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities. Contract will be awarded based on the lowest and best bid. The City of Ontario may reject any or all bids on any basis and without disclosure of reason. The failure to make such disclosure shall not result in accrual of any right, claim or cause of action by any unsuccessful bidder against the City of Ontario.

Each bid must be accompanied by either an Ohio Revised Code Section 153.571 Bid and Performance Payment Bond in an amount equal to 100% of the bid; or, a cashier's check, bid bond, letter of credit to be duly executed by the bidder as principal and having as surety thereon, a surety company approved by the Owner in the amount of 10% of the bid.

Each bid must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein. The Owner intends and requires that this project be completed by September 3, 2021.

Bidders must comply with the prevailing wage rates on Public Improvements in Richland County and City of Ontario, Ohio as determined by the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services, Wage and Hour Division, 614-644-2239.

Jeff Wilson
Service-Safety Director
City of Ontario, Ohio
2-18, 25 '21 (80 L)

LEGAL NOTICE

The following is a succinct summary of the legislation adopted by the Council of the City of Ontario, at their special meeting held on February 17, 2021.

The complete text of this Ordinance may be viewed and copies obtained at the Office of the Clerk of Council, Ontario Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio, during regular business hours.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-03 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO WORK WITH THE CITY OF MANSFIELD TO PAVE HOME ROAD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-04 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO DONATE AN UNUSED TRUCK BED TO THE RICHLAND COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-05 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITION AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF ONTARIO, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Cathy VanAuker
Clerk of Council
City of Ontario, Ohio
2-25, 3-4 '21 (44 L)

INVITATION TO BID

SEALED BIDS for the furnishing of the necessary materials and construction of the

2021 STREET RESURFACING PROGRAM VILLAGE OF LEXINGTON, OHIO

will be received by the Village of Lexington, Ohio at the office of the Administrative Director at 44 West Main Street, Lexington, Ohio 44904 until

11:00 A.M. (Local Time)
Thursday, March 11, 2021

and at that time and place will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The scope of work consists of milling and resurfacing approximately 7,036 feet of roadways throughout the Village of Lexington.

The contract documents, including plans and specifications, are on file at the office of the Village of Lexington and the Engineer - Poggemeyer Design Group, Inc. (PDG). Documents may be viewed and ordered online or obtained by Becker Impressions, 4646 Angola Road, Toledo, Ohio 43615, Telephone 419-385-5303,

www.pdgplanroom.com. The cost of printing is to be paid to the printing company at the time the drawings are picked up. Shipping and tax charges are the bidder's responsibility and payable directly to Becker Impressions.

The Owner and Engineer are not responsible for any errors or omissions in the contract documents or drawings obtained from any planroom other than that listed above. Failure to submit a complete set of documents could result in a bid that is determined to be non-responsive and rejected by the Owner.

The Engineer for the Project is Poggemeyer Design Group, Inc., 1168 North Main Street, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402.

All bids must be signed and submitted on the blanks which are bound in this booklet. Bids must state the unit prices in the blanks provided and be enclosed in a sealed envelope marked – 2021 STREET RESURFACING PROGRAM – and addressed to Andy Smallstey, Administrative Director at the Village of Lexington, 44 West Main Street, Lexington, Ohio 44904.

The bid guaranty may be of two forms:

1. A Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond using the form in the Contract Documents. (The amount of the bid does NOT have to appear on this form.)

2. A certified check, cashier's check or letter of credit in favor of the Village of Lexington, Ohio, in the amount of 10% of the bid. If the contract is awarded, a Contract Bond will be required, which is a 100% payment and performance bond.

After the award of the contract let by competitive bid and prior to the time the contract is entered into, bidders shall submit the affidavit required under the Ohio Revised Code, Section 5719.042 that the bidder was not charged with any delinquent personal property taxes in Richland County, Ohio.

The successful bidder will be required to pay not less than the minimum wage rates established by the Department of Industrial Relations of the State of Ohio.

The Village of Lexington, Ohio reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any irregularity in any bid and to determine the lowest and best bidder.

No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of 60 days after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids.

The estimate for the cost of construction is \$304,000.

By Order Of
Mr. Andy Smallstey
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ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL students leave school after a "Terrific Tuesday. Students are (top photo) Ava Ruhe and (bottom photo) Elizabeth Roley and Brooklyn Wharton.

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LOOKING BACK: This Week in Tribune-Courier History

Feb. 23, '68



Last week students at Bedford Elementary baked bread – this week another class is churning the other half of the twosome – butter. Mrs. Charles Hellinger's third grade class is doing the honors. In the picture above, four of Mrs. Hellinger's students take their turn on the churn. From the left are Ted Mabry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Mabry; Dorothy Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wilson; Jimmy Stricklin, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Stricklin; and Pamela Hayes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hayes. Tribune Staff Photo



Feb. 25, '93

THE ONTARIO MIDDLE SCHOOL seventh grade girls basketball team has wrapped up a fine 14-3 season. Members of the team are, front, Amber Johnson, Kelly Carman, Amanda White, Lyndsey White, Tara Elkins and Adria Martin; back, manager Krista Grove, Jaclyn Hancock, Denise Sneeringer, Leslie Anderson, Coach Kelley Kirsh, Jamieliah Brooks, Kylee Perry, Kary Adams, scorekeeper Amanda Zucker and manager Heather Lawhun.

Girls wrap up fine 14-3 basketball season

ONTARIO — The Ontario girls seventh grade basketball team, coached by Kelley Kirsh, has wrapped up a fine 14-3 season and the Ontario girls took third place in the season-ending tournament. They edged Northmor 32-31 to garner third place in the tournament.

free throws made. She tied with Amber Johnson for second in field goals made. Kylee Perry was second in offensive rebounds, Leslie Anderson was second in defensive rebounds, Leslie Anderson was second in steals and Kelly Carman was second in assists.

"All 12 girls on the team worked hard all season long to improve their skills," praised coach Kirsh. "The whole team worked together to earn its great winning record."

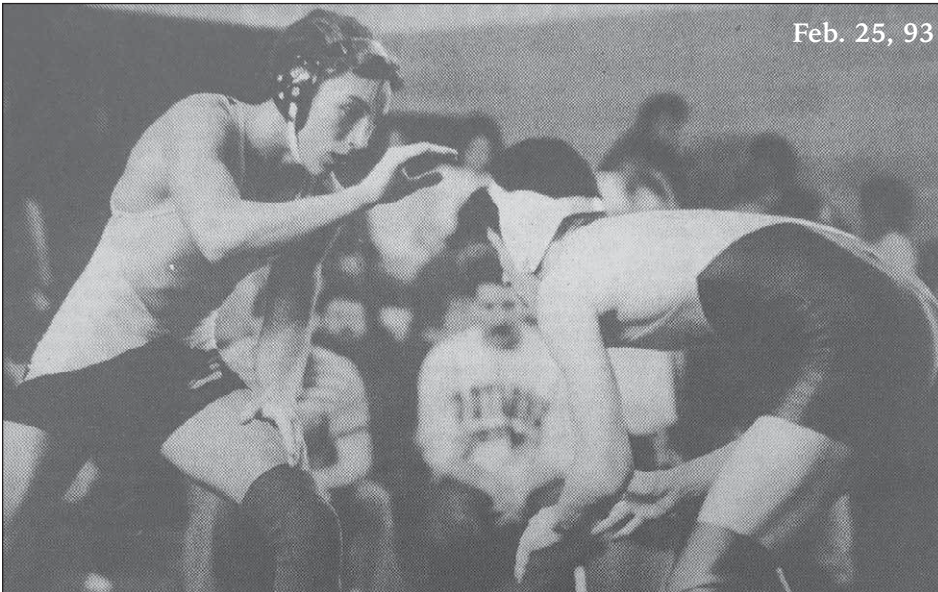
Jaclyn Hancock led the team in field goals, points, free throws, points scored, steals and assists. Jamieliah Brooks was the top rebound getter with 71 offensive boards and 48 off the defensive glass.

Brooks was also the second best scorer for Ontario and also placed second in field goals and

ONTARIO SEVENTH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL SEASON ENDING STATS

	Field Goals	Free Throws	Total Points	Off. Reb.	Def. Reb.	Steals	Assis.
Leslie Anderson	30	5	65	44	39	46	1
Jaclyn Hancock	47	11	106	32	16	60	6
Jamieliah Brooks	36	8	80	71	48	39	2
Kylee Perry	22	5	49	52	16	24	0
Kelly Carman	12	0	24	11	7	19	5
Denise Sneeringer	19	6	44	20	11	10	1
Amber Johnson	15	8	38	6	4	11	2
Amanda White	9	4	22	8	5	9	3
Tara Elkin	17	5	39	10	7	8	0
Kary Adams	1	2	4	8	9	5	1
Lyndsey White	2	0	2	1	1	3	0
Adria Martin	0	1	1	3	5	8	1

Feb. 25, 93



NICK TURNBAUGH (left) of Ontario and Sam Mazzei of Lexington collided in the annual Ontario Warrior Invitational wrestling tournament Saturday in the 145-pound class. Mazzei won the weight division and Turnbaugh placed second. Lexington won the team championship, edging a good Crestview team.

George Billman

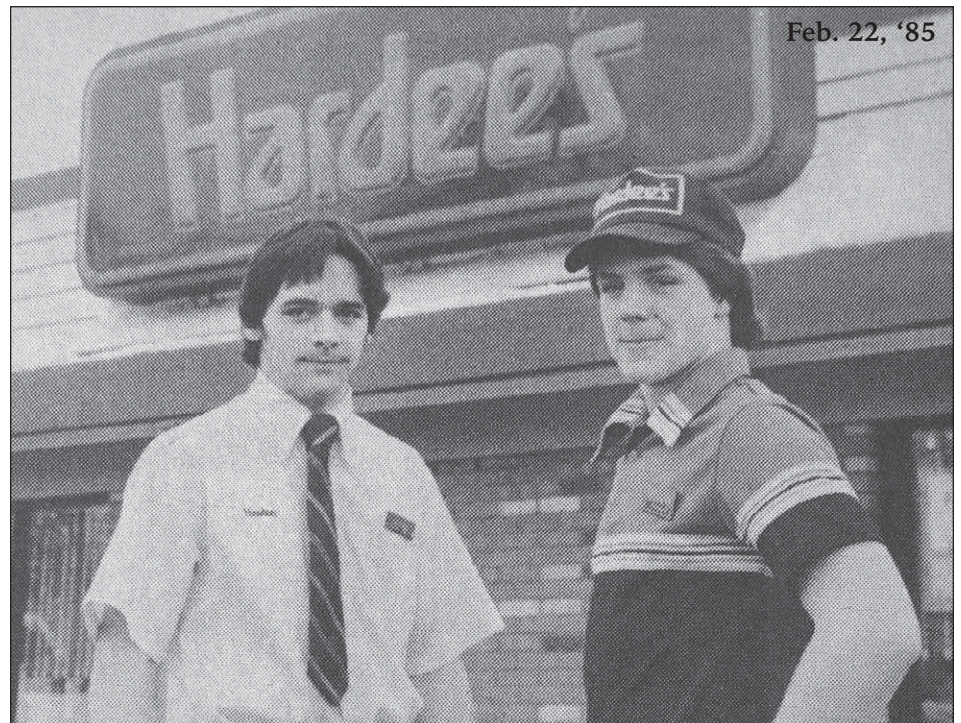
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JEREMY ANDERSON (22) is stopped on a fast break Friday night in Ashland by Kevin Baker (23) and Todd Kilgore (11). To the right is the Arrows' big center, 6'6" Bryan Murvine, who tossed down 25 points in a 65-48 Ashland victory. The win enabled the Arrows to share the OHC championship with Mansfield Senior.

George Billman

Feb. 22, '85



Marc Stumbo

CATHERS RECEIVES HONOR — Phil Cathers (right) has earned the student of the month award for his achievements in the Occupational Work Adjustment program at Madison Comprehensive High School. This is the second time this year he has earned the award. Phil is shown in front of Hardee's Restaurant on Ashland Rd. with Hardee's assistant manager Richard Ervin. The award is based on job performance, grade average and attendance. The OWA program is a work-study program for sophomores.



Photo by Damon Callis

LANTERNMANS MILL, a historic building in Youngstown is a great destination for a relaxing road trip. It was built in 1845-46 by German Lanterman and Samuel Kimberly. It was restored in 1982-85 through a gift from the Ward and Florence Beecher Foundation. It operates today as it did in the 1800s, grinding corn, wheat and buckwheat. Visit <https://www.millcreekmetroparks.org/visit/places/mill-creek-park/lantermans-mill/> for park information.

RCRPC looking for public input on transportation

As an MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization), Richland County Regional Planning houses and maintains a Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan for projects funded by ODOT, that is updated every four years. The purpose of locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plans (coordinated plans) is to identify community resources for transportation and mobility, understand the gaps and unmet needs within those resources, and to determine the approach to addressing those gaps and unmet needs. Federal law requires these plans to be developed and approved through a process that includes participation by seniors, individuals with disabilities, representatives of public, private, and nonprofit transportation and human services providers and other members of the public.

One of the projects included in the Coordinated plan is the Mobility Management Program. Richland County’s Mobility Manager, Lyndsie Martin, brokers transportation trips between human service agencies in Richland County and local transportation companies through a program known as ATAC (Agency Transportation Advisory Committee), maintains a transportation resource list for the county, and spearheads the Coordinated Plan.

As part of the plan update, Mrs. Martin has put together a survey in hopes that the public will get involved in helping steer this next 4-year plan (2021-’25) in a direction in which transportation options and knowledge of transportation options and services in the community are readily available, needs and gaps in transportation are being addressed, and new services and information on these services are always up to date.

The survey takes 5-10 minutes and is available at <https://forms.gle/YHkQBZo7gHwiTda7> and on Richland County Regional Planning Commission’s Facebook page.



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