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**LEXINGTON EASTERN ELEMENTARY** holds a "Pi Bee" every year in celebration of "Pi Day - March 14." Students have three days to memorize as many digits of pi as possible. Sixth grade student Jenna Halfill broke the previous record when she recited 232 digits. Gianna Burt took second place with 119 digits and Corbin Berry took third with 84. Pictured are Jenna Halfill, Gianna Burt and Corbin Berry. The previous record holder was Julia Wyant in 2019 with 201 digits.

## Richland County children will receive 300 pair of shoes

Children from low income families in Richland County will receive brand new athletic style shoes courtesy of Ohio Governor, Mike DeWine's Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives (GOFBCI).

The GOFBCI will provide 300 pairs of Operation Warm shoes to children in Richland County through a collaboration with the North End Community Improvement Collaborative (NECIC), the Mansfield Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance (MIMA) and We ACT.

Last year, the GOFBCI office partnered with Operation Warm, a national nonprofit that manufactures brand-new coats for children in need, to launch a pilot that provided brand-new shoes. The program was executed in partnership with Community Action Agencies and gifted new shoes to over 5,000 children across the state of Ohio.

2020 marked a milestone for Operation Warm, as they gifted their 4 millionth brand-new coat, and now, the nonprofit has expanded its mission to include brand-new shoes. "Last year, our survey data told us that in addition to coats, shoes were an essential need for the children we serve," said Grace Sica, Executive Director for Operation Warm. "We responded with a pilot program that distributed 10,000 pair of brand-new shoes in select U.S. markets. The feedback from teachers, parents, and the kids has been resoundingly positive. This initiative would not have been possible without support from partners like Ohio Governor DeWine

and his team at GOFBCI."

"We, at NECIC, are grateful for the opportunity to support this initiative of Operation Warm with our community partners, We ACT, MIMA, and Governor Mike DeWine's Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives to provide shoes for 300 children in our community. Working together with across various sectors to meet even the most basic needs of our local children, builds and strengthens our relationships, and ultimately enriches our community." Deanna West-Torrence, Executive Director.

The shoes are being distributed at NECIC, 134 N. Main St., Mansfield, Ohio. Parents/guardians must complete a TANF form online on the NECIC website/Facebook page or pick up a form at NECIC.

Parents/guardians will receive a call from a representative from NECIC to schedule an appointment time to pick up the shoes.

Parent/guardian must bring a form of ID and a copy of the completed TANF form to the appointment. (The form will require social security numbers and dates of birth for all household members.) Birth certificates and social security cards will not be needed at the appointment.

The statewide mask mandate will be followed. Masks are required during the appointment and will be provided.

For more information contact NECIC Business Operations Manager, Tionna Perdue at 419-522-1611 ext 102.

## Voter registration deadline is April 5 for May Primary

The deadline to register to vote or change an address and/or name in the voter registration system for the May 4, 2021 Primary/Special Election is Monday, April 5. The Board of Elections office will be open that evening until 9 pm.

The office is located at 1495 W. Longview Ave. Suite 101 in the Longview Center. After 4 pm, visitors must use the entrance at the lower level back parking area at the southwest corner of the building.

Qualifications for registering to vote are:

- must be either a native U. S. citizen, or a naturalized citizen of the U.S.
- must be a resident of Richland County and Ohio 30 days prior to an election
- must be a minimum of 18 years of age by the date of the General Election on or before Nov. 2

Registered voters who have moved or changed their name must notify the board office in writing or in person. Voters who are currently registered in Ohio may change their address online at <https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/>, but must do it by the April 5 deadline. Online registration is also now available on this site.

In addition to the board of elections office, citizens may register or complete a change of address/name at the following locations in Richland County:

- Any library branch
- All city and village hall offices
- The Bureau of Motor Vehicles Office
- The Department of Human Services
- The Richland County Courthouse (recorder or treasurer offices)
- All area high school offices

Registration forms may also be obtained at [vote.richlandcountyoh.gov](http://vote.richlandcountyoh.gov) or requested by mail. Call 419-774-5530 to have a form sent by mail. Completed voter registration forms must be postmarked 30 days prior to Election Day.

Please be aware that not all precincts within Richland County will be open for the May 4 Election. All precincts in the City of Mansfield will be open and those voters can request a Republican or Issues Only ballot. All four precincts in the City of Ontario will be open with only the Charter Formation Issue on their ballot. No City of Shelby precincts will be open.

No polling places have been changed permanently, however, the board did approve a temporary change for the 15 voters in the Jeff-A precinct split who reside in the Washington Township portion, and the 200 voters in the Lex-B Washington Township split. These voters will be notified to go to Resurrection Parish, 2600 Lexington Ave. for this election only, in order to save funds by not opening a separate polling place for those few voters.

## Kimberle Soresen and Lola Cline will retire from Ontario Schools

The Ontario Local Schools Board of Education met March 9. Allerton Hill partner Jen Economus presented recommendations for a school survey.

Mike Ream, director of education, gave an update on Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment.

The board accepted the resignation of Kimberle Soresen, eighth grade literature teacher, for retirement at the end of her 2021-'21 contract. Lola Cline, secretary to the director of education, will also retire at the end of the 2020-'21 contract.

Resignations were accepted from Regina These, high school English teacher; Scott Bloom, high school mathematics teacher; and Joe Balough, career based intervention teacher; all effective at the end of their 2020-'21 contracts.

The resignation of Cindy Kleilein, bus driver, was accepted effective March 19.

The board improved the employment of Jim Buker as a retire/rehire high school industrial technology teacher for the 2021-'22 school year.

One-year retire/rehire contracts were awarded for 2021-'22 to Judy Schnug, guidance office secretary; Eva Harmon, food service manager; and Anita Them, administrative assistant/EMIS coordinator.

The board moved to increase the hourly rate of substitute bus drivers from \$15.50 per hour to \$18 per hour (2.25 hours per route), effective March 8.

Extracurricular/Supplemental contracts for 2020-'21 were awarded to David Whittaker, high school assistant track coach, \$2,963; Jeremy Bolen, volunteer assistant track coach, no pay; and Sara Mosier, volunteer assistant track coach, no pay.

The board approved Tim Henige, \$16 hourly; Kolten Kurtz, \$10 hourly; and Zach McCristall, \$10 hourly; for summer help with facility and transportation maintenance for 2021. All are effective May 3.

2021-'22 school year contracts were awarded to Amy Miller, occupational therapist; Rachel Knell, certified occupational therapy assistant; and Christine Loddoo

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## The 2005 Lexington Journalism Class Success

By Bob Carter

Way back in 2005, the Lexington Journalism class was given an assignment to collect and copy photographs of Lexington's early history. Sharon Pinka was the school librarian and journalism teacher and her students amassed an amazing collection of 85 early, and mostly unknown, photographs. Many of these pictures have been the basis of the most recent series of stories in the Tribune-Courier.

Credit for this series must go to the insight of their teacher, Mrs. Pinka, who put the class photographs on a CD and gave a copy to me years ago. They became lost in my very poor filing system.

I started a similar collection way back in the 1960s, but these school kids uncovered a huge number that have never been seen or published before. Thus the reason for this series.

We need to thank the young people for the terrific collection they amassed and wonder at times if there are still more photo out there somewhere. Will they be lost to the pages of history?

In the photo, left to right are 2005 journalism class members teacher Sharon Pinka, Abby Henke, Jonathan Haring, Kyle Greibling, William Kunecke, Kristen Sholtis, Ellie Lane and Heather France.

The question that may be in many minds must be, was this a dumb homework assignment for the class or did it lead to a greater interest in history after graduation? As adults did any of them become professional writers or develop lasting interest in history?

These are questions to ponder as we may never know the answers. But the school class did very well and will be long remembered by future generations.

They should have all been given an "A" for their teacher's class project.



*kimmys* By Kim Sterry

### Margherita Chicken

#### Ingredients

- 2 chicken breasts, cut in half and flattened
- 1/2-1 cup flour (sprinkle salt and pepper)
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup bread crumbs
- 2 cups tomato sauce
- 1 log of fresh mozzarella (if you get one that is already sliced, it will make things much easier)
- Fresh basil leaves



#### Instructions

Dip chicken in flour, egg and bread crumbs and bake at 350 degrees for 20-25 minutes. Remove chicken from oven, cover with some sauce, a piece of mozzarella and a few basil leaves. Put back in the oven for 10 minutes until the sauce is heated and mozzarella begins to melt. You also want to make sure your chicken is 165-170 degrees and fully cooked. (Time will always vary depending on how thick your chicken breasts are). Sprinkle with some fresh parmesan cheese if you would like. (Bone-in chicken breasts can be used if preferred).

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**OHIO NATIONAL GUARD MEMBERS** have completed a mission in Southern Ohio where they helped clear nearly 230 miles of roadway during a 15-day activation. Gov. Mike DeWine directed members to assist with ice storm cleanup and debris removal in Gallia and Lawrence counties. Approximately 60 Soldiers from the Army National Guard's 1191st Engineer Company, based in Portsmouth, and 40 Airmen from the Air National Guard's 200th RED HORSE (Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operations Repair Squadron Engineers) Squadron, based in Port Clinton and with a detachment in Mansfield, began supporting local authorities on Feb. 21 and finished on Sunday, March 7. The Soldiers and Airmen used chain saws, wood chippers, front-end loaders and other heavy equipment to clear away fallen trees and other debris clogging critical infrastructure. They hauled away about 490 loads in dump trucks. Currently, hundreds of guard members are activated to assist in the state's response to COVID-19 at food banks, vaccination clinics and personal protective equipment (PPE) and vaccine warehouses.



**LT. J.G. ASHLEY DORNER** from Mansfield is assigned to the Gold Crew aboard the Ohio-class guided-missile submarine USS Ohio (SSGN 726). She is the supply officer, known as "Chop" aboard the submarine. Ohio is conducting surveillance, training, and other critical missions in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operation.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

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March 23 — **Donnie Flynn, Bellville**

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Photo by Damon Callis

**THE BEAUTIFUL WEATHER** found Damon Callis at McConnell's Mill in Portersville, PA. McConnells Mill State Park, in Lawrence County, encompasses 2,546 acres of the Slippery Rock Creek Gorge, which is a National Natural Landmark. Created by the draining of glacial lakes, the gorge has steep sides while the valley floor is littered with huge boulders. Scenic overlooks and waterfalls are popular natural attractions. Visitors can tour a historic gristmill and covered bridge built in the 1800s.

## 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 age 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 and Easter Sunday, April 4, at 9:30 am. The previously announced sunrise service has been cancelled.

## St. Peter's will host bake sale, egg hunt

St. Peter's Easter Bake sale returns for a one-day sale on Tuesday, March 30, 7 am to 6 pm. There is also a pre-sale event this Saturday, March 20, from 9 am to 1 pm. Cabbage rolls and pierogies will be available in the high school cafeteria. Other items include braided breads, butter rings, chocolate candies, potato and egg salads and ethnic and baked goods.

Proceeds go towards purchasing wine, hosts, and other Sacramental items.

St. Peter's School will host a new Easter Egg Hunt for kids 12 and under on Saturday, March 27 at 10 am at Spartan Fields, 640 Hickory Ln.

The free event will feature prizes, food and music. More than 6,000 candy-filled eggs will be placed on the athletic complex.

# News Briefs

St. Mary's, 1630 Ashland Rd., Madison area, will serve take-out only fish fry dinners on Fridays March 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.



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.



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.

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# Memorial Arrangements

## Leah Marie Williams

Leah Marie Williams, age 81, passed away Wednesday evening, March 10, 2021, at OhioHealth Mansfield Hospital. She was born Nov. 17, 1939, in Zanesville, OH, to the late William Howard Taft and Frances (Krause) Calland.

She graduated from Mansfield Senior High School with the Class of 1958. She met her soul mate, Ted Williams, on a blind date and she knew he was the "One". They devoted their lives to each other and their children. Leah was an area homemaker her entire life and was a wonderful hostess.

She was an excellent cook and pie maker. Known for her gentle, tender soul, she was a sweet "lady" in every sense of the word. Leah loved children and the bright, innocence they brought to this world. She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother and her family will treasure their special memories.

Leah was a member of the Shellman Model A



Club and enjoyed several trips with the group. She was also a long time member of T.O.P.S.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 61 years, Alfred "Ted" Williams; four children, Tom (Sandra) Williams, John (Wendy) Williams, Roger (Nelda) Williams and Wendy Ann (Frank) Flaughner; ten grandchildren, Matthew Burchett, Seth Williams (Jen Davis), Samantha Williams (Max Bays), Tiffany (David) Fairbairn, Kelli (Nick) Eddleblute, Nicole (Ryan) Patton, Kristy (Adam) Campbell, Amy Williams, Ben Flaughner and Liz Flaughner; eighteen great-grandchildren; a brother, David (Anna Lee) Calland; and sister, Nancy Sue Lamie.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister-in-law, Carol Calland.

A private graveside service will be held in Ontario Cemetery. The Ontario Home of

Wappner Funeral Directors is honored to serve the family.

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



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**A RIBBON CUTTING** was held at Stratford Guns, 85 Main St., in Butler. Owner Daniel Stratford has been in business for eight years and said, "I am glad to find a building in Butler and I am looking forward to serving the community." Store hours are Wednesday through Friday 9-6 and Saturday 9-2. With Stratford are Bellville Mayor Teri Brenkus, Butler Mayor Joe Stallard, Richland County Commissioners Darrell Banks, Tony Vero and Cliff Mears and Ashley Meyer, Richland Area Chamber of Commerce Member Service Coordinator.

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Bricker, (EJ Therapy) audiologist.

Terry Windbigler, substitute playground aide, was hired at \$12.22 per hour for next school year.

A general leave of absence was approved for Brooke Alt, kindergarten teacher, for next school year.

Richland County Foundation paid \$8,597.90 into the District (Technology Fund B) account.

The board moved to approve the course offering guide for next school year for Ontario Middle School.

Tax rates were accepted as determined by the Richland County Budget Commission authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them with the Richland County Auditor for the tax year 2021 (collectible in 2022).

A \$250 donation was accepted from Frank Snyder for the Camstrong Fund. The Kellogg's Feeding Reading Program, on behalf of Sam's Club, donated \$62.65 worth of 25 assorted books for prizes for PBIS at Stingel.

The job description for the secretary to

the director of education was accepted.

Randy Hanlon and Randy Hutchinson were approve for facility requests. The Stingel classrooms and playground will be used for Safety Town. Ontario Recreation Department Director Heather Hendrix will use the middle school library for Summer Rec interviews and the pool for swim lessons. She will also use the middle school grounds for Summer Rec orientation, the pool for summer swim lessons and life-guarding class and high school commons for Summer Rec orientation.

The Ontario Police Department will use the middle school and high school for active shooter training, as requested by Lt. Grimwood.

Leah Gombosch will use the high school restrooms, hallway and bus loop for a 5K run/walk for childhood cancer.

Jill A. Waite will use the bus loop, high school restrooms and parking lot for the Bruce A. Waite 5K.

The next board of education meeting will be help April 13, at 7 pm in the Ontario High School Library.

## Webinars will be shared in April

Due to the pandemic, the Pastures for Profit Grazing School was held virtually. Richland Soil and Water Conservation District will be sharing the webinars Wednesdays April 14, 21 and 28 from 10 to noon in the Longview Center Conference Room located at 1495 W. Longview Ave., Mansfield. Registration is requested by April 7 and may be made at [www.richlandswcd.net](http://www.richlandswcd.net) or by calling 419-747-8686.

The program is a grassland management school designed for grazing livestock producers and resource managers.

The goals of the grazing school are to educate producers and resource managers in the art and science of grazing management, transfer new technology in grassland management to producers and resource managers and improve the producers' ability to better manage their grassland

and related natural resources.

Participants will be able to use the information they receive to help ensure their grazing operations are environmentally responsible as well as economically viable. The cost to attend is \$30 per person and includes the webinars and resource binder or USB drive and certification. Course attendance is limited to 20 people.

For more information visit [www.richlandswcd.net](http://www.richlandswcd.net) or call 419-747-8686.

Pastures for Profit Grazing School is sponsored by RSWCD, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, Ohio Department of Agriculture, the Ohio Forage & Grassland Council and The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. USDA in an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

# Church Directory

### **Bunkerhill Baptist Church**

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

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

2369 Bowman Rd., Mansfield • Pastor Glenn M. Phillips  
Sunday Worship 10 am • Wednesdays 6 pm  
[hillsidefcg@hotmail.com](mailto:hillsidefcg@hotmail.com)

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

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

### **Mayflower Congregational Church**

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

### **Lexington Presbyterian Church**

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

### **Risen Savior Lutheran Church**

1685 Lexington Ave., Mansfield • 419-775-1175  
Pastor Brad Wright • [risensaviormansfield.com](http://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  
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### **All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church**

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# 60th Anniversary Slush Cup at Snow Trails March 14, 2021

Photos by Jeff Hoffer



## Student art and design exhibition winners announced

The award winners have been announced for the Ashland University 2021 Juried Student Art and Design Exhibition, which runs through March 30 in the University's Coburn Gallery.

This exhibition offers \$950 in awards. The outside juror for the exhibition was Noah Schenk, currently the glass chair and instructor at Mansfield Art Center. Award winners included:

Best in Show (\$250): Madeline Moates, Talbott, Tennessee, Thank you Mother Nature, ceramic sculpture

Honorable Mention Awards (\$100): Rickie Denes, Powell, Roadside Recipes, illustration with marker; Hayley Smith, North Canton, Depression, colored pencil drawing; and Schuyler Berger, West Salem, Gwangalli Beach, acrylic painting

Bernini Award (\$100): Caroline Vandewater, Ashland, The Crow and the Watch, relief print

College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Award (\$200): Isaiah Seidel, Greenwich, Glove Duo, ebony pencil drawing

AU Permanent Art Collection Award: Callandra Roddy, Ashland, Out of the Woods, relief print; and Amaya Copeland, Westerville, Honey's Stylish, pencil, pen and marker drawing

Alumni "Wink" Award: Zoe Rosu, Ashland, Oceanic Coil Pot, ceramic form

The "19" Award: Alexis Stanley, Loudonville, Back of My Mind - Movie Poster, digital illustration

The Coburn Gallery is open from 10 am to 5 pm weekdays and noon to 4 pm weekends.

Gallery admission is free and open to the public. COVID-19 safety protocols include a maximum of 15 visitors visiting the gallery at one time, and groups no larger than five. Face masks must be worn at all the times on the Ashland University campus including on the exterior of the buildings.

For more information about the exhibition, call 419-289-5652 or visit the Coburn Gallery on Facebook.



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**CROCUS** have begun to bloom as spring approaches.

## Public school leaders support bipartisan reform of state report card system

The Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA), Buckeye Association of School Administrators (BASA) and Ohio Association of School Business Officials (OASBO) reacted to the introduction of bipartisan legislation to reform the state's report card system.

Sponsored by Reps. Don Jones (R-Freeport) and Phillip M. Robinson Jr. (D-Solon), the bill would eliminate Ohio's A-F letter grades and overall ratings for school districts and public schools.

"Nothing about an overall school letter grade properly informs a parent or community about what is going on in their schools," OSBA Chief Executive Officer Rick Lewis said. "Just as every student is more than a test score, every school district is more than a letter grade."

Schools would receive one of six ratings for their performance across five areas. Modeled after Massachusetts' school evaluation system, the ratings would include: significantly exceeds expectations; exceeds expectations; meets expectations; making substantial progress toward expectations; making moderate progress toward expectations; and in need of support. The five components — graduation, achievement, progress, gap closing and third-grade reading guarantee — already exist under current law but are refined by the bill.

The bill is the product of a legislative report card study committee convened in 2019. The 10-member panel also included three school superintendents, each representing an urban, suburban and rural community.

"The legislation unveiled today is the culmination of many years of hard work," BASA Executive Director Dave Axner said. "It serves as an important step in improving the state report card so it is a more fair, accurate reflection of the great work being done in Ohio's schools. This new system will create a transparent report card that informs students, parents, educators and communities, leading to a culture of continuous improvement and excellence in Ohio's education system."

OASBO Executive Director Jim Rowan said, "These positive enhancements will allow school districts and schools to tell their stories beyond the test scores that measure a mere snapshot in time. Communities now will be able to learn more than ever before from their state report card, like learn how many of their students have obtained industry-recognized credentials or view multiyear trend data. We owe it to parents to provide them a tool that is accurate, fair and concise. This bill fulfills that promise."



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## 2021 RCSW poster contest winners announced

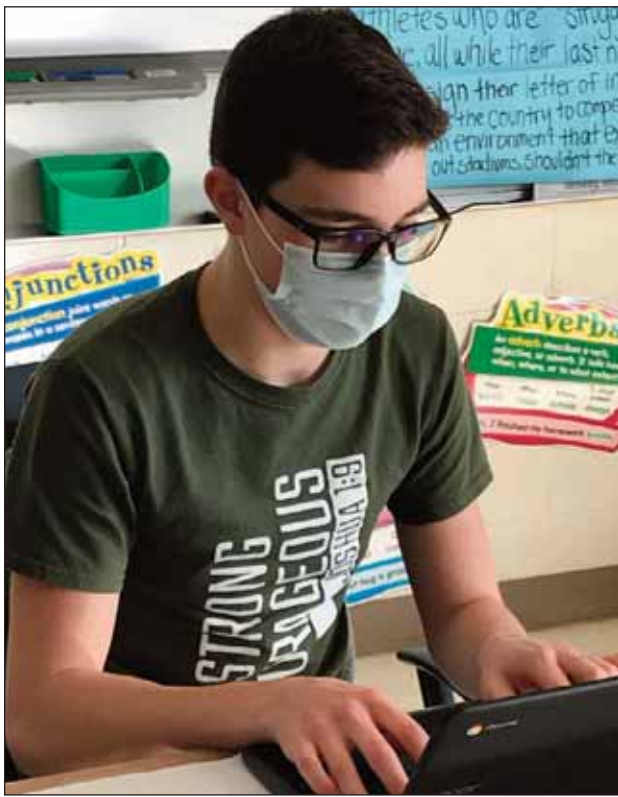
Richland County Solid Waste has announced the winners of the 2021 Poster Contest sponsored by Milliron Recycling.

The contest's theme related to 'Recycling Hero.' Three overall winners were selected: Gabrielle Smith from Lucas High School, Jordan Ginn from Malabar Intermediate and Jacob Murfield from Lexington Central Elementary. They will receive a recognition packet encouraging community engagement.

Other winners include Jack Hinton, Woodland Elementary; Evelyn Gunsalus, Lexington Central Elementary; Alliana Armstrong, Mansfield Christian; Sophie Hamilton, Sacred Heart; Stacey Wolf, Malabar Intermediate; Olivia Kiley, Madison Middle School; Adrianna Shoemaker, Madison Middle School; Emily Daley, Lucas High School; and Andrew Westfield, Lucas High School. The winners are in the process of being contacted.

All winners will receive a family day pass to the Ohio Bird Sanctuary as well as other opportunities to engage in Richland County's parks and recreation.

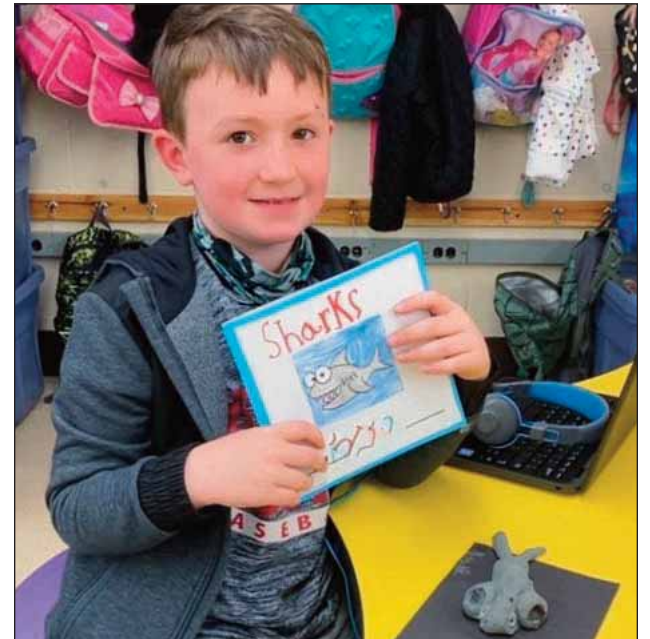
The calendars will be on display at the Mansfield Richland County Public Library during the month of June.



**EIGHT ONTARIO MIDDLE SCHOOL** Power of the Pen team members who qualified for the regional tournament wrote three creative pieces in hopes of moving on to the state tournament on Saturday, March 13. Five of the students wrote at the school while three students wrote from home, Cincinnati and Pennsylvania. Pictured are Zach McChristy and Alexia SESCO.



**ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL** students are busy learning about beekeeping in Science Club with Mr. Roger Nikiforow. Examining a sample through a microscope is Abby Mink.



**SHELLY KNAPP'S FIRST GRADE STUDENTS** at Lexington Western Elementary recently completed a non-fiction writing project. The students chose an animal and then researched the animal and created a book using non-fiction text features: headings, labeling, maps, table of contents and a glossary. They also created their animal with clay.



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Jacob, Wyatt, Gene, Cody, Gabe, Jacob, Brian  
Not pictured are Gabe and Wyatt

## Nine KCCC students earn Building Trades Elite status

The Knox County Career Center Building Trades program recognized nine students who earned the status of “Building Trades Elite.”

“Building Trades Elite” (BT Elite) is a program generated by Colby Clippinger, KCCC Building Trades instructor, and the KCCC Building Trades Advisory Council that began in 2019-’20. The program’s criteria centers around attendance, discipline, industry credentialing and extracurricular activities.

A point system is set up where students earn points for attendance, grades, industry credentialing, and extracurricular activities. Students can lose points for being tardy, absent and for discipline issues. In order to earn “BT Elite” status, students must earn 250 points and must maintain 250 points or higher until graduation to keep the “BT Elite” status.

The “BT Elite” program is completely company-sponsored according to Clippinger.

Students who earn “BT Elite” status are awarded a hoodie and an interview shirt. The companies pay for the hoodies and interview shirts. The hoodie has the Building Trades Elite Crest on the back along with the company sponsors. The

student’s name and “BT Elite” are on the front of the hoodie. The interview shirt has “BT Elite” and the student’s name on the front. Clippinger commented, “We appreciate the companies who have partnered with us on the “BT Elite” program. The “BT Elite” program creates a well-rounded and ready-to-hire student.”

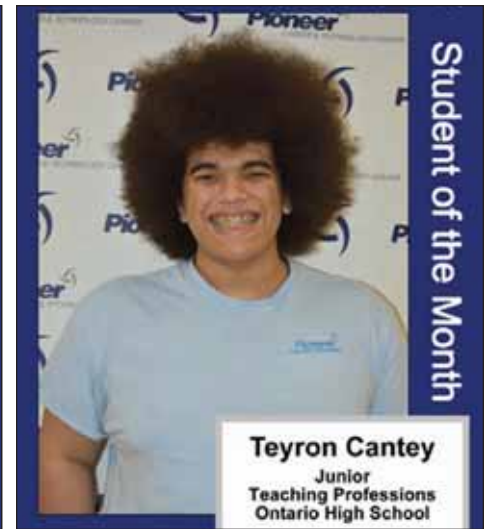
Fifty percent of the Building Trades program seniors have earned “BT Elite” status. The nine seniors who have earned “BT Elite” status are Brian, Gene, Gabe, Jacob, Cody, Jacob, Wyatt, Gabe and Wyatt.

“These students have obtained another level. The program has done what it was supposed to do and creates recognizable students that are ready to go into the trades,” added Clippinger.

KCCC & the Building Trades program would like to thank the companies who sponsor BT Elite: J & B Acoustical, Ohio Contractors Association, ProTech Basement Solutions, LiUNA! Local 1216, Kokosing, Corna Kokosing, Brennstuhl Construction, Modern Builders, Gray Mechanical, United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America Local 735, and Rietschlin Construction.



**Brianna Hurrell**  
Senior  
Criminal Justice  
Ontario High School



**Teyron Cantey**  
Junior  
Teaching Professions  
Ontario High School

**THE MARCH PIONEER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH** are Ontario students Brianna Hurrell and Teyron Cantey. Brianna Hurrell is enrolled in the Criminal Justice program at Pioneer. She was nominated by her Criminal Justice instructor, Dan George. She is a senior from Ontario High School, and is the daughter of Heather and Josh Hurrell. At Pioneer, Brianna is involved in SkillsUSA. She also volunteers with her church for activities such as handing out food to people in need. In the future, Brianna plans to join the Army National Guard. Teyron Cantey is a junior in the Teaching Professions program at Pioneer. He was nominated by his Teaching Professions instructor, Jay Follett. He is from Ontario High School and is the son of Rebecca Cail-Cantey. Teyron is involved in his church youth group. He also enjoys weightlifting, reading, historical studies and collecting comics. In the future, Teyron plans to get a bachelors degree in education and teach high school American History spreading his love for that subject.



**THE ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL PROGRAM** held a drive-thru spaghetti dinner and served over 300 dinners. Among those helping were Caden Armstrong, Colin Mabee, Ryan Brophy and Owen Hatfield. Ava Harmon and Stephanie Barabani worked in the kitchen to get the order out. A silent auction will be open until March 20. Bids can be placed at <https://www.32auctions.com/OntarioBaseball2021>.

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**KRISTA CARVER’S SECOND GRADE STUDENTS** at Ontario Stingel Elementary completed a biography unit. After reading several biographies, students chose an individual to research and wrote their own biographies. They created their own biography bottle to look like the individual they studied. Students are (left photo) Emelyn Truax, Mei Chang, Kacey Finley, Avery Esposito, Asher Clark and Evan Flemming; (middle photo) Sasha Nimocks; and (right photo) Khloe Browning.



**ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS** celebrated 50 days until graduation. OHS Student Council distributed treats to the seniors. Pictured are Tatiana McFarland and Alexis Nicole Johnson.



**FEBRUARY R.A.M.S.** (Respectful, Accountable, Motivated, Successful) Students of the Month from Madison Middle School are fifth grade, Reginald Arrington, Lillie Baker and Journee Jaranowski; sixth grade, Layla Krizan, Evan Larsen, Aubrey Ohl and Leia Walker; seventh grade, Evan Cyrus, Mya Elliott, Isabella Liviskie and Morgan Steward; and eighth grade, Hannah Markley, Brady O'Brien, Layni Stollings and Kristian Stoots.



**THE ONTARIO MIDDLE SCHOOL** March MVP Award was presented to Bryan McHenry. He was chosen for being willing to go the extra mile for his students. He has extremely high standards and pushes his students to be the best version of themselves every single minute of every single day. He has a deep passion for teaching, learning and truly getting to know the OMS community. Students can go to him in a time of need with the confidence that he will help them solve any issues they face. Whether it's a quick nod in the hallway or a lengthy conversation about life, he only wants what is best for those around them.



T-C Staff/Bud Motter

**THE MADISON MIDDLE SCHOOL** Academic Challenge team took first place out of 22 teams in a tournament at Mid-Ohio ESC. Team members are Claire O'Brien, Aleigha Bebout, Emily Bogner, Advisor Christine Elder, Sam Myers, Nathan Yarman and Zach Lucas. Madison Middle School scored 102 points overall. Second place was Colonel Crawford B scoring 95 points. The Madison team averaged 17 points per round and earned nine of their points from steals. Some of the steals included Tuskegee Airmen, pupa and meningitis.



**AT THE STAFF DEVELOPMENT** early release meeting, the Warrior Leadership Committee at Ontario High School shared their personal school experiences with OHS staff. The committee is helping make an already great place become even better. Members are Abigail Perez, Makayla Minard, Jenin Abdelaziz, Ellie Maurer and Gregory Tan.



**ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL** Academic Challenge will attend a tournament in Findlay. Team members are Randall Rickel, Colton Geer, Isabel Baker, Gregory Tan and Ethan Glenwright. The advisor is Roger Nikiforow.



**HEATH SAGER'S** engineering class at Ontario High School designed vehicles to move simulated rocks from a quarry. Students are Logan Morehead and Colin Milligan.



# Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights



By Kenn Spencer

Recreation baseball and softball registration is going on now. OYS is looking for boys and girls between 4-14 years old. All home games are played at Marshall Park and Milligan Road in Ontario. Please take time to register your athlete for this great summer sport.

Soccer teams have started to practice, and we are happy to say we will field 48 teams this spring. April 5 will be the official kick off to our OYS soccer season. All home games will be played at Marshall Park with away games being played around Richland County. Thank you to the city for making practice space available while the fields continue to dry out.

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

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

OYS is looking for umpires for our league games. We are currently looking to cover 8U-112U baseball and softball games. Anyone interested can send an email to [info@oysports.com](mailto: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](http://www.oysports.com). Once registered, log-in 24/7 and see what sports are available for your athlete.

- Call the sports director at 419-566-8072

## Grant winners announced

Richland County Solid Waste has announced the winners of the 2021 RCSWMA \$500 School Grant.

The CACY team of Lexington Junior High built a community of outreach for recycling during COVID19. Through emails, announcements, and consistent follow-up with recycling, the team created best recycling practices for Lexington Junior High while instilling “A sense of caring for the environment.”

The Shelby Eco Whippets, Shelby Middle School, won a grant for their “Save the Frogs Day” promotion. The Eco Whippets will educate and fascinate younger students on the importance of frogs and toads in Richland County. Their program focuses on environmental awareness, the positive interaction with wildlife, the role of recycling in the community and how recycling promotes stewardship and responsibility to nature and wildlife.

## Graduates earn degrees

The following local residents have earned a degree from Western Governors University (WGU). The online, nonprofit university has graduated over 218,000 students from across the country since its inception in 1997.

Sheena Hummell of Mansfield received a Bachelor of Science, Business Management. and Hallie Cramer of Ontario received a Bachelor of Arts, Elementary Education.

WGU has recognized 14,146 undergraduate and 15,640 graduate degree recipients, who have completed their degrees since July 2, 2020.



**THE ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL BOYS TENNIS TEAM** had their first week of practice. They are looking forward to their 2021 season.



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**FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR**, the Mansfield Christian Lady Flames have captured the OCSAA Championship by defeating New Hope Christian Academy 41-35. The game, which saw the score constantly back and forth, was played at Temple Christian in the Madison area. MCS freshman Kyleah Jones played her best game of the season, scoring 15 points. Flames scorers were Alexis Ripple with 8; Elle Schmitz and Anna Sparks, each with 6; Lillie Berryman with 4 and Aubrynn Maiyer with 2. New Hope sophomore Maren McCallister was the top producer with 19 of the team's 35 total points. Scoring by quarters was MCS 7-13-8-13=41 and New Hope 11-6-4-14=35.



T-C Staff/Bud Motter

**MANSFIELD CHRISTIAN** girls head basketball coach Megan Young cuts down the net after winning the OCSAA Tournament against New Hope Christian 41-35.

## MCS girls crowned champs

By Bud Motter

The Mansfield Christian Girls Varsity basketball team traveled to Mansfield Temple Christian for their tournament game against New Hope on March 7. The Flames brought home the 41-35 win.

Coach Megan Young said, “For the game strategy we had planned to box in McCallister, one of their best players. We did a pretty good job keeping her under control. We started out not making our shots in the first quarter and they were making theirs so we had to dig ourselves out of the hole a bit.

“We switched to a man-to-man defense which was working better on them so we stuck with that the rest of the game.

“I kept our rotation very tight due to being down and was proud of the way our girls were able to make a comeback and hold the lead the second half. Alexis Ripple hit some crucial shots to help dig us out, Aubrynn Maiyer did a great job of facilitating on offense, Elle Schmitz had a great defensive game and unfortunately got into foul trouble and had to sit a lot of the second half so we didn't have her offensive threat that we usually do. I was proud of how hard she played for her last game. Anna Sparks was our rebounding machine this game and did a good job of guarding McCallister. Kyleah Jones played a great game on both sides and led us in points.

“Lillie Berryman had a great game off the bench, playing good defensively and scoring some very crucial buckets. I was happy to see her end her career with a great game. Raegan Standridge was good off the bench as a sub for Kyleah.

“I'm really proud of all the girls this year, they all were focused on improving and really wanted to break the school record in regular season wins. They accomplished that goal with a 20-3 regular season record and ended the season 20-4 overall.”

# Division II State Wrestling Tournament



**ONTARIO'S** Ethan Turnbaugh and Carter Kroll competed in the Division II State Tournament held at Marengo Highland High School March 12-14. Turnbaugh, a junior at OHS, came home as runner-up in the 160-lb class after an 8-4 loss to Dylan Dodson of Licking Valley. During the morning match he had beat Austin Pownall from Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy 7-1, which advanced him to the championship match. Carter Kroll took seventh in the 182-lb class.



**Trenton Osborne**



**Nate Barrett**



**Hunter Hutcheson**

Photos by Robin Barrett Photography  
 Madison Comprehensive High School wrestlers were given a proper send-off to the state tournament by the administrators, staff and fellow students. Trenton Osborne, Nathan Barrett and Hunter Hutcheson are Madison's state qualifiers who participated in the OHSAA Division II State Wrestling Tournament March 12-14 at Marengo Highland High School. Barrett, competing in the 182-lb weight division, took a final victory against Lake Catholic's Cole Hivnor 7-5, which made him an All-Ohioan and gave him a third place finish at state. Barrett, a senior at Madison, ended his season 50-5. Osborne placed fifth.

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## LEGAL ADVERTISING

### 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 March 3, 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. 21-08 – 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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PROBATE COURT OF RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF Grayson Lucas Jay O'Leary to Grayson Lucas Jay Amick CASE NO. 20219024.

### NOTICE OF HEARING ON CHANGE OF NAME

Applicant hereby gives notice to all interested persons and to Brian O'Leary whose last known address is 496 Biscayne Dr., Mansfield, OH 44903, that the applicant has filed an Application For Change of Name in the Probate Court of Richland County, Ohio, requesting the change of name of Grayson Lucas Jay O'Leary to Grayson Lucas Jay Amick.

The hearing on the application will be held on the 22nd day of April, 2021, at 11:30 o'clock am in the Probate Court of Richland County, located at 50 Park Avenue East, Second Floor, Mansfield, Ohio.

Alexus Amick  
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# Count the Kicks app can save lives

Cathleen Wolff never expected that downloading the Count the Kicks app to monitor her baby's movements during pregnancy would help save her daughter's life. She learned about Count the Kicks through educational materials provided by the Ohio Department of Health and discussed the importance of tracking her baby's movements with her doctor.

Recently, she was in her eighth month of pregnancy when she noticed a change in her baby's normal movements — a significant development that needed to be addressed.

After noticing it was taking her baby longer than usual to get to 10 movements and that her baby's movements weren't as strong as usual, Cathleen alerted her doctor who started testing right away and determined her baby would need to be delivered.

"It was immediately discovered that Margot had a complete knot in her cord, that the cord was wrapped around her neck two times, and her hands were also tethered by the cord. Thankfully, she was healthy and after a very brief stay in the NICU was able to come home to our family," Cathleen said. "I am very fortunate that my OB office shared the Count the Kicks information with me - through posters on the room walls and a brochure, as it encouraged me to download and regularly use the Count the Kicks app, which is how I knew that my baby's normal movement pattern had changed."

Count the Kicks, an evidence-based public health campaign, educates and empowers expectant parents to track their baby's movements in the third trimester of pregnancy. Research shows a change in a baby's movements could be the earliest, and sometimes only indication that something may be wrong with a

pregnancy. Thanks to a partnership with the Ohio Department of Health, nurses, doctors and hospital staff have been able to order free Count the Kicks brochures, app download reminder cards, and posters to place in offices that care for pregnant patients and to share with expectant parents since 2018.

Ohio Department of Health, along with many other organizations in Ohio, are committed to reducing stillbirths through increasing awareness and community intervention. This is the second baby that we know of to be saved in Ohio through the Count the Kicks awareness campaign.

"Count the Kicks is a powerful tool in helping mothers evaluate and track their baby's movement," said Ohio Department of Health Maternal, Child, and Family Health Bureau Chief Dyane Gogan Turner. "Mothers are in a unique position to feel changes in their pregnancy, and Count the Kicks empowers them with a method to better track and document these changes for health experts who may be able to help. We are so excited to know that these resources were able to help save a life and hope they will save many more."

Research indicates that keeping a daily record of a baby's movement — including kicks, rolls, punches and jabs — is an easy, free, reliable way to monitor a baby's well-being in addition to regular prenatal visits. After a few sessions on the free Count the Kicks app, parents will start to notice a normal movement pattern for their baby.

Changes to that pattern can indicate potential issues with the pregnancy. Parents who notice a change should call their healthcare provider immediately. Every year in the U.S. 24,000 babies are born still, according to the CDC. Stillbirth affects every 1 in 167 pregnancies in the United States.

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# Baker's Collision Repair Specialist of Mansfield now certified

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The new certifications come with industry recognition by the top automotive manufacturers including Aluminum

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The automotive collision repair certification process is rigorous; less than 5 percent of all body shops in the U.S. are able to meet the stringent requirements imposed by

the manufacturers to ensure quality and safety in their repairs.

"Newer vehicles are manufactured with durable, lightweight materials and advanced technology, which means that a repair performed in accordance to the manufacturer's specifications is more important than ever and ensures the safety and proper performance of the vehicle," explained Scott Biggs, CEO of Assured Performance Collision Care. "Consumers need the confidence and peace of mind to know their vehicle is being repaired by a shop that has what it takes to ensure vehicle safety. We have certified more than 3,500 shops across the country to make sure consumers can have their vehicle repaired by a certified shop wherever they live, work, or travel."

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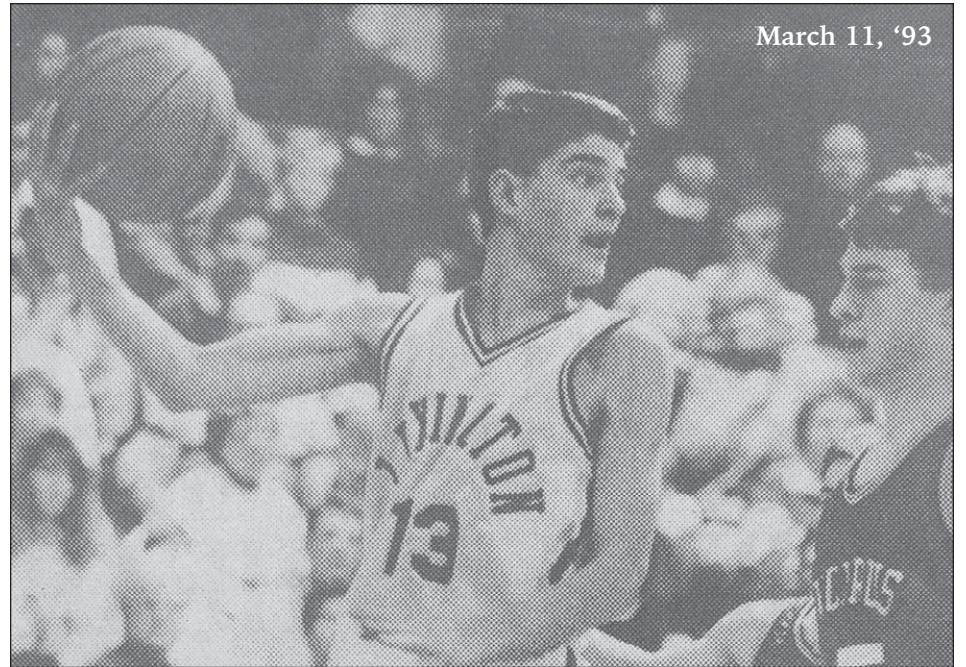
# LOOKING BACK: This Week in Tribune-Courier History

March 15, '85



**MIFFLIN RAMS** — Front row, Christine Pempleton, Debbie Plieninger, Captain Abby Boals and Chris Goines. Second row, Jenny Jacobs, Heather Dome, Jodie Benepe, Candy Leach and Co-Captain Richelle Roose. Photos by Marc Stumbo

March 11, '93



George Billman

**MARK KREISCHER** of Lexington flips the ball back to a teammate in last Saturday's sectional tournament game with Bucyrus played at Malabar Middle School. The Redmen surprised the Minutemen in overtime, 64-62. Kreischer, just a freshman, notched 13 points in the fracas.

March 15, '85



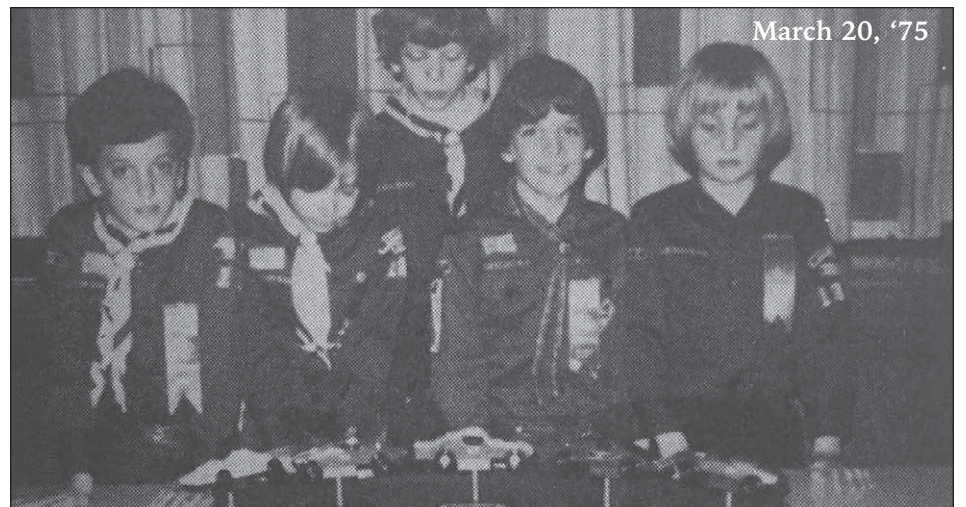
**MIFFLIN CHIPPERS** . Front row, Robin Armstrong, Tiffany Herz, Tonya Blankenhorn and Beth Bodnar. Second row, Kim Slater, Hee Chung, Co-Captain Kim Orsborn and Captain Heather Jones. Not pictured is Lori Hunsinger.

March 20, '75



**RECENT DEN WINNERS** in the Pinewood Derby of Cub Pack 131 included Marty Bensinger of Den 6; Greg Schug, Den 2 winner and third in the Pack; Doug Miller Webelos winner and Pack winner; Adam Huffman, Den 1; and Jack Ehrmantraut, Den 3 and second place in the pack.

March 20, '75



**CRAFTSMAN AWARDS** were presented to each Den. Shown below are four of the craftsman winners and the first place winner in the Indy 500 class. From the left are Todd Bahr, Indy 500, Den 1; Marc Montey, Den 6; Tom Kochert, Den 1; Steve Jackson, Webelos; and John Rowland, Den 3. Not pictured is Den 2 winner Jim Breitingger.

**March 18, 1969** — U.S. B-52 bombers are diverted from their targets in South Vietnam to attack suspected communist base camps and supply areas in Cambodia for the first time in the war. President Nixon approved the mission—formally designated Operation Breakfast—at a meeting of the National Security Council on March 15. This mission and subsequent B-52 strikes inside Cambodia became known as the “Menu” bombings. A total of 3,630 flights over Cambodia dropped 110,000 tons of bombs during a 14-month period through April 1970. This bombing of Cambodia and all follow up “Menu” operations were kept secret from the American public and the U.S. Congress because Cambodia was ostensibly neutral. To keep the secret, an intricate reporting system was established at the Pentagon to prevent disclosure of the bombing. Although the New York Times broke the story of the secret bombing campaign in May 1969, there was little adverse public reaction. ([www.history.com](http://www.history.com))



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