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**THE ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL** Leadership Committee helped the City of Ontario Recreation Department and the Easter Bunny staff eggs for the hunt at Marshall Park scheduled for Saturday, March 27 at noon. Among those helping were Jenin Abdelaziz and Elizabeth Nagel.

## Blood donation remains essential

A year ago, many things in the world paused due to the COVID-19 pandemic. But the need for blood never stopped. Today blood donations are just as essential, and the American Red Cross urges individuals who are healthy to make an appointment to donate blood.

For patients in the emergency room, fighting cancer or coping with a life-threatening illness, help can't wait. Their health is reliant on the generosity of blood donors.

More donors, especially those with type O blood, are needed to ensure that patients have lifesaving blood products available for emergencies and everyday medical treatments. Schedule an appointment 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 an Alexa Echo device.

March is Red Cross Month, an all who come to give March 15-26 will receive an exclusive Red Cross t-shirt, while supplies last.

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

COVID-19 antibody test results will be available within one to two weeks in the Red Cross Blood Donor App or donor portal at RedCrossBlood.org. A positive antibody test result does not confirm infection or immunity. The Red Cross is not testing donors to diagnose illness,

referred to as a diagnostic test. To protect the health and safety of Red Cross staff and donors, it is important that individuals who do not feel well or believe they may be ill with COVID-19 postpone donation.

Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows safety and infection control precautions – including temperature checks, social distancing and face coverings for donors and staff. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive and are required to wear a face covering or mask.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities:

Wednesday, March 17, 1-7 pm, Richland Mall RSMO, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

Thursday, March 18, 9 am to 3 pm, Mansfield Engineered Components, 1776 Harrington Memorial

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

Tuesday, March 23, 1-6 pm, Crossroads Church, 1188 Park Avenue West

Wednesday, March 24, 9 am to 2 pm, Area Agency on Aging, 2131 Park Avenue West, Ontario; and 1-7 pm, Richland Mall RSMO, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

Thursday, March 25, 2-8 pm, Community Building, 21555 Pealer Mill Rd., Butler

Tuesday, March 30, noon to 5 pm, Berean Baptist, 2145 Middle Bellville Rd., Mansfield

## Appointments available

Richland Public Health has COVID-19 vaccination appointments available this week for Wednesday, March 10 Thursday, March 11 and particularly Friday, March 12.

Individuals in Phase 1C and Phase 2 (age 60 and older) may schedule their COVID-19 vaccinations by calling the Richland Public Health's registration number at 866-395-1588. Please wait to speak to a person rather than leaving a callback number.

Richland Public Health has the Moderna vaccine as well as the one dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

For more information on Phase 1C qualifications as well as a list of all Richland County providers, see richlandhealth.org/vaccine-registration

## Ontario to host egg hunt at Marshall Park

The City of Ontario will host its annual Easter Egg Hunt in Marshall Park on Saturday, March 27. Due to COVID, this year there will be two different times based on age groups for the egg hunt.

Children ages 3 and under, preschoolers and kindergartners will start their egg hunt at noon (arrive by 11:45 am). Children in first through fourth grade will have an egg hunt at 12:30 pm (arrive by 12:20 pm).

Masks are required and all COVID-19 guidelines will

be followed. Participants should meet at the playscape. Look for age group signs. Children should bring a container for eggs and recycle the eggs when done.

There is a chance for a certain number of kids to win a special prize in each area, so be sure to check eggs for a notification before you leave. Prizes will be awarded at the pavilion by the Ontario Recreation Director.

The event will be held rain or shine. This hunt is for Ontario students or residents only.

**Sunday, March 14**


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**THE ALTA TELEGRAPHER** and station agent John Satterfield (wearing a white shirt and tie) worked seven days a week in 1906 for \$59 a month. He worked 90 days and quit. The bigger Lexington station paid \$62.

## A Small Place on the Map

By Bob Carter

With no welcome or leaving signs, Alta is among the smallest but locally-named crossroad places that is often visited in Richland County.

You see, the Richland B&O Bike Trail and Marion Avenue Rd. pass through it, as does Alta Rd.

Today, the Alta Greenhouse is the only business and a few scattered houses border the beautiful deep valley scene. It's a pleasant view from the hilltop.

Few folks know the place was originally named Summit Siding, by the railroad which passed through it. That's because the tracks at Alta were the highest point on the line between Newark and Sandusky.

An 1,126 foot-long siding to park unneeded rail cars was built in 1861 as was a "Y" for turning locomotives and cars around.

The siding was also used when north-bound extra-long trains couldn't make what was called the "Lexington grade" and had to be broken into sections and re-

assembled on the siding.

Early on, there was a coal chute and water tower. That grade as known as an engine killer by railroaders and today, bikers can attest to easily going south from Alta but having a real calorie burner on the return trip.

The small railroad station held the telegrapher's office and nearby was a small grocery store run by "Old Erb," as the old-timers remembered him. Also nearby was Adam Hively's blacksmith shop and a post office in a private home.

In the 1800s, the Griebing water-powered grist mill was to the south.

In the 1940s, there was the Burkhart Lumber Company, which John Morley took over, and the Netter Coal Company. The lumber building burned in the early 1960s and the coal yard closed.

Today, the Alta Greenhouse, started by Sam Clever in 1923, and a small office building at the intersection once used by John Morley is all that remains. The origin of the name Alta means high or elevated.



Eddie Murphy returns to his role as Prince Akeem of Zamunda in *Coming 2 America*, the sequel to 1988's hilarious *Coming to America*. Akeem discovers from his right hand man Semmi (Aresnio Hall) that he has a son that he never knew about that is still living in Queens, the place that Akeem and Semmi went to find Akeem's bride in the original film. All three of Akeem's daughters, one of whom, Bella Murphy, is Eddie Murphy's real life daughter, are upset they cannot take the throne.

Other plot lines involve a warlord named General Izzi (Wesley Snipes) who will invade Zamunda if Akeem does not marry his oldest daughter to Izzi's son. Akeem's return to Queens and the ensuing time in Zamunda trying to prepare his son (Jemaine Clement) to become the new prince becomes most of where this movie takes us.

*Coming to America* is a personal favorite Eddie Murphy movie. Its fresh, funny, has a great cast, direction and a complete fish out of water story that still stands in being very endearing and sweet. This sequel also has that sweetness and retains most of the original cast including James Earl Jones, John Amos, Shari Headley and

Louie Anderson while it also introduces new characters played by Leslie Jones and Tracy Morgan.

Unfortunately, the movie feels forced and when it includes some scenes from the original to tie in plot lines it just reminds us of how great that movie was. There are some laughs along the way but nothing substantial. A positive though was the entire cast especially Murphy and Hall step right back into these roles and retain what was loved about those characters. It's too bad the movie didn't have another plot or full storyline that was engaging because it feels tired and like a re-tread.



*Coming 2 America* is available to watch on Prime Video. It's certainly not the worst sequel ever made and it's great to revisit these characters but the plot, writing and overall arch of the film just felt like it's all been done before and that's too bad because this movie had such potential.

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



## Military News

Approximately 150 members of the Ohio Air National Guard's 179th Airlift Wing (AW) recently departed for a deployment to the Middle East in support of Operation Spartan Shield.

A majority of the members are from the 164th Airlift Squadron and 179th Maintenance Group. They will be flying and maintaining the C-130H aircraft as part of intra-theater operations across the area of responsibility.

Members of the 179th Airlift Wing, Ohio Air National Guard, will be the lead unit and augmented by active duty and reserve members in their forward deployed environments. The primary mission for members of the 179th AW will be to provide direct support to the combatant commander.

179th AW Commander, Col. Todd K. Thomas said, "Our Airmen are combat tested and prepared to provide a high level of tactical air-land and airdrop capabilities to the deployed commander 24/7." Thomas

added, "This past year has presented a unique and difficult set of circumstances to navigate and prepare for this but our Airmen have stepped up to serve and we're extremely proud of their commitment."

Due to COVID-19 mitigation measures, deploying members left in smaller groups on separate aircraft spanned out over several days. Each group was COVID-19 tested and restricted of unnecessary public movements leading up to their departure to mitigate any possible spread.

Maj. Gen. John C. Harris Jr., Ohio adjutant general, was joined by Maj. Gen. James R. Camp, assistant Ohio adjutant general for Air, and Command Chief Master Sgt. Heidi A. Bunker, state command chief, in seeing the groups off. All members are expected to return by early fall 2021.

Harris said, "Good luck on your mission. God bless you. I don't exaggerate when I say that you're in my family's prayers every single night."

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**March**

**14 — Bud Motter, Madison**  
**17 — Ed Vore, Lexington**

**FREE Birthday Listing:**  
Email news@tribune-courier.com  
to submit a name for the birthday list.



**MANSFIELD ROTARY CLUB** members established a new scholarship fund at the Richland County Foundation. Members are Cynthia Wood, Brady Groves, Scott Young, Chris May, Pat Chilcote, Chris Copper and Dave Crawford.

## Rotary Club celebrates 100th anniversary with a new scholarship

The Rotary Club of Mansfield celebrated its 100th anniversary by setting up a scholarship fund at the Richland County Foundation. It is called the Mansfield Rotary Centennial Scholarship Fund.

The scholarship will be awarded to nontraditional students to attend Ohio State University at Mansfield or North Central State College. The fund is designed to help returning Richland County adult students over the age of 25 who want to pursue a certificate or a degree.

"This scholarship could help address local workforce demands," said Mansfield Rotary President Cynthia Wood.

Both colleges have students with families who enroll in their 20s and 30s. They want to go back to school but the tuition is a financial burden. The scholarship will be paid directly to either OSU-M or NCSC and can be used for tuition, books, fees, or student needs.

Other projects funded by the Rotary Club to observe its anniversary were an old-fashioned street clock in the Carrousel District and a patio and furniture for addiction recovery patients at Catalyst Life Services.

The Rotary Club of Mansfield has three other endowed funds at the Richland County Foundation to ensure a long-term, stable source of funding.

The first fund, the Walter Willis Scholarship Fund, was created in 1984. It was named to honor Walter Willis who served as the club's secretary/treasurer for 53 years. He also was a major initial con-

tributor to the fund. His interests in economics, forestry, and natural resources are the focus of the college scholarship.

The McGowan Courage Award Fund was established in 1990 by an anonymous donor and was generously supported by Earl Goetz. It provides funding for \$1,000 grants awarded annually to the recipients of the McGowan Courage Award. The award honors high school students who despite facing significant physical, psychological, family, or other challenges manage to succeed in school. The students are nominated by teachers and staff at Richland County high schools. The fund and award are named in honor of Salvation Army Brigadier Bill McGowan, who was a long-time Rotarian and one of the award's originators in 1968.

1991-'92 Rotary Club President Tom Doty set a goal to start a fund to financially support various Rotary Club community projects. Tragically, he died in office. Club members responded by supporting his dream and in 1993 established the Rotary Club of Mansfield Tom Doty Community Fund. The donor advised fund has grown over the years and funded several local projects including a playscape at North Lake Park.

Anyone can donate to the fund online at [richlandcountyfoundation.org](http://richlandcountyfoundation.org), click the donate button and select the Mansfield Rotary Centennial Scholarship Fund. Or you can write a check to the Richland County Foundation and note the fund on the memo line.

## News Briefs

Ridgeway Church of God, 1380 Park Avenue East, Madison Township, will host a drive-thru spaghetti dinner on Friday, March 12, from 4:30-6 pm.

The menu will be limited to spaghetti, salad and bread. Those participating will drive thru and give their order, and it will be brought to their car. Cost is a freewill donation. All proceeds will benefit the church. For more information call the church at 419-589-5385.

St. Mary's, 1630 Ashland Rd., Madison area, will serve take-out only fish fry dinners on Fridays March 12, 19 and 26. Serving begins at 5 pm and cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under. Call 419-589-2114 for more information.

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](mailto:fisher.jeff@olsohio.org).

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.

City of Ontario Zoning Inspector Michael Morton has released the February zoning report. A permit was issued to Chad and Amanda Miller for a new 3,952 square foot home on Hannah Faith Cr.

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.

Richland County Solid Waste's Compost Facility, 441 Cairns Rd., Mansfield, will open Tuesday, March 16 at 7 am for the

2021 growing season. Weekly hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 7 am to 4 pm (closed 12-12:30 for lunch) and Saturday from 8 am and 12 pm.

Those who need help with winter heating bills can apply for HEAP. Applications are available by calling the Area Agency at 419-524-4144 or 800-860-5799 Monday-Friday 9 am to 5 pm.

Anyone age 18 and older may apply for this assistance. Those 60 and over can get assistance with filling out the application. All heating types are eligible for energy assistance programs - electric, wood, coal, natural gas, propane and kerosene.

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.

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

St. Paul Lutheran Church, 2010 Park Avenue West, Ontario, serves a drive-thru breakfast on the second Saturday of the month from 9-10:30 am.

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

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# March of Prayer continues

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 par-

ticipated," 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 Godsfield facebook page, where most of the services also will be streamed. The schedule is:

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



**EIGHTH GRADE** students in Mrs. Sorensen's literature class at Ontario Middle School have been discussing the topic of theme. They narrowed down the options of themes in their latest short story, decided which theme was most prevalent and created a mind-map giving a minimum of five supports or pieces of evidence from the story for their choice. They discussed in class their choices and shared the strongest piece of evidence they believed they had to support their theme choice by writing it down on their large post-it and placing it on their theme's chart. Pictured is Morgan Turnbaugh.

## 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.

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## Church Directory

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

### **Hillside First Church of God**

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

### **St. Mary of the Snows Catholic Church**

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

### **Mayflower Congregational Church**

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

### **Lexington Presbyterian Church**

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

### **Risen Savior Lutheran Church**

1685 Lexington Ave., Mansfield • 419-775-1175  
Pastor Brad Wright • risensaviormansfield.com  
9 am Sunday Family Bible Time • 10 am Sunday Worship

### **Ontario United Methodist Church**

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

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### **All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church**

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

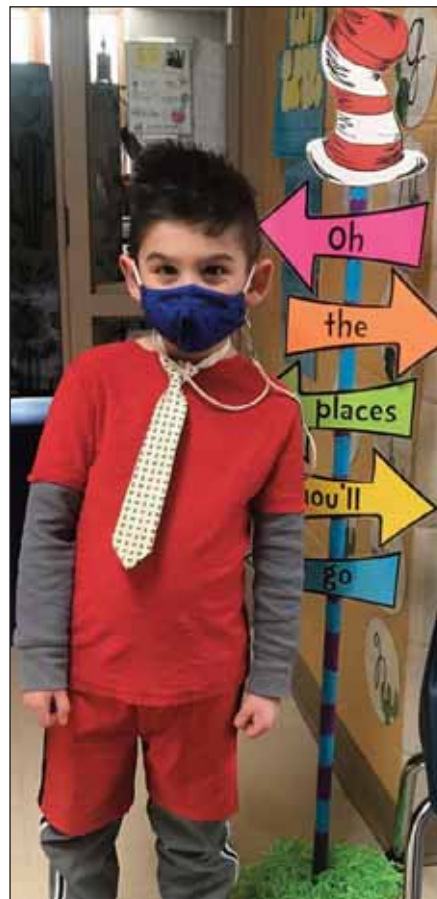
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**KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS** in Miss Kiliany's class at Ontario Stingel celebrated Wacky Wednesday on March 3. Dressing for the occasion are (left photo) Paisely Deaton and (right photo) Zach Leach.

## Alzheimer's Association programs will discuss variety of topics

The Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter will present a variety of virtual educational programs to help the community and families impacted by the disease.

These presentations cover a variety of topics and occur at different times during the day and evening via videoconferencing to allow individuals to participate in the convenience of their homes.

The programs are helpful for anyone experiencing signs of memory loss, their family members who may be concerned, and the community member looking for more education. All programs are free and open to the public. Registration is required. To register call 800-272-3900

March 15, 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's, 1 pm

March 16, Effective Communication Strategies, 12:30 pm; and Living with Alzheimer's, Middle Stage Part 1, 4 pm

March 17, Understanding Alzheimer's

and Dementia, 11 am; and Dementia Conversations, 5 pm

March 18, Living with Alzheimer's, Late Stage Part 2, 3:30 pm; and Healthy Living for Brain and Body, 11:30 am

March 22, Legal and Financial Pt 1, 2 pm; and 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's, 5 pm

March 23, Living with Alzheimer's, Middle Stage Part 2, 4 pm

March 24, Understanding and Responding to Dementia-Related Behavior, 2 pm

March 25, Dementia Conversations, 3 pm; and Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia, 6:30 pm

March 29, Legal and Financial Pt 2, 2 pm

March 30, 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's, 2 pm; and Living with Alzheimer's, Middle Stage Part 3, 4 pm

March 31, 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's, 3 pm

Visit [alz.org](http://alz.org) or call 800-272-3900 for more information.

an, Audrey Wolford for sunshine officer, Dailynn Dawson and Audrey Wolford as co-news reporter and Addison Amert for recreation leader.

Members also chose which committees they wanted to be on this year. Members were reminded that enrollment and project selection should be completed soon for books to be ordered. The next meeting will be held on March 21 at 4 pm.

Audrey Wolford and Dailynn Dawson  
News Reporters



On Feb. 28, 2021, the Country Champions 4-H Club of Richland County, elected the following officers: Ryleigh Chase for president, Jocelynn Fyffe for vice president, Mandee Lantz for secretary, Maggie Lantz for treasurer, Tristen Dawson and Michaela Lantz as co-health and safety officers, Katelynn Kasper for histori-

## RIGHT TO READ WEEK

To celebrate Right to Read Week at Ontario Stingel, Mrs. Hynek invited parents to read a book to the class that's special to them.



Nico Fox



Hudson Pelhrey

## New legislation would provide \$125 million in relief to Ohio businesses

State Senators Mark Romanchuk (R-Ontario) and Steve Huffman (R-Tipp City) introduced new legislation providing an additional \$125 million of federal pandemic relief to bars, restaurants and lodging businesses across Ohio.

"Our small business owners, our restaurants and bars have suffered for months from the pandemic," said Romanchuk.

"It is imperative that we get these needed dollars to them, as so many of these businesses are on the brink of closing forever."

To date, more than \$2.5 billion in funding has been approved by the General

Assembly to be distributed to Ohio's communities and schools as they emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The funds included in this bill provide direct relief to our businesses in our communities who are emerging from a difficult time," said Huffman.

"I trust my colleagues in the Senate will move quickly on this legislation to continue providing relief to those who need it most."

Testimony on Senate Bill 108 began March 9 in the Senate Finance Committee, and a companion bill will be introduced in the Ohio House of Representatives.



**EASTVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FEBRUARY CITIZENS OF THE MONTH** are top row, Bentley Smith, Carter Smollen, Corbin Simon, Kamden Stober, Toby Ransom and Kaprice Mascazine; and bottom, Stella Nicol, Jaxson Pennywit, Jaheim Keathley, Abby Anschutz, Raelynn Conley, Jayceon Keathley and Braxton Cole.



**THE ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL** Physical Education classes recently started activities involving hand/eye coordination. Students playing Spike Ball game are Connor Plev, Andrew Stephens, Cameron Bond and Noah Tuttle.

## Summit goes online

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.

## Mansfield Club to host virtual Talkin' Tribe event

The Kiwanis Club of Mansfield will host a free Zoom meeting featuring Bob DiBiasio, Cleveland Indians Senior Vice-President of Public Affairs, on Tuesday, March 23, from 1-2:30 pm. DiBiasio will join the virtual meeting live from Spring Training in Goodyear, AZ with an update on the 2021 Cleveland Indians.

Pre-registration is necessary and is limited to 250 attendees. To register visit <http://www.thekiwanisclubofmansfield.org/talkintribe>.

Attendees of this virtual event may submit a question to be answered during the meeting. Email questions in

advance to Barb Schopp-Miller at [Barb6503@aol.com](mailto:Barb6503@aol.com) no later than March 18.

Donations will be accepted and 100 percent of the money donated will benefit The Friendly House.

The Kiwanis Club of Mansfield was chartered in June 1920. It's partnership with the Friendly House dates back to 1924. Founded in 1915, Kiwanis International is a global organization of clubs and members dedicated to serving the children of the world.

Kiwanis and its family of clubs, including Circle K International for university students, Key Club for students age 14-18, Builders Club for students age 11-14, Kiwanis Kids for students age 6-12 and Aktion Club for adults living with disabilities, dedicate annually more than 18 million service hours to strengthen communities and serve children. For more information visit [www.kiwanis.org](http://www.kiwanis.org).



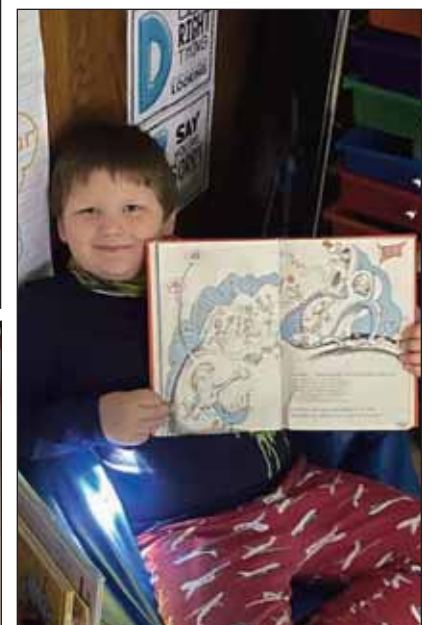
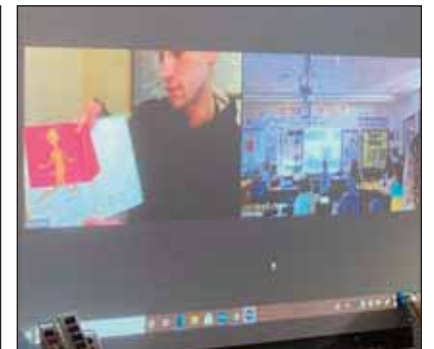
**MRS. MCCAULEY'S READING GROUPS** at Ontario Stingel researched animals that live in Australia. Each group wrote about an animal. The students were able to learn many interesting facts about koalas, kangaroos, emus, kookaburras and dingos.



**ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL KEY CLUB** members worked together to clean out the trophy case on March 3. Among those helping were Shelby Keevery, Jasylyn Ly and Elizabeth Corn.



**THE STUDENTS** at Lexington Western Elementary celebrated Right to Read Week. Ryan Parker, a former student of first grade teacher Mrs. Shelly Knapp, read The Foot Book to her students via zoom. Students also worked on an expository writing to show how they make "Seuss Juice" and enjoyed Flashlight Friday while reading their favorite Dr. Seuss books in class.



# RIGHT TO READ WEEK • LEXINGTON WESTERN



**TRISHA HUGHES' THIRD GRADE** students dressed in green for Right to Read Week. The class identified the main idea and supporting details in Dr. Seuss' book *Green Eggs and Ham*.



**STUDENTS IN AMY NORTH'S SECOND GRADE** class used Dr. Seuss as an intro to biographies. They also worked on comparing and contrasting texts. They played Dr. Seuss Biography Bingo and had to use a key word and state a fact about Dr. Seuss that they learned from one of their texts. They enjoyed a week learning about the purpose of entertainment as an author and the love of reading.



**TRISHA HUGHES'** third grade students explored concepts of solids and liquids within "hands on investigation." During Dr. Seuss Week, students made and played with "oobleck."

**WESTERN'S TITLE TEACHERS** Christy Thomas and Chris Kmetz planned a week of fun activities to celebrate reading. They created a Dr. Seuss hallway with decorations. Teachers assisted with hall decorations and decorated their doors.



**STEPHANIE COFFMAN'S THIRD GRADE** students were treated to the reading of *Bartholomew and the Oobleck*, by mystery reader Megan Garver. Students drew their own visuals and took notes on their thinking on a section of the text. The students then took turns sharing them with Megan.



**A MAIN IDEA** detective scene was enjoyed in Jodi Rutschilling's third grade class as part of their Dr. Seuss Right to Read Week.

# Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights



**ETHAN TURNBAUGH** celebrated his 100th win for Ontario Wrestling at the Districts in Norwalk. He is a junior and headed to the state competition.



**ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLERS** Carter Kroll and Ethan Turnbaugh are state-bound for wrestling after a strong finish at districts.



**MANSFIELD CHRISTIAN** junior Aubrynn Maiyer (3) brings the ball down the court late in the final period of the OCSAA girls' varsity tournament played at Temple Christian School in Mansfield. Defending for New Hope Christian Academy was Maren McCallister (13). The Lady Flames defeated New Hope 41-35



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**THE MANSFIELD CHRISTIAN JUNIOR HIGH** Lady Flames closed out the basketball season in a 33-17 loss to Ross County Christian Academy in the finals of the OCSAA game played at Temple Christian. Team members are Layda Chas, Manae Tatum, Emily Davis, Taylor Beasley, Evelina Johnson, Adelle Cramer, Katie Hiolman, Zy'eir Davis, Grace Rader, Keelah Cross, Ally Shoemaker, Trinity Shewan, Coach Josh Chase and John Beasley.



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**MANSFIELD CHRISTIAN** sophomore Anna Sparks (5) works to make her way to the basket during the OCSAA state finals played at Temple Christian in Mansfield. Defending for New Hope Christian Academy was Riley Kelly (15). The Lady Flames captured their second title in the past two years winning 41-35. Sparks finished the night with 6 points.

## Trinity plans Easter event, services

Trinity United Methodist Church, 1592 Grace St., Mansfield, will hold a Madison Community Easter drive-thru Saturday, March 27, beginning at 1 pm, rain or shine.

All children through sixth grade will receive an Easter basket (untouched for more than a week). One person, wearing gloves and mask, will put the basket(s) on a designated table and then move away. Participants will drive forward and pick up the basket(s).

The baskets will contain items for outdoor activities, books at appropriate reading

levels for each group, things to build, school supplies, candy, games to play with family and crafts to make.

Church members in the front yard will be praying for each family as they drive through and will come to a car if waved over.

Trinity has scheduled Holy Week services for Palm Sunday, March 28, regular service at 9:30 am; Maundy/Holy Thursday, April 1, 7 pm; Easter Sunrise service, April 4, at 7:30 am; and Easter Sunday, April 4, at 9:30 am.



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### LEGAL NOTICE

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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. 21-08 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 913, FAIR SHARE ROAD IMPACT FEE, BY AMENDING SECTION 913.09, ROAD IMPACT FEE SCHEDULE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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## OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE

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## Catholic Charities celebration dinner is April 9

Catholic Charities will celebrate Miriam House's 20th Anniversary "Transforming Lives," with keynote speaker Bishop Daniel E. Thomas, Friday, April 9. The event will be held at the Norwalk Eagles Club 771, 151 Cline St., Norwalk. Doors open at 5:30 pm and the program begins at 6 pm. Dinner seating is limited and can be purchased by March 19 at [MH20.org](http://MH20.org).

Miriam House is Catholic Charities transitional shelter serving homeless women and their children from across the Diocese of Toledo. Miriam House provides a safe, warm, clean home for children and their mothers to sleep, eat and feel welcomed, while supportive staff help them get their lives in order and the mothers learn skills to live independently.

Event sponsorships are still available and may be purchased at [MH20.org](http://MH20.org) or by contacting Tom Waniewski, Catholic Charities Director of Development, at 419-214-4890 or at [twaniewski@toledodiocese.org](mailto:twaniewski@toledodiocese.org).

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Reception with Bishop Thomas one hour before the event and dinner seating for four.

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\$1,000 Partner Sponsorships and \$500 Friend Sponsorships are also available, each with dinner seating for two.

For information on the event contact Vickie Smith, Miriam House's Program Coordinator, at 567-743-1003.

Annually, Catholic Charities serves over 45,000 people of all faiths and backgrounds living in the 19 counties of the Diocese of Toledo, providing food, shelter, crisis navigation services, financial assistance, adult advocacy services and various social justice ministries.

The Diocese of Toledo includes Allen, Crawford, Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Hancock, Henry, Huron, Lucas, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Richland, Sandusky, Seneca, Van Wert, Williams, Wood and Wyandot counties



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**JULIE AND TODD WURTHMANN** were among those celebrating the grand opening celebration of their new Imagination Child Care facility located in Mansfield on Feb. 26. The building, formerly Huntington Bank, is located at 100 Park Avenue East. The inside has been entirely renovated. Owner Julie has been in child care for 24 years. The Wurthmann's two sons and their wives, Tyler and Savannah Wurthmann and Jordon and Payton Wurthmann, are part of the team. In the photo are Todd, Julie, Tyler, Savannah, Jordon, Everleigh and Aurora Wurthmann, Richland County Commissioner Tony Vero, Mansfield Mayor Tim Theaker, State Representative Marilyn John, commissioner Darrell Banks, Stephanie Zucker, Kim Moton, commissioner Cliff Mear and Jodie Perry of the Richland County Chamber of Commerce. Julie praised the Mansfield Police Department and the Mansfield Fire Department for their help.

## Ohio School Boards Association supports passage of House Bill 67

The Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) reacted to the passage of House Bill (HB) 67 by the Ohio House of Representatives. The bill, which passed by a vote of 93-1 and advances to the Senate, would provide graduation flexibility and targeted testing waivers to students and schools for the 2020-'21 school year.

However, because a vote on the bill's emergency clause failed 57-38, the bill will not take effect until June, long after tests have been administered. For bills designated as emergency measures, the Ohio Constitution requires two-thirds support of the members of each chamber. If an

emergency clause is approved, the bill itself also requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass.

"We commend the Ohio House of Representatives and Reps. J. Kyle Koehler and Adam Bird for their swift actions to introduce and pass this critically important legislation," said Jennifer Hogue, OSBA director of legislative services. "We are disappointed, however, that there were insufficient votes for the bill to be passed as an emergency measure. The needs of our students and educators are immediate, and the General Assembly must include an emergency clause for the bill to take immediate

effect. This will ensure Ohio's children have the flexibilities needed to their complete the school year amid the COVID-19 pandemic. It will also help school leaders comply with federal testing requirements by lengthening the state's assessment windows."

"We urge the Ohio Senate to take immediate action on this legislation to provide certainty to students, families and educators," Hogue added. "The Senate must include an emergency clause in the bill for it to take immediate effect, and the House must concur with those changes. Doing so will have an immediate impact for our schools."

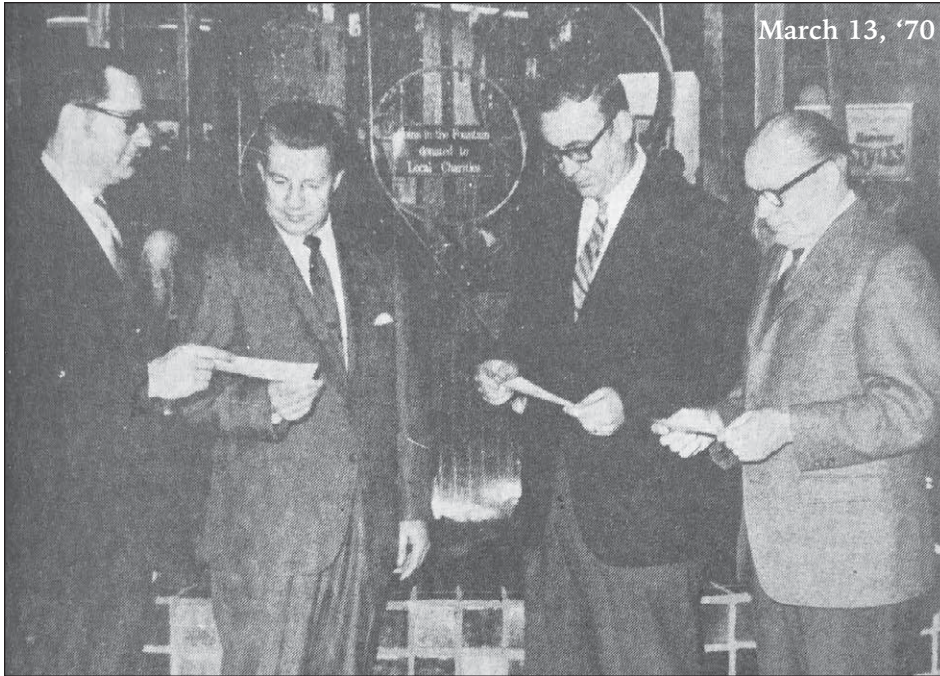
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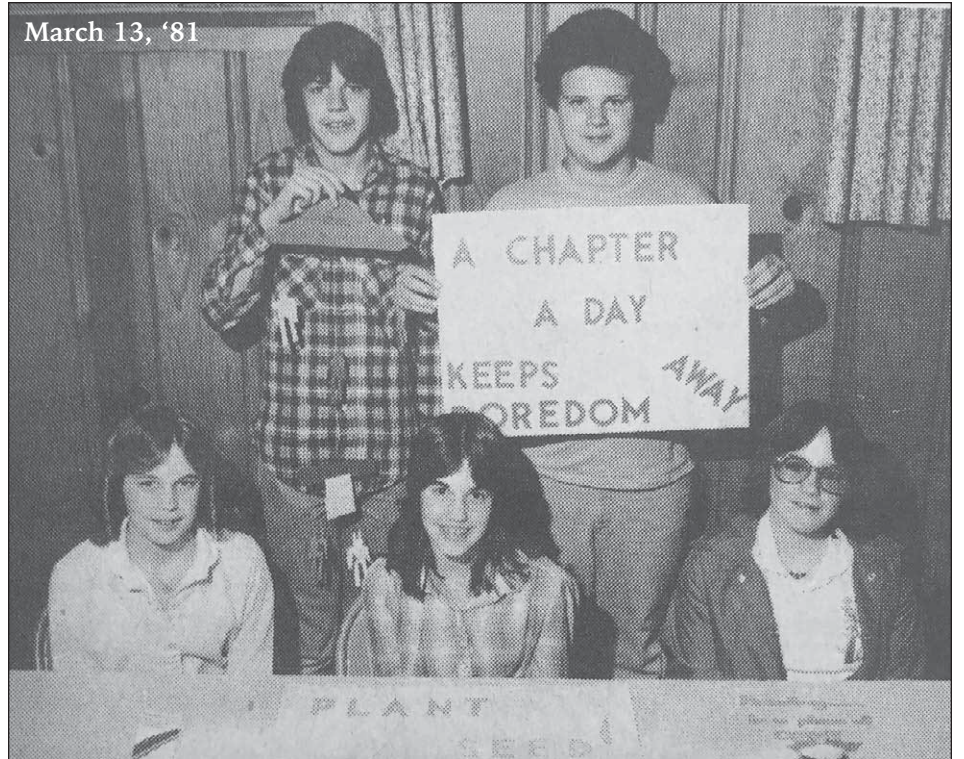
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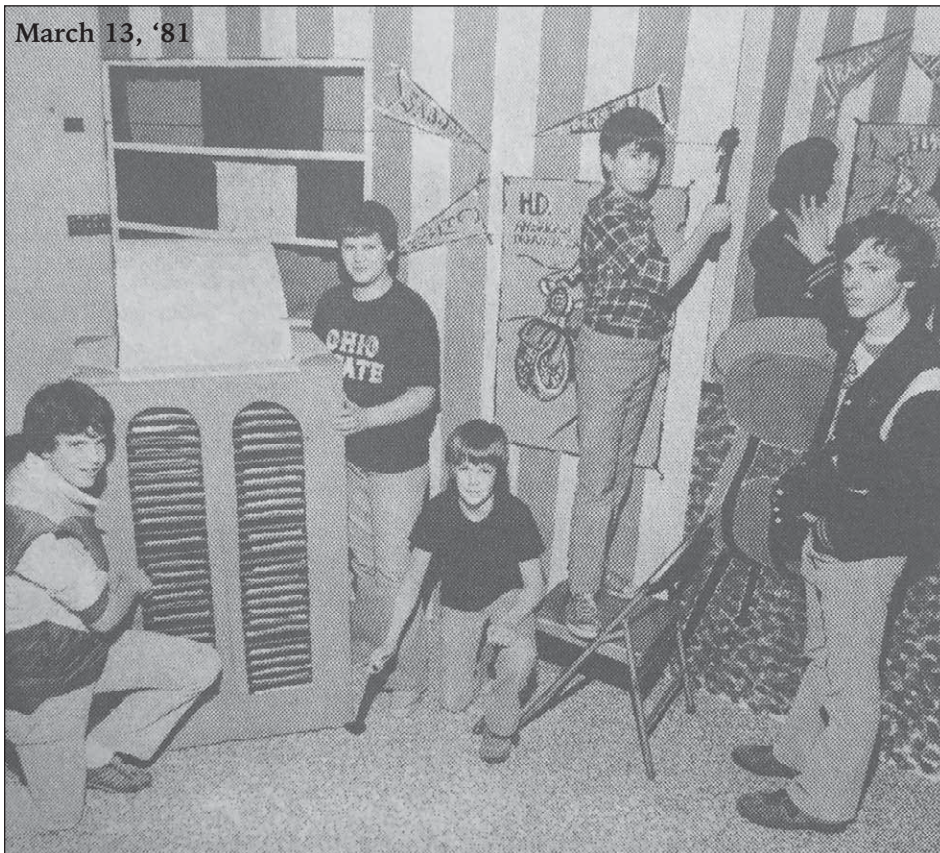
Richland Mall Director Joe Gentile, left, is shown presenting a check representing contributions collected from the fountains in the mall to William Wilkinson, director of the Richland County Association for the Mentally Retarded, Inc.; others receiving checks in equal amounts are M. Eugene Winters, center, director of the Hearing and Speech Center; and Russ E. Gimbel, Director of the Friendly House. The contributions, coins collected from the fountains, and dropped by shoppers in the Mall, amounted to \$150. According to Gentile, they are collected by the Mall maintenance department, soaked in muriatic acid to remove calcium and other water deposits, counted in Woolworth's counting machine, individually wrapped and deposited in a special checking account in the bank for distribution to area charities. "We intend to continue this practice of donating the coins to all charities as we collect them. None of the money is kept by the Mall. All of it is given in contributions. It is a big job, but we are proud to do it. It is a true expression of the charitableness of our shoppers and we encourage them to continue their thoughtful donations," Gentile said.



March 13, '81

Photo by Marc Stumbo

THESE STUDENTS AT MADISON NORTH JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL were judged to be the winners in the slogans, bookmarks, bookcovers, mobiles, and clothing tags portion of the "Right to Read Week" activities. They are, seated left to right, eighth year students Babette Robinson and Dayna Boals, plus freshman Dawn Bollinger. Standing left to right are eighth year students Rick Beer and Steve Norris.



March 13, '81

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MADISON SOUTH EIGHTH YEAR STUDENTS, left to right, Tim Adams, Ed Legenza, Kevin Shafer, Mark Solon, and Joe Smith work on the set of the musical production, "Bobby Socks and Ducktails." The production is slated for a performance at 7:30 pm on March 25, at the school on South Illinois Avenue. Tickets available at the door. The production, with a 50s theme involves numerous students and faculty members at South Junior High.



March 11, '93

THESE LEXINGTON WESTERN ELEMENTARY students will have their stories/poems published in this year's "Richland County Literary Journal." In the front are Cheryl Sorenson, Laura Wilson, Elizabeth Pike, Allison Haver, Sheena Gale and Robby Meredith; in back are Ben Ziegelhofer, Camille Baldwin and Amanda Pierce.

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**ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL** seniors celebrated Blue and Gold Spirit Day. Members of Drug Free Seniors took part of their day to visit Stingel.



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**OUR CHANGE FOR LIFE** Baby Bottle Fundraiser brings in about 10 percent of Richland Pregnancy Services' total budget. About 40 churches participate annually and schedule their campaigns at different times throughout the year. During the fundraiser, bottles are distributed and later brought back filled with donations of change, cash and checks. Richland Pregnancy Services provides each participating church with baby bottles, bulletin inserts, testimonial video and other supplies they may need to share the ministry of RPS with their church. The next scheduled baby bottle collection day will be Thursday, June 24, from 8 am to noon. If any individuals or churches would like to participate, they can call 419-522-8863, ext. 203 or email amy@richlandpregnancy.com. Preparing bottles are Ellen and Rick Gerich, Brittany Eyerly, Jill Gurney, Missy Saprano and Evangeline Mount.

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