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ONTARIO YOUTH SPORTS held a Snowman Building Contest recently. The winners were Bryant, Myles, Hudson, Greyson and Sadie Born.

“Social Workers are Essential” chosen as this year’s theme

Richland County Children Services (RCCS) is helping celebrate this year’s Social Work Month in March with the theme “Social Workers are Essential” to highlight the invaluable contributions social workers make in our society, especially as this nation addresses the Coronavirus pandemic.

The Social Work Month campaign will inform the public, policymakers, and legislators about the way the nation’s social workers each day meet people where they are and help them live to their fullest potential.

Social work is one of the fastest growing professions in the United States, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). There are currently about 700,000 professional social workers in our nation, but that number is expected to rise to more than 800,000 by 2029, BLS said.

Social work has been around for more than a century and has made significant contributions to our nation. For example, social workers such as social reformer Jane Addams, former Labor Secretary Frances Perkins, and civil rights leaders Dorothy Height, Whitney Young and Ida B. Wells have helped Americans secure voting rights, equal rights, Social Security, unemployment insurance, and other programs.

You will also find social workers throughout society – protecting children from abuse and neglect, providing mental health and substance use disorder treatment, assisting active duty military, veterans and their families, in schools, helping corporations better serve their communities, and in community organizations as well as in local, state and government.

During the Coronavirus pandemic RCCS social workers have also been on the frontlines along with doctors, nurses, grocery store staff and other essential employees. For instance, social workers such as Rosanelly Garcia, a trauma social worker in the emergency room at Mount Sinai Hospital in Chicago, are helping people hospitalized because of the Coronavirus get the best quality care and

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March of Prayer nights return

For the third time in as many years, every evening in March will be filled with prayer and worship in the Mansfield area, by a variety of congregations hosting two-hour services according to their style and traditions.

Under the theme, “Mansfield is God’s field” and “Richland is God’s Land,” each service will be held 6–8 pm.

“This is an opportunity for people to enter one another’s houses of worship and pray for all that is on the heart,” said Rev. Paul Lintern, coordinator.

“The styles of music and prayer will vary as much as the people who live and worship here, but the love of God and the promise in Jesus Christ remains the same, setting to setting,” he added.

Although it was not planned as an annual event, each year seemed to call out for an additional “March.”

“Two years ago, the 31 days ended up stretching 49 evenings until Easter, and astounded everyone who participated,” Lintern said, adding he has never found another place that such an event has happened.

“Last year, we were set to go 65 days, all the way to the National Day of Prayer, and we did, although the last 45 days were online because of the Covid outbreak.”

This year, continued restrictions on and by congregations will have some limits, but appropriate precautions will be taken by each worship site, according to their circumstances.

This year, BibleWalk Museum will host two nights, and the St. Luke’s House of Prayer will host seven services, each with different guest leaders.

Current information can be followed on the God’sfield facebook page, where most of the services also will be streamed. The schedule is:

Wednesday, March 3, Potter’s House, 374 Willowood Dr. E., Ontario

Thursday, March 4, The ARC, 378 Park Avenue West

Friday, March 5, St. Peter’s Catholic, 60 S. Mulberry St.

Saturday, March 6, Point of Grace, 2 Marion Ave.

Sunday, March 7, Church Requel, 2 Marion Ave.

Monday, March 8, Holy Trinity Lutheran, 575 W. Cook Rd.

Tuesday, March 9, Point of Grace, 2 Marion Ave.

Wednesday, March 10, BibleWalk Museum, 500 Tingley

Thursday, March 11, The ARC, 378 Park Avenue West

Friday, March 12, Four-Square Gospel, 393 Davidson

Saturday, March 13, Point of Grace, 2 Marion Ave.

Sunday, March 14, Journey Life, 2578 Springmill Rd.

Monday, March 15, Grace Fellowship, 365 Straub Rd. E.

Tuesday, March 16, Kingdom Grace Fellowship, 105 Reba

Wednesday, March 17, Open Bible, 1150 Rayfield

Thursday, March 18, The ARC, 378 Park Avenue West

Friday, March 19, Fusion, 220 Industrial Dr., Lexington

Saturday, March 20, Ontario United Methodist, 3540

Park Avenue West, Ontario

Sunday, March 21, Belmont Community, 1119 Belmont Ave.

Monday, March 22, Point of Grace, 2 Marion Ave. (Odoms)

Tuesday, March 23, Grace Point (GPS), 36 Eagle Dr., Lexington

Wednesday, March 24, Point of Grace, 2 Marion Ave.

Thursday, March 25, The ARC, 378 Park Avenue West

Friday, March 26, Clay Memorial, Bowman and Amoy E.

Saturday, March 27, Fusion Madison, 1400 Paradise View

Sunday, March 28, BibleWalk Museum, 500 Tingley Ave.

Monday, March 29, First Christian, 200 W. Third St.

Tuesday, March 30, Awake Church, 3616 St. Rte. 39, Shelby

Wednesday, March 31, The MAC, 291 W. Cook Rd.

Thursday, April 1, Southside Christian, 2055 Mid-Bellville

Friday, April 2, Oakland Lutheran, 2045 Olivesburg Rd.

Saturday, April 3, First E. Lutheran, 53, Park Avenue West, 8:30 pm.

Sunday, April 4, Kingwood Center, 7 am

March declared Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

The Richland County Commissioners signed a proclamation Feb. 25 declaring March as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. Several representatives from Richland Newhope/Richland County Board of Developmental Disabilities and RNI, Inc. were in attendance for the proclamation, which took place before the commissioner’s regular meeting.

Statewide and across the nation, organizations devoted to serving individuals with developmental disabilities are holding special events to raise public awareness of the

many abilities people have, regardless of their disability.

“In issuing the proclamation, the commissioners recognized the more than 1,500 individuals served by Richland Newhope and encouraged each and every resident of Richland County to value and respect the abilities of all people,” said Commissioner Mears. “It is the commissioners’ hope that this proclamation will increase awareness through openness to learn and acknowledge each individual’s contribution to the community and to

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Commissioner Mears and Kim T.



Commissioner Banks and Mason E.



Commissioner Vero and Maggie S.



EIGHT CRATED PIANOS were awaiting new owners outside Bonham's Funeral Home in early 1900.

Real Cool Music

By Bob Carter

Bill Bonham was quite a man. He ran the Lexington funeral home which bordered the southwest corner of the town square. The funeral parlor was in front of his extra big house and he sold pianos and other things from a sales room in the rear portion. The family lived upstairs.

Old timers, especially the men, recalled that Bill was rather well liked around town. In addition to running the funeral home he worked as a carpenter. It was he that built the barn that is now the rear portion of the present-day Kell Hardware. That was in the summer of 1895.

When the piano craze hit the country, Bonham jumped right into it. Evidence in-

dicates he must have ordered a railroad car load of upright pianos, and with nowhere inside to store them, he left them crated outside along the village park. That inventory would indicate to the public that he had good prices.

Old timers interviewed years ago smiled at the mention of Bonham's name. They said he drank like a fish and swore like a sailor but was a good carpenter. Most folks liked him. He was a popular figure around town except for kids that had to take those blasted piano lessons.

Which raises the question, does a piano sound the same at ten degrees the same as one inside at seventy degrees? A *Tribune-Courier* reader might take the time to investigate and report.

Webinar will help with Ohio Historical Markers application

An expert on the application process for Ohio Historical Markers is offering a free webinar to businesses and nonprofits that are considering applying for one of the brown metal signs marking historical occasions and locations across Ohio.

Holly Michael of FarmHouse Communications in southwest Ohio will be sharing her experience with successful historical marker applications.

"Conveying the historical significance of your topic and addressing the key elements of the application are critical to success," Michael said. "Ohio History Connection receives more than 60 applications a year and grants around 20 new markers, so your application needs to address every aspect of the program and your historical research needs to be sound."

Michael will share the three key places

in the application where many organizations make mistakes. And the top two things you need to know once your application is approved.

The free Ohio Historical Marker webinars will be March 15 at 6 pm and March 19 at 2 pm via Zoom. To register visit FarmHouseComm.com.

The Ohio Historical Marker program is administered by the Local History Services Department of the Ohio History Connection. Since 1957, the program has placed approximately 1,800 markers that share our state's history.

Counties with fewer than 12 markers will be considered as an underserved area and given a spot to tell their stories during this application cycle. Richland County is considered a focus county with fewer than 12 markers.

Author shares true story to help others heal

When Gina Marie Mordecki's daughter was raped and murdered, she prayed that her death would not be in vain. Her new book, *God's Amazing Intimacy in Grief* (ISBN: 979-8578563751), is the answer to that prayer. Mordecki's book is written to help heal the hearts of others who have experienced the tragic loss of a loved one.

"Right now, we're living through a terrible pandemic and people are dying," Mordecki said. "People are dying alone and their loved ones are left behind to cope with a reality of inconsolable sadness. I want this book to offer some comfort and perhaps, even provide some answers."

After Mordecki's daughter was murdered, people didn't know what to say.

"It's one thing to say, 'I'm sorry for your loss,' but it's quite another to live in a house with an empty place setting at the dinner table," she said. "And, for people suffering loss during the pandemic, the

suffering is only compounded through quarantining and stay-at-home orders."

God's Amazing Intimacy in Grief is a short read, less than an hour, that serves to minister to people while they grieve. It asks and answers important questions such as "Why now?" and helps people to understand and resolve their anger with God. It shares stories of others who have lost children and details how they found their way out of the darkness.

Mordecki's personal account of her tragic loss shares personal experiences of how God tried to prepare her for the loss and then helped her to deal with the inevitable outcome. The book also references specific scripture and offers interpretation.

God's Amazing Intimacy in Grief is available on Amazon for 0.99 as an eBook and \$5.99 in paperback format.

For more information visit <https://www.whispersfromgod1.com/>

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March

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- 6 — Maleah Wells
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OHIO CAVERNS, located 1 1/2 hours away in West Liberty, will re-open on March 15. It features the largest and most perfectly formed pure white crystal stalactite anywhere. The caverns is the only place in America to find dual formations (contrasting color). On the tours, visitors will see stalactites and a phenomenon called "soda straws" as well as other special formations such as the "Old Town Pump." For more than 120 years, this public tour has preserved the formations that were thousands of years in the making. A portion of the caverns is handicap accessible. Visit www.OhioCaverns.com for more information.



Photo by Damon Callis

TINKER'S CREEK in Bedford, OH, is open for visitors. Located about an hour drive from Richland County, evidence remains of a saw mill, grist mill and an electric power plant, as well as a viaduct that carried trains over Tinker's creek. For more information visit <https://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/parks/visit/parks/bedford-reservation/great-falls-of-tinker-s-creek>.

Kingwood Center Gardens hosting the Colonial America in Cross-stitch Exhibit

Kingwood Center Gardens is hosting the Colonial America in Cross-stitch Exhibit by Carol Snider on March-14. The exhibit will be open daily noon to 4 pm in the Carriage House and is free with paid garden admission.

Snider, a well-known Kingwood volunteer and member, is a prize-winning counted cross-stitch artist who has used Colonial Williamsburg as inspiration for many of her intricate pieces. It's been stated that she could likely stitch the entire Historic Area from memory. That memory is fueled by decades of annual visits with her husband, Don.

Nearly 50 of her pieces will be showcased, including several of her favorites: a replica of a large 1757 sampler, and free-hand portraits of George and Martha Washington. The exhibit will also display a few of Snider's favorite whimsical pieces.

Snider, who resides in Mansfield, will host the exhibit in person on Saturdays and Sundays. She is also scheduled to lead two workshops teaching beginning cross-stitch, one for children and one for adults. Visit kingwoodcenter.org or call 419-522-

0211 to register.

General garden admission is \$5 for those 13 years and older; Kingwood members and children 12 and under are free. There is no admission charge to shop in the garden and gift shop or to dine in the Gateway Café. Kingwood Center Gardens is a Museums For All venue.

Kingwood Center Gardens is a garden estate on 47 acres in Mansfield that once was the home of Charles Kelley King.



Carol Snider

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.

Ontario Local Schools will hold a Board of Education meeting Tuesday, March 9 at 7 pm in the high school library, 467 Shelby-Ontario Rd.

The March 10 City of Ontario Planning Commission meeting is canceled. There is no new business to discuss.

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

The Pioneer Career and Technology Center Board of Education will meet Monday, March 15, at 7 pm, in person in the Pioneer CTC Community Room. Social Distancing and masks will be required.

•March declared Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

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foster and support full access to education, housing, employment, and recreational activities. The Richland County Board of Commissioners has a long history of supporting developmental disabilities awareness, and again offered their full support in assisting people with disabilities to lead fulfilling and successful lives, and to realize their full potential."

"Essential Employees" was the theme for this year's proclamation. Essential workers in attendance were Kim T. (Arbors of Mifflin), Mason E. (OhioHealth), and Maggie S. (Winchester Nursing Home.) Since the pandemic began, several individuals supported by Newhope have continued to work as identified essential workers.

Kim T. is a dietary aide at Arbors at Mifflin. Arbors at Mifflin is long-term skilled nursing care and short-term rehab facility. When she was asked about her job and what it means to be essential, she told the Commissioners, "As a healthcare employee, I have been essential through COVID-19. I am a determined person and know that I have to step up daily to help serve the most vulnerable population. I do not have the option of self-quarantine or taking sick days. I go to work every day, even during this pandemic, and I have

worked confidently to make sure the residents have been cared for. I am proud to be an essential employee, and I will continue to strive to put others before me."

"Richland Newhope is committed to supporting people with disabilities to be valued members of the community," said Richland Newhope, Manager of Community Education Troy Smith.

"We believe that all people with disabilities should be treated as equals and be empowered to speak up for what they want by serving as leaders and working together as a team with all members of the community."

For Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, Newhope has included displays at the main branch of the Mansfield-Richland County Public Library and the Richland Mall. There are several billboards around Richland County thanking essential employees and radio commercials celebrating DD Awareness Month.

Due to the pandemic, many of the annual awareness events had to be cancelled again this year.

Richland Newhope supports more than 1,500 Richland County residents through early intervention, transition services, day services, supported employment, residential, therapy and other family support.

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Ohio Severe Weather Safety Week is March 14-20

Ohio's Severe Weather Safety Week is March 14-20. This is a great opportunity for homes, schools and businesses to brush up on their knowledge of spring severe weather threats, and to test their safety plans.

These mostly wet March days are a good time to prepare for severe spring weather. Temperatures can swing back and forth between balmy and frigid. Sunny days may be followed by a week of stormy weather. So, planning ahead makes sense; prepare for storms, floods, and tornadoes as if you know in advance they are coming, because in the spring, they very likely will.

- Check the supplies in your emergency First Aid kit and update if needed.

- Prepare your home emergency kit and have one for your car.

- Have a three-day supply of bottled water and nonperishable food on hand.

- Show family members where to seek appropriate shelter.

- Practice your emergency plan for every type of severe weather.

- Show family members where the emergency supplies are stored, and make sure they know how to turn off the water, gas, and electricity in your home.

The Statewide Tornado Drill will take place on Wednesday, March 24 at 9:50 am. Test messages will broadcast and most counties will sound their outdoor warning sirens. Ohioans are encouraged to use this time to practice their tornado drills.

A flood advisory is issued when flooding is not expected to be bad enough to issue a warning. However, it may cause significant inconvenience, and if caution is not exercised, it could lead to situations that may threaten life and/or property. A flood watch is issued when conditions are favorable for flooding. It does not mean flooding will occur, but it is possible. A flood warning is issued when flooding is imminent or occurring. A flash flood warning is issued when a flash flood is imminent or occurring. Those in a flood prone area should move immediately to high ground. A flash flood is a sudden violent flood that can take from minutes to hours to develop. It is even possible to experience a flash flood in areas not immediately receiving rain.

During a flood, water levels and the rate the water is flowing can quickly change. If told to evacuate, do so immediately. Be sure to lock your home as you leave. If you have time, disconnect utilities and appliances. Don't go into a basement, or any room, if water covers the electrical outlets or if cords are submerged. If you see sparks or hear buzzing, crackling, snapping or popping noises get out. Do not walk through flood waters. It only takes six inches of moving water to knock you off your feet. If you are trapped by moving water, move to the highest possible point and call 911 for help. Do Not Drive into flooded roadways or around a barricade. Water may be deeper than it appears and can hide many hazards. A vehicle caught in swiftly moving water can be swept away in a matter of seconds. Twelve inches of water can float a car or small SUV and 18 inches of water can carry away large vehicles.

During all advisories, watches and warnings be sure to stay up to date by watching news sources and listening to radio updates.

For more about severe spring weather including tips during thunderstorms, lightning storms and tornadoes, visit <https://www.richlandhealth.org/personal-health/weather-safety-tips>. Richland Public Health is a NOAA Weather-Ready Nation Ambassador.

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the services they need to recover once they return to their families and communities.

Other social workers such as Carla Monteiro in Massachusetts are helping people cope with mental illness and substance use disorders during the pandemic, often doing this job remotely to keep everyone safer.

However, the social work profession faces challenges. There is shortage of social workers in schools where they are needed to help young people cope with complicated issues such as trauma, poverty, the opioid addiction crises, and the need for more resources to help students learn during the pandemic.

And although social workers play a critical role in our nation's health care and mental health system, they could be better compensated for the work they do, according to a 2019 report from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine.

“Social workers often are unsung heroes, but they play an essential role in helping people from all walks of life and backgrounds to live life to the fullest. During social work month we hope you will learn more about this amazing profession, say a kind word to the social workers in your lives, and advocate for policies and legislation that benefit the profession and the populations they serve.”

Those considering a career in child welfare can contact Richland County Children Services at 419-774-4100 or visit www.richlandcountychildrenservices.org.



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

Mayflower Congregational Church

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

Lexington Presbyterian Church

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

Risen Savior Lutheran Church

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Memorial Arrangements

Donald W. Yeager

We rise by lifting others. Despite considerable challenges early in his life, Don Yeager persevered, worked hard, and achieved success – though he would never describe himself as successful. By edifying others, he knew success was contagious. Don Yeager was an encourager.

Don Yeager passed into the Lord's presence Saturday evening Feb. 20, 2021, from Primrose Retirement Community with family by his side. He was 98.

Born Donald Wayne Yeager June 15, 1922 in Morrow County to Carlton and Viola Yeager. His mother died when Don was 3-years-old. Years in the Worthington Methodist Children's Home were followed by years in foster care until he was brought into the Nikolaus family home. He graduated from Johnsville High School in 1940, and then served in the Civilian Conservation Corps until joining the US Navy. As a Gunner's Mate 2nd Class, Don served his country aboard the USS San Juan participating in nearly every major naval battle of the Pacific theater.

Upon returning stateside, Don was buying rationed candy for a friend at Fanny Farmer's when a beautiful young worker there named Mary Lou Stowell caught his eye. Don later sought her out at a Sr. High-Canton McKinley football game and eventually won her hand in marriage July 11, 1946. A true gentleman, Don was committed to serving and loving his wife.

Don worked 43 years as a receiving inspector for Tappan and retired in 1984. He was a Master Mason of the Grand Lodge of The Free Accepted Masons of Ohio for over 70 years. He was an avid supporter of Ontario High School athletics and enjoyed all sports. He was dedicated to the Ontario community and took pride in remembering names and faces of those he met. Most importantly, Don truly cared about what was going on in the lives of Ontario students and was known for encouraging multiple generations of athletes. He was also an avid fan of The Ohio State University Buckeyes and Cleveland professional teams.

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law Suzanne & Ronald Smith of Gulf Shores, AL; daughter-in-law Laurie Yeager of Fort Myers, FL; grandchildren Alyssa (Richard) Nieves and Kimberlee (Brian) Zeller all of Cape Coral, FL; great-granddaughter Elliott Nieves; his Nikolaus family; and his church family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his son Jeff Yeager, loving wife of 68 years Mary Lou Yeager, and five siblings.

A Celebration of Don's life will be held Saturday, March 13 at 11 am in Ontario United



Methodist Church 3540 Park Avenue West, with Pastor Christine Bell presiding. Military honors will be performed by the Richland County Joint Veterans Burial Detail. Friends may call on the Yeager family from 10 am until time for the service. Don & Mary Lou's final resting place will be in Mansfield Memorial Park cemetery in Ontario. The Lexington Avenue Snyder Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Contributions in his memory to Ontario United Methodist Church or OhioHealth Hospice may be made at the memorial service or sent to the funeral home at P.O. Box 3085, Mansfield, OH 44904.

Snyder Funeral Home is honored to serve the Yeager family. Send them a message of support or sympathy and see Don's tribute video at: <http://www.SnyderFuneralHomes.com/obituary/donald-w-yeager/>

Harold "Wendell" Pruner

Harold "Wendell" Pruner, 87, of Ontario, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Thursday, Feb. 18, 2021, after experiencing complications from Covid-19.

Harold was born on Jan. 22, 1934, in Ashland County, to Harold F. and Ruth C. (McCormic) Pruner. He graduated from Union High School in the class of '52. After high school he joined the United States Army and married Shirley Anne Snyder whom he met in grade school. He earned various degrees in engineering by attending night classes while working at Peabody Barnes where he worked for the next 32 years, eventually becoming Vice-President of Engineering. For the remaining 18 years of his career, Harold worked at Gorman-Rupp in Mansfield as Product Manager for Submersible Pumps.

Harold traveled to over 30 countries in his lifetime, mostly for business but also for mission trips. He enjoyed bowling and playing golf with his colleagues, mowing his 3-acre yard, and planting flowers every spring.

Harold loved supporting his children and grandchildren, attending hundreds of concerts and games over the years. There was seldom a social event that he would miss! In his later years, Harold became an avid Ashland University basketball fan, attending every game he could for both boys and girls along with his sweet companion, Janet Jarvis.

He was a long-time member of the Mansfield Baptist Temple where he faithfully served as a door greeter. He also often attended Calvary Baptist Church in Ashland, his second church home. For the last fifteen years, Harold served



on the board of trustees at Pleasant Valley Ranch, a Christian youth camp in Perrysville, OH, and served as chairman for the last three years.

Harold is survived by his children, Cathy Pruner of Ontario, Pam (Dave) Smith of Mansfield, Tim (Brenda) Pruner of Crestline, and Becky (John) Kurtz of Perrysville; twelve grandchildren; seventeen great-grandchildren; and siblings, Forrest (Sally) Pruner of Shiloh, Shirley (Bob) Wise of Mansfield, and Marshall (MaryEllen) Pruner of Shiloh; and his sweetheart, Janet Jarvis.

Harold was preceded in death on Dec. 18, 2001, by his wife, Shirley (Snyder) Pruner; his parents; and his sister, Diane Pruner.

Calling hours were held on Thursday, Feb. 25, 2021 at Mansfield Baptist Temple, 752 N. Stewart Rd., Mansfield.

Funeral services followed at the church with Pastor Robert J. Kurtz officiating. A private graveside service was held on Friday, Feb. 26, at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Olivesburg.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Pleasant Valley Ranch, 4023 St. Rt. 603, Perrysville, OH 44864.

Werner-Gompf Funeral Services, Ltd, 1106 Park Avenue East, Mansfield, is handling the arrangements.

Wertz joins ministry

TFC Global ministry welcomed Reverend Stanley Wertz to its ministry. The non-profit, non-denominational ministry to the trucking community trains members to "evangelize, educate and equip members and their families to help them grow in their faith." Wertz has worked for TFC Global ministry at the Lodi TA Travel Center since July 2019 serving as an associate chaplain. He and his family live and worship in Mansfield. He is a provisional deacon in the East Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church. He will be taking the role as a TFC Global District Manager to the Great Lakes region which includes locations in Michigan, Wisconsin, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

District managers support and help the chaplains under their care build local chapters. Each truck stop chapel location works within the community to provide chaplaincy services to trucking companies and businesses in need of crisis care and regular visitation for their employees.

TFC Global also provides awareness in human trafficking to stop the demand/report any activity and hosts weekly meetings for an addiction program. For more information visit www.TFCGlobal.org.

Hospice receives \$1,231 grant

The Board of Directors at The Energy Cooperative Operation Round Up Foundation in Newark has approved a grant in the amount of \$1,231 for Hospice of North Central Ohio. The grant will be used to purchase specially designed hospice patient care items such as TREO razors from Gillette and Pain boards in English and Spanish. The Gillette TREO Razors are the first razors designed to shave someone else. They provide a level of safety, control and convenience that will allow HNCO caregivers to better facilitate the special hygiene needs of hospice patients. The Pain Boards will help caregivers determine the level of pain being experienced by English and Spanish speaking hospice patients who are not able to verbally communicate how they feel.

Ralph Tomassi, Chief Development Officer at HNCO stated: "Our nurses and aides are among the best equipped hospice caregivers in Ohio. We simply could not purchase these special comfort care items without the generous support of charitable gifts and grants."

Headquartered at 1021 Dauch Dr., Ashland, Hospice of North Central Ohio serves more than 200 patients daily in Ashland, Crawford, Huron, Knox, Morrow, and Richland counties who are living with chronic and terminal illnesses. Free continuous bereavement services are provided to anyone in the community experiencing grief. Call 800-952-2207 for more information.

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Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights



ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL swim team members were greeted with good luck wishes as they left school to travel to the state swim meet at McKinley High School in Canton on Feb. 24. Boys team members are Colin Cordrey, Gregory Tan, Will Bolin and Evan Trumpower. Girls team members are Shelby Keever, Tiffany Whittaker, Ava Ruhe, Amy Evans and Bri Trumpower.



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.

Cheering for some warmer weather as Ontario soccer teams start their training for the season. April 5 will be the official kick off to our OYS soccer season. All home games will be played at Marshall Park with away game being played around Richland County. Thank you to the City for making practice space available while the fields continue to dry out. Good luck to our soccer athletes.

OYS is working on a few dates to bring back Bike with OPD. Last year our first ever Bike with OPD was a huge success. Special thank you to the Ontario Police Department for taking part in this event and helping make sure our Ontario kids had a great time.

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. Please call 419-566-8072 for more information.

All OYS training will follow guidelines set by the health department and the CDC. Call 419-566-8072 for more information.

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

- 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, login 24/7 and see what sports are available for your athlete.

- Call 419-566-8072.

OHS dinner planned

Ontario Baseball will host a take-out spaghetti dinner Friday, March 12, from 4:30-6:30 pm at the OHS front doors.

Cost is \$5 for the dinner that includes spaghetti, salad and bread, payable by cash or check. Dinners are ordered by drive-up and 2020 raincheck tickets will be accepted.

For information call Coach Fisher at 419-529-3969 or email fisher.jeff@olsohio.org.

Taylor Huff commits to Tennessee

Taylor Huff, a senior at Madison Comprehensive High School, signed a Letter of Intent to play Division I soccer at the University of Tennessee.

While playing for the Lady Rams, Taylor was a 3-time captain of the girls soccer team. She was a 2017 state semi-finalist, 2019 state runner-up and 2020 state champion.

She is a four-time in each of All-American, All Region, All Ohio, District Player of the Year and OCC Offensive Player of the Year.

Taylor was a 2019 and 2020 Division II Player of the Year. She was named 2020 Ms. Soccer and 2020 National Player of the Year.

She ended her high school career with 133 goals and 93 assists. Her last goal ever scored for Madison broke the school record held from 1996. She is also the All-time State assist leader which was previously held since 2002.

Taylor was also a member of the girls varsity track team her sophomore year and was a state qualifier in the 400. She holds a school record as part of the women's 4x400 relay team.

She has served as class president the past four years and is a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Senior Class Executive Committee, OCC Leadership and National Honor Society. She has maintained a 4.0 GPA and will be named as a valedictorian, along with several others from her senior class.

She enjoys mentoring and says her faith in God makes her accomplishments possible. She is the daughter of Zac and Amy Huff and sister of Hayley and Ava.



AU exhibit opens March 4

The Ashland University Juried Student Art + Design Exhibition opens Thursday, March 4, in the Coburn Gallery.

This exhibition will offer \$950 in awards to student artists. The art awards will be announced on the Coburn's Facebook page at 5:30 pm on March 4.

The exhibition represents a culmination of student work from university art classes. It is an opportunity for students to take their best artwork from the year, learn how to professionally present it for display, and then receive feedback from an outside art professional.

The exhibit is open through March 30 from 10 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday and weekends from noon to 4 pm. Admission is free and open to the public.



THE LEXINGTON BOYS swim team won the state title in the 200 medley relay on Feb. 25 at Branin Natatorium in Canton. Team members are senior Ben Starling and juniors Jacob Hathaway, Tanner Holmes and Lucas Starling. This was the first state title in this event in Lexington history.



T-C Staff/Bud Motter

GRIFFIN SHAVER, a senior at Ontario, makes his way to the basket as senior Shad Creamer (12) defends for the Mansfield Seniors Tygers. The Warriors won 57-53 and moves onto the district championship at Ashland High School. Ontario took a 16-point lead into the fourth quarter in the Division II sectional title game.



T-C Staff/Bud Motter

ONTARIO SENIOR Nolan Payne (22) puts up a shot during the Ontario Warriors and Mansfield Senior High Tygers varsity basketball game played in the O-Rena on Feb 26.



T-C Staff/Bud Motter

MANSFIELD CHRISTIAN FLAMES senior Logan Cyphers (11) makes a move to the basket during a varsity basketball game against Buckeye Central. MCS fell 58-60 but had three players scoring double figures led by Amaar Davis with 16 points including one 3-pointer. Logan Cyphers had 13 including two 3-pointers and Zack Yoho had 10 points with three 3-pointers. Jace Craner had 8 points, Branden Loose 5, Colin Comstock 3 and Isaac Vance 3. Buckeye Central had three players who scored in double figures, Brady Kershner with 15, Alex Hanney with 15 and Tyler Ross with 13. The Flames made 16 of 20 free throws while Buckeye Central made 15 of 22 free throws.



T-C Staff/Bud Motter

ELLE SCHMITZ (20) puts up a shot good for two points for Mansfield Christian. She ended the night with 15 points to help the Flames take the 44-40 win.



T-C Staff/Bud Motter

ALEXIS RIPPELE (22) drives to the basket for Mansfield Christian against Christian Community on Feb. 26. Rippele finished with 14 points to help the Lady Flames move to the Ohio Christian School Tournament. MCS took the 44-40 win in the Furnace. Others scoring for MCS were Elle Schmitz with 15, Nolelle Beare with 4, Abby Little with 4, Anna Sparks with 6 and Aubrynn Maiyer with 1.

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Ren Studios announces newest streaming production

The Renaissance Theatre has announced the latest streaming production of its new film division, Ren Studios. *Heartaches: The Music of Patsy Cline and Loretta Lynn* will premiere April 1 and be available for viewing through the end of that month.

These two legendary and unforgettable performers would go on to change the face of American music. Patsy Cline, with her plaintive, heartbreaking vocal style, set the charts ablaze with hits like "Crazy," "I Fall to Pieces" and "Walking After Midnight."

Loretta Lynn, the coal miner's daughter from Butcher Hollow, KY, turned country music on its ear with heartfelt and sometimes controversial songs about marital infidelity, poverty and birth control. *Heartaches: The Music of Patsy Cline and Loretta Lynn* is not a biographical portrait

of two immortal entertainers, but rather a collection of their music that mirrors the struggle of all women.

Loretta once said, "I didn't just write about my life, I wrote about what all women were going through." And this is the story that *Heartaches* tells. Love, loss, betrayal, cheating husbands, raising children, loss of innocence, jealousy, the struggle to succeed in a man's world, and the joy of family and friends. Two friends laugh, cry, commiserate, tell tall tales, crack each other up and share each other's burdens - all set to the soundtrack of some of the greatest music ever written.

Starring Kelly Knowlton and Miss Ohio, Caroline Grace Williams, and written and directed by Renaissance Artistic Director Michael Thomas, the show includes such favorites as "Crazy," "You Ain't Woman

Enough to Take My Man," "Faded Love," "I Fall to Pieces," "One's on the Way," "Sweet Dreams," "Back in Baby's Arms," "Happy Birthday," "She's Got You," "Don't Come Home A-Drinkin'," "Lay Me Down," "Fist City," "Walking After Midnight," and more.

Heartaches will stream from April 1-30. With costumes by Linda Turske, film direction by Ryan Shealy, cinematography by Ryan Shreve, Sound, lighting and technical direction by Aaron Nicolas, Production Supervisor/Assistant Sound Engineering by Nik Demers, and Production Management by Abe Swanger. Produced through an arrangement with BMI and ASCAP.

For more information or to purchase tickets to stream *Heartaches: The Music of*

Patsy Cline and Loretta Lynn, visit rentickets.org. Tickets are available for \$10, allowing you to watch as many times as you want from April 1-30.

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. View more behind the scenes video on YouTube.



STUDENTS IN MRS. THEISEN'S CLASS at Ontario High School studied Transcendentalism, culminating the study with visual symbols of their philosophical understanding. Students are, front, Rachel Rentzel, Bre Roth and Bri Jilek; and back, Skylar Ambrose, Morgan Eckert, Brooke Hagerman, Elizabeth Rene Roley, Shelby Keever, Macy Mangan and, Aariona Jeffery.

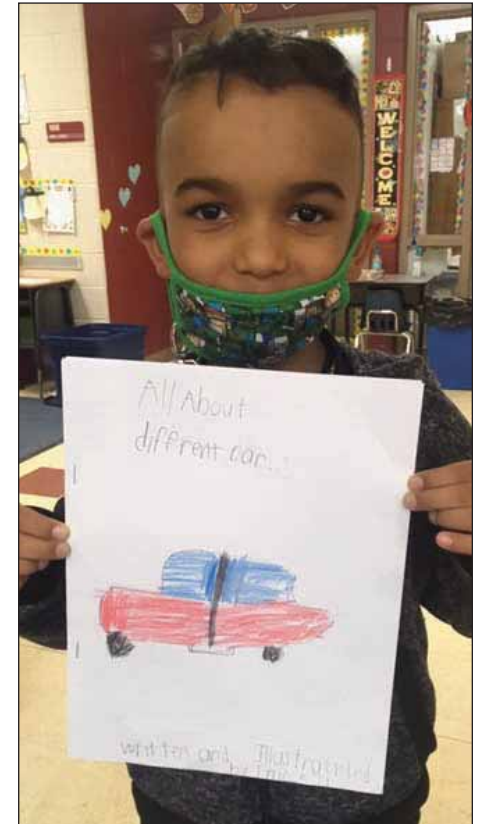
Recital planned for March 14 at AU

Thomas Reed, Professor of Music at Ashland University, will present a recital of clarinet and saxophone music Sunday, March 14 at 7:30 pm in the Hugo Young Theatre, 331 College Ave., Ashland. He will perform with Susan Gregg, piano, and Jane Reed, violin.

The recital is free and open to the public. Seating will be limited to ensure social distancing, and audience members will be required to wear face coverings at all times.

The recital will include Ballad by George Gershwin, Trio by Aram Khachaturian, Canzonetta by Gabriel Pierre, Les Folies d'Espagne by Marin Marais, Aeterna by John Anthony Lennon and Fantaisie by Jean-Baptiste Singelee.

The music includes a wide range of styles, including Armenian folk music influences in the music of Khachaturian, Marais' famous baroque composition Les Folies, technical brilliance in the music of Singelee, the classic American style of Gershwin, and even electronically altered sounds in the music of Lennon.



FIRST GRADERS in Mrs. Barry's class at Ontario Stingel have been working on writing "All About" books. Students chose a topic and then planned what they would say in their chapters. Once they finished their writing, they created a Table of Contents, and when their books were completed they shared their writings with the class.



DRUG FREE SENIORS made their first trip to Stingel to give presentations to younger students on Feb. 25. (Left photo) Visiting Stingel were front, Abi Perez, Lilly Casey, Makayla Minard, Haley Guisinger; and back, Ryan Brophy, Jon Nagel, Kolten Kurtz, Caden Armstrong, Isaac David and Dylan Fraley. (Right photo) Kolten Kurtz gives a presentation to a class at Stingel.



KCCC students will return to in-person learning

Knox County Career Center students will return to in-person 5-day per week learning on Monday, March 8.

Preschool will continue to run on the Tuesday-Friday schedule.

It will be imperative for students to be diligent in completing their daily health assessments, staying home if feeling unwell, wearing their mask correctly, keeping as much space between individuals as possible and practicing great personal hygiene.

This plan may be changed based on external factors related to COVID19 and/or updated guidance as conditions warrant.

Beginning Monday, March 8, the KCCC regular school calendar will be followed.

All students will report in-person five days each week.

There will be no school on Friday, March 19 for teacher in-service.

This is a regularly scheduled teacher in-service day. Students will not report to KCCC. They will also not have any remote learning assignments.

Spring break will be observed from March 29 through April 2. Any calamity days will be remote learning.

Transportation will be provided to KCCC from the local school districts as typically handled. Bus riders will be admitted to the building when they arrive.

Students are permitted to drive to school and park in the back student lot.

Students can also be dropped off at the front of the building as well.

Doors will open at 7:30 am for students not arriving by bus. Sophomores and juniors will report to their labs after getting their breakfast. Seniors will report to the cafeteria until the first bell rings.

Parent-teacher conferences will be held

Thursday, March 11, via phone call or Zoom meeting.

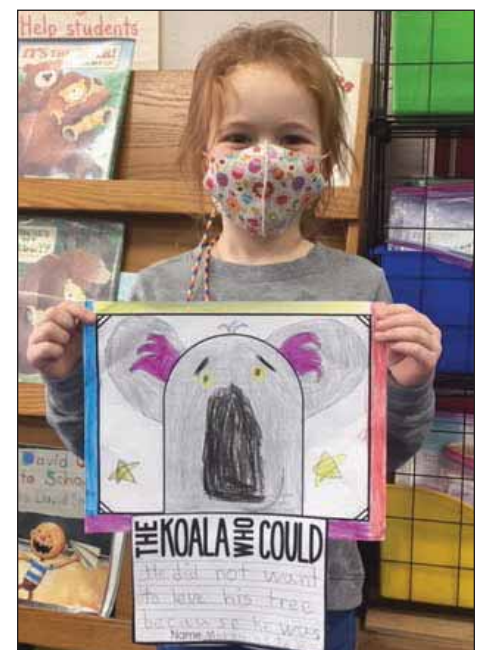
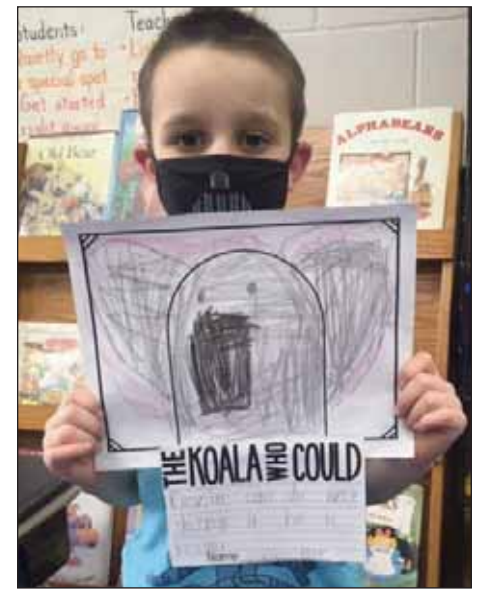
Students are expected to perform a daily health assessment prior to attending in-person. Face coverings will be worn by students and staff. Masks must be worn correctly.

Additional Health & Safety measures are listed in the original restart plan at www.knoxcc.org under Restart Plans.

IDs need to be worn at all times on a school-issued lanyard or clip at the neck or chest level.

Students are responsible to arrive each day with a fully-charged Chromebook.

While attending in-person breakfast will be available daily. Students will eat lunch in the cafeteria while social distancing and sitting with their lab family groups. Through May, breakfast and lunch are available for free to all students.



THE RHAPSODY IN BLUE Ontario High School Show Choir has been unable to perform publicly due to COVID-19 restrictions. However, there is an upcoming virtual concert and several scheduled (hopefully) performances this spring. This is an audition-selected choir under the direction of Ms. Megan Gwartz.



THE ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC CHALLENGE TEAM got their first chance at competition this school year in Tiffin on Feb. 26. Competing were Duncan McLean, Gregory Tan, Ethan Glenwright, Colton Geer, Randall Rickel and Isabel Baker.

ONTARIO STINGEL first grade students in Mrs. Barry's class wrote responses to the book, "The Koala Who Could," after hearing it read to them. They also drew the main character, Kevin.

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LOOKING BACK: This Week in Tribune-Courier History



March 4, '93

George Billman

LEXINGTON'S DERRICK McCORMICK charges to the hole in the game against Wynford Friday night. The Minutemen gave the 18-2 state ranked Royals a giant scare before falling by just two points, 50-48. McCormick and J.T. Hunt each scored 13 points for Lexington in the independent fracas.



March 8, '85

Marc Stumbo

OUTSTANDING OWA FEMALE STUDENT — Paul Blasberg, owner of Porky's Drive-In on Ashland Rd. congratulates one of his employees, Tracy Cantrell, for having earned the student of the month award for her achievements in the Occupational Work Adjustment Program at Madison High School. The recognition is based on job performance, grade average and attendance. The program is a work study program for sophomores.



March 4, '93

JANUARY WALL OF FAME winners have been named at Ontario Stingel Elementary School. The winners are, front, first grader Brandon Bechtler and second grader Neal Harrod; back, fourth grader Jamie Wood, fourth grader Brandi Au and third grader Tyler Coley.

March 4, 1789 — The first session of the U.S. Congress is held in New York City as the U.S. Constitution takes effect. However, of the 22 senators and 59 representatives of 11 states who had ratified the document, only 9 senators and 13 representatives showed. In 1786, defects in the Articles of Confederation became apparent, such as the lack of central authority over foreign and domestic commerce and the inability of Congress to levy taxes, leading Congress to endorse a plan to draft a new constitution. On Sept. 17, 1787, at the conclusion of the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, the new U.S. Constitution, creating a strong federal government with an intricate system of checks and balances, was signed by 38 of 41 delegates to the convention. The document would not become binding until it was ratified by nine of the 13 states. On June 21, 1788, it became binding and government under the U.S. Constitution began on March 4, 1789.



March 1, '85

Marc Stumbo

MADISON NORTH SEVENTH GRADE BASKETBALL CHEERLEADERS — Front, Beth Swartz, Melissa Mellick and Amy Bohland. Back, Robin Ball, Jenny Brauchler and Viveca Kindsvatter.



March 1, '85

Marc Stumbo

MADISON NORTH EIGHTH GRADE BASKETBALL CHEERLEADERS — Front, Heather Ruby, Laurie Dennis and Kelli Spangler. Back, Anglea Campo, Tecca DeNero and Tia Cortelletti.



March 1, '85

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MADISON NORTH NINTH GRADE BASKETBALL CHEERLEADERS — Front, Heather Washington, Rachel Ball and Michelle Short. Back, Heather Cary, Kelly Colegrove and Rachel Crose.

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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)

FINANCIAL REPORT

The annual financial report for the Madison Water District has been completed for 2020. The report is available at the office located at 489 Indiana Avenue, Mansfield, Ohio. Due to COVID 19 the office is closed to the public. Please call 419-589-2135 to make an appointment.

Sue Cook
Madison Water District
Mansfield, Ohio
3-4 '21 (13)

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
Administrative Director
Lexington, Ohio
2-25, 3-4 '21 (117L)



WhoaZone coming to Pleasant Hill Lake

Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District (MWCD) officials announced that a partnership with Empire Recreation Management, LLC to build WhoaZone, inflatable obstacle courses at Atwood and Pleasant Hill Lake beaches in 2021 was approved by the MWCD Board of Directors at a recent meeting.

MWCD continues to seek feedback from guests about what they want to see at the MWCD Lakes. Activities in and around the lake made the top of the list in every conversation. This partnership will help fulfill the public's demand for water-based activities for both campers, and community members.

"This is a great opportunity to plan a day at the beach with the family whether you are camping or coming for the day," said Craig Butler, executive director of MWCD. "Make your plans now to come and be part of the fun in 2021, we can't wait to see you."

Scheduled to open Memorial Day Weekend, WhoaZone at Atwood Lake Park and WhoaZone at Pleasant Hill Lake Park are part of the fastest growing trends of active, on-water entertainment and recreational activity at public facilities across the USA. WhoaZone parks offer hourly sessions, all-day passes, group outings, birthday parties and special events. Learn more by visiting <https://whoa.zone>. Managed by Empire Recreation Management, the park is a joint venture with the MWCD.

The MWCD, a political subdivision of the state, was organized in 1933 to develop and implement a plan to reduce flooding and conserve water for beneficial public uses in the Muskingum River Watershed, the largest wholly contained watershed in Ohio. Since their construction, the 16 reservoirs and dams in the MWCD region have been credited for saving over \$7 billion worth of potential property damage from flooding, according to the federal government, as well as providing popular recreational opportunities that bolster the region's economy. A significant portion of the reservoirs are managed by the MWCD and the dams are managed for flood-risk management by the federal U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

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THE MANSFIELD CHRISTIAN eighth grade girls basketball team stops for a photo after defeating First Baptist in the Furnace by a low score of 16–12 in the first tournament of the State Girls Christian Tournament.

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TAYLOR BEASLEY (4) makes her way to the basket for the eighth grade girls basketball team. They played against First Baptist and won 16–12.

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ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL wrestlers advancing to Norwalk Districts are Cole Dille, Riley Kleshinski, Carter Kroll, Brennan Strickler, Ethan Turnbaugh and Jacob Ohl.



MANAE TATUM looks for some help as she brings the basketball down the court late in the second period of the eighth grade game against First Baptist. Defending for First was Sophie Iler (15). The score was tied 2–2 in the first period and 4–4 at halftime. The Lady Flames were held scoreless in the third while First Baptist scored 4. The Lady Flames put the contest on ice as they outscored Baptist 11–4 in the final period to take the 16–12 win.

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Raising Richland Summit goes online in 2021

The tenth annual Raising Richland Community Garden Summit will be held in a virtual format starting Thursday, March 11. This free online event will provide inspiration and information for the home gardener as well as those involved in community or organizational gardens.

More than 15 teaching and sharing videos will debut free of charge for all interested gardening enthusiasts. Videos will include information about seeds, transplanting plants, gardening tips, common garden insects, the road to maple syrup, garden plants diseases, parts of a flower,

daffodils, children’s stories and programs, nutrition and much more. This library of helpful information will be available and updated throughout the 2021 gardening season. Be sure to check back for updates.

On March 11, access the summit at <https://richland.osu.edu>

The Annual Raising Richland Summit is organized by NECIC, OSU Extension, OSU-Mansfield, Richland County Master Gardeners, Mansfield/Richland County Public Library, and Richland Soil and Water Conservation District. For more information call 419-564-3594.

Local students named to autumn semester dean’s list

The following students have been named to the autumn semester dean’s list at Columbus State Community College. To be named to the list, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher and be enrolled for six or more credit hours.

Michael Cochenour, construction management, of

Lexington; Skylar Baddour, associate of arts; Rachel Bloodwyn, Digital Design and Graphics;

Andrew Box, Associate of Arts; Cheyenne Malicoate, Paralegal Studies; Jennifer Ransom, Nursing; Mathias Stanfield, Architecture; and Nolan Hatfield, Associate of Arts, of Ontario.

Mechanics Bank makes “Welcome Home” \$5,000 grants available

\$5,000 grants are available for a limited time to qualified borrowers through the Federal Home Loan Bank’s “Welcome Home” program, based on household income limits. Additionally, \$7,500 grants are available to homebuyers who are honorably discharged veterans, active duty military personnel, reservists, or surviving spouses of service personnel. Welcome Home grants may not be combined and are available on a first come, first served basis.

For more information call the Mechanics Bank Mortgage Hotline at 419-520-3686. Mechanics Bank is Richland County’s only local, independent bank with nine locations and an Equal Housing Lender. Loans are subject to approval.