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**ATTENDING THE CEREMONY** for the new Madison Township Fire Chief Kenneth Justus were Leanna Rhodes, Madison Township Trustee chair Jim Houser, Cathrine Swank, Kenneth Justus and his wife Jennifer and Dan Fletcher.



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**MADISON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE** chair Jim Houser swears-in Kenneth Justus as the new Madison Township Fire Chief as his wife Jennifer Justus assists.

## Madison Trustees welcome new fire chief

By Bud Motter

During the meeting of the Madison Township Trustees held at the meeting hall, Madison Township Trustee chair Jim Houser swore in 47-year-old Kenneth Justus as the new fire chief.

Justus comes to Madison with over 30 years of experience. While in high school, he worked as a dispatcher for the Village of Hiram, OH. We most recently served at the Mantua-Shaferville Fire and Police Department.

"At the present I have no plans to make any changes, as first I want to get to know

all my employees," said Justus. "I will also continue to work on grants as we need new fire stations."

During the meeting the trustees opened a bids for tar and chip from EarthWorm Construction for \$188, 903.92; The Shelly Co., \$122,758.00; Henry W. Bergman Inc., \$115,482.50 and Allied Construction, \$105,873.71.

A road resurfacing cooperative agreement was reached between Madison Township and Springfield Township for the chip and seal of Leppo Rd. Springfield Township will furnish half the cost.

## Appointments available for vaccine

Richland Public Health has plenty of openings on Thursday and Friday, March 25 and 26, for COVID-19 vaccinations. Those aged 40 and up and those who have cancer, chronic kidney disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, heart disease and obesity are eligible this week. Call 866-395-1588 between 9 am and 7 pm for appointments.

"We start registering the next group, which includes everybody ages 18 and

up, on March 25 and begin those vaccinations on March 29," said Reed Richmond of RPH. Ages 16 and 17 are also eligible but must find a vaccine provider who has the Pfizer vaccines. RPH has the Moderna vaccine and only ages 18 and up are eligible for the Moderna or Johnson & Johnson vaccines.

To see other Richland County COVID-19 vaccine providers visit the website at richlandhealth.org/vaccine-registration"

## Lexington BOE approves resignations and employments

The Lexington Board of Education met Wednesday, March 17, with president Robert Whitney calling the meeting to order.

A TDA Presentation was given followed by the junior high report from Taylor Gerhardt and a report from Sydnee Detlef, student representative to the board.

The treasurer's report was given and a resolution was approved accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor.

A donation was accepted of an electromagnetic sprayer and disinfectant from Local Project Pro valued at approximately \$800.

A resolution authorizing the purchase of competitive retail electric service from the lowest responsible bid for the period July 2022 billing and terminating no later than the June 2027 billing cycle through META Solutions purchasing cooperative.

The resignation of Sara Thorburn as academic challenge co-advisor for the 2021-'22 school year was accepted.

Stephanie Blackstone and Jane Goodall were employed as tutors for third grade students, no more than five hours per week, \$20 per hour through the end of July 2021.

The board accepted the resignation of Sherri Johnston, high school attendance secretary, effective Aug. 6, 2021. Deb Wisenbarger, Central secretary, also resigned, effective July 31, 2021.

Kristi Larson will retire as an educational aide at Western, effective June 30, 2021.

Janice Knox was employed as a long-term food service sub, effective March 4, 2021.

Coaching resignations were accepted from Alicia Bailey, freshman cheerleading advisor and Dave Kaple, varsity assistant football.

Lisa Pfizenmayer was approved as a junior high track coach.

The board moved to approve the school calendars for the 2021-'22 and 2022-'23 school years.

The purchase of one 84-passenger school bus from Cardinal Bus Sales totaling \$101,859 was given approval. This total includes all spare parts, warranties and the trade-in deduction.

The Lexington Board of Education will send a resolution notifying the Ohio Department of Education of the district's intent to administer the Third Grade English Language Arts and Third Grade Mathematics assessments in paper format for the 2021-'22 school year.

The board approved the revised Lexington substitute list dated Feb. 17, 2021, as presented by MOESC.

A resolution approving the Construction Development (CD) Phase Submissions for the new 7-12 school was accepted.

The board approved a proposal from Front & Center Turf to maintain the high school football and soccer fields.

Discussion items included a tax incentive review and quarantine changes.

## Ontario will host egg hunt

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 kindergarteners 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.

## Trinity UM Easter event is Saturday

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).

Baskets will contain items for outdoor

activities, books, things to build, school supplies, candy, games to play with family and crafts to make.

Church members 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.



**THE FIRST B&O DIESEL** arrived in Lexington with little fanfare sometime around 1947-'48.



**THE LAST TRAIN** out of Lexington headed south dragging rails behind. Between the caboose and engine, the old Buck's Restaurant can be seen.

## The First and Last Diesel Locomotives

By Bob Carter

At first glance one might think they are looking at a rather mundane photograph and wonder why the picture was taken. Perhaps it recorded a moment in history. Thus it was that Lexington B&O Station Agent Nelson Lewis grabbed the camera and snapped a picture of the first B&O Diesel to make the Willard to Newark run. It was a moment in history as nothing but steam engines had trod those rails.

Engine 105 was one of the first 12 diesels purchased by the railroad during World War II. Built by General Motors Electromotive Corp., each section of the two-unit locomotive had a 1,350 horsepower 16-cylinder engine. The train master at Newark figured the diesels were more powerful than the steam engines and

hooked on a long north-bound train.

All went well to Lexington but it stalled on the 87 half foot to a mile grade to Alta. That was the steepest grade on the B&O between Newark and Sandusky.

The last B&O locomotive to leave Lexington station left on April 22, 1987. A good-sized crowd was on-hand to witness the sad event.

Engineer J.W. McClain, brakeman C.J. Hall and conductor Donald Paxton pulled EMD 2,000 horsepower engine #3745 from the old station, dragging and loading two quarter mile-long rails with them. The rails slid onto a string of special-made rail cars.

An end of an era had come to Mansfield, Lexington, Bellville and Butler to Fredericktown. We now ride bikes where diesels once roared.



A multiple Oscar nominee this year is director Lee Isaac Chung's *Minari*. This story is about an immigrant family in the 1980s that moves from California to Arkansas to start over again and hopefully start their own business.

The family patriarch Jacob (*The Walking Dead's* Steven Yeun, who received his first Oscar nomination) wants to start growing and selling his own vegetables and enlists the help of a local man (Will Patton) to make a garden. Jacob also moves into a mobile home with his wife and two young children which disappoints his wife Monica (Han Ye-ri) who does not quite understand why Jacob decided to make this drastic change.

Writer/director Chung shows us this family's frustrations, anguish and the struggle to achieve their goals. Along the way the children's grandmother (Youn Yuh-jung) moves in with them. Yuh-jung steals every scene she is in and gives one of the best performances featured in the supporting actress Oscar category because of the journey her characters takes.

Chung drops us into this family's lives and it feels like we are truly watching a

chapter in anyone's lives, which gives credit to Chung for making this family so relevant in the time the movie is set, as well as today. The movie is in both Korean and English and that's a good approach to take as this is an American-made film but makes everything very unique (there has been some controversy as to other awards organizations deeming it a foreign film). The cast is so winning, and through this family's ups and downs, there are many memorable moments, especially involving young Alan Kim who plays Jacob's son David.



*Minari* is available on demand now and is definitely one to watch as this is a wonderful movie about a family struggling to make their dreams come true while going through good times and bad. Chung makes a movie that is full of heart and deserves to be recognized.

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



## READERS' FORUM

The Richland County Republican Party would like to express its sympathy over the passing of Joseph Mudra, former Democratic Party Chair and member of the Board of Elections.

Bill Freytag, Republican Executive Committee Vice-Chair worked alongside Mudra at the Board of Elections for the last 10 years. "I was deeply saddened to hear of Joe's passing. We always worked very well together and our board meetings will not be the same without him. I want to send my deepest sympathy to his wife Joanne, the entire Mudra family and to all who knew and loved him", said Freytag.

We pray for his family and friends during this difficult time and join fellow community members in celebrating his life and legacy.



**ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL** Drug-Free Seniors visited Stingel on March 19. Seniors gave presentations in the classroom that told about themselves and why they choose to be drug free.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** March 30 — Ceanna Collins

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

## Mansfield Art Center will bring recognition to local students

The Mansfield Art Center has created a way to bring recognition to and show the artistic talents of regional high school, junior high and grade school students and even younger. Organizers find it important with school closings and lack of social activities with friends, that children and young adults have outlets to create. This can be through virtual art classes or art classes with enough space to socially distance.

In the absence of the annual high school governor's show this year, area school art teachers, Mansfield Art Center teachers, as well as parents, have brought in works of art created by their students.

"We believe that the show must go on this year for the sake of the kids" said George Whitten, executive director of the art center. "The teachers and students have all done an outstanding job selecting works for this show."

The Elizabeth Thomas Black Gallery holds over 180 works of art created by high school students. Schools represented are Bucyrus, Mansfield Sr. High, Ontario, Lexington, Shelby, Northwestern, Waynedale, Plymouth and Pioneer Vocational School.

The Foundation Gallery has two and three dimensional pieces created by students in grades K-8. This is the third year for this event and students are from Malabar Intermediate, Mansfield Middle

School, Sherman, Springmill, Prospect, Woodland, Discovery, St. Peter's, Spanish Immersion, Tyger Digital Academy and Gold Digital Academy. Also, students are

representing Mansfield Art Center through our MAC 21st Century S.T.E.A.M. program, Accelerated and Visual Arts Program and Tiger S.T.E.A.M. after school program.

According to Dr. Debra Weaver, program director for the art center, "more than 105 pieces of art will be displayed by our younger students, not just in the Elizabeth Thomas Black Gallery, but throughout our whole art education wing. The kids have been so productive and creative, we needed to use our entire space."

Many of the frames for the art pieces were donated by James Haring, owner of Comfort Inn so that all kids having pieces in the gallery have an opportunity to display their art matted and framed.

This exhibition is free and open to the public. The Mansfield Art Center is located at 700 Marion Ave., Mansfield.

The hours of operation are Tuesday through Friday 11 am to 5 pm, Saturday 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday 11 am to 4 pm. The center is closed on Mondays. Visit [mansfieldartcenter.org](http://mansfieldartcenter.org) for further details on upcoming exhibitions, art classes and Gallery Shop events.



**Dimitra Axio-Poulas**  
Fifth Grade, Spanish Immersion



**Riley Lewis**  
Shelby High School

## News Briefs

The Country Champions 4-H Club will host a bake sale Saturday, March 27, from 9 am to 1 pm at Family Farm and Home, 2196 W. Fourth St., Ontario.

Baked goods will be available by donation. Proceeds go to the club and to help with beautification projects.

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.

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

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.

Since 2007, St. Patrick's Day has marked a very busy time of the year for the "St. Baldrick's" head shaving fundraiser event. Last year, Fred Beeching and Gavin Lamb held a virtual head shaving and raised \$2,256.

This year's head shaving event for St. Baldrick's will be held in September. Details will follow in the *Tribune-Courier* as they unfold.

Richland County Solid Waste has announced it is partnering with Kingwood Center Gardens to provide weekly recycling services.

## Deadline approaching for May Primary voter registration

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.

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Sunday, April 4th

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Park Ave Campus: 9am, 11am	Shelby Campus: 10am	Ontario Campus: 9am, 11am, 5pm	Ontario Campus: 9am Classic Service
		Ontario Campus: 10am, 5pm Contemporary Service	

Good Friday Service: April 2nd, 7pm, Park Ave Campus

## Memorial Arrangements

### Debra K. Konczak

Debra K. Konczak of Ontario passed away Sunday, March 14, 2021, at her home. She was a strong fighter in her battle with cancer and lived each moment of life to the fullest.

Born April 29, 1955, in Bucyrus, OH, she was the daughter of William and Marjorie (Holland) Mathias. Her strong will and determined spirit were evident throughout her life. Debbie enjoyed traveling, gardening, sewing and canning. One of her favorite destinations was Charles Mill Lake. She worked at Mansfield Memorial Park as the Office Manager for many years. She was a soccer mom and volunteered for her children's activities and classrooms as they were growing up. Debbie was THE most incredible mom and grandmother in the world.

Although her family was her first priority, Debbie was an active volunteer in the Ontario community. Loving and generous with her talents and time, she was always helping someone in need. She was elected Chairperson of the very first Ontario Civil Service Commission and served there from Feb. 7, 2002 to Dec. 4, 2003. Debbie was appointed to Ontario City Council on Jan. 8, 2004 and served until Dec. 20, 2007, concurrently working for six months with the Civil Service Commission until they were able to find her replacement. During the time she was



on council, she served on or chaired all of the council's standing committees including: parks, streets, utilities, finance, economic development, personnel and safety. She worked tirelessly for the community of Ontario and Dec. 22, 2007 was declared "Debbie Konczak Day" by the Ontario City Council in recognition of all her contributions to the community. She served on the Ontario Charter Commission from 2008-'09, volunteered for the Fourth of July Committee and helped at various fundraisers over the years. Debbie was also active in the local political arena, volunteering on several campaigns.

Debbie is survived by her husband of 34 years, Paul Konczak; two daughters, Natalie (Rader) King and Sarah (Robert "Moon Pie") Crabtree; a granddaughter, Coraline Crabtree; a brother, Tom Mathias (Karen Fisher); sister-in-law, Diane Mathias; and many dear friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Margaret Konczak; granddaughter, Marley Jean Konczak; and brother, Bruce Mathias.

A memorial service will be held at a future date. She will be laid to rest in Mansfield Memorial Park. In honor of Debbie's selfless giving, memorial contributions may be made to the Little Black Cloud Project ([littleblackcloud.org](http://littleblackcloud.org)). The Ontario Home of Wappner Funeral Directors will serve the family. Words of comfort may be expressed to the family at [www.wappner.com](http://www.wappner.com)



**ST. PATRICK'S DAY** was celebrated at Ontario High School on March 17. A special treat was provided in the library for all the students who dressed in green. Among those dressing for the occasion were (top photo) Emily Cacchio, Tiffany Whittaker, Riley Them, and Macy Mangan; and (right photo) Zachary Bishop and Mrs. Erin Shroyer.



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## Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday, March 28, 9:30 am  
Maundy/Holy Thursday, April 1, 7 pm  
Easter Sunday, April 4, at 9:30 am

Madison Community Easter Drive-Thru Saturday, March 28, 1 pm  
for children through sixth grade (See article this week)

**Trinity United Methodist Church**  
1592 Grace St., Mansfield (Madison area)  
419-589-5890 • [www.trinityumcmansfield.org/](http://www.trinityumcmansfield.org/)

## 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

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### 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](http://ontarioumc.com)

### St. Paul Mansfield Lutheran - ELCA

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Pastor Jonathan Stufft  
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Free breakfast 2nd Saturday each month, 9-10:30 am  
[www.stpaulmansfield.org](http://www.stpaulmansfield.org)

### All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church

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

## KCCC school board member recipient of 2021 OSBA Award

Dr. Margie Bennett, KCCC School Board member, was recently the recipient of the 2021 Ohio School Board Association (OSBA) Service Award.

The OSBA Service Award is a distinct award and is part of OSBA's new STAR Awards Program – Service, Training, Aptitude and Recognition. The award is presented to a very select group. Of the more than 3,400 board members in Ohio, only 12 will receive the honor in 2021.

"I am surprised and humbled to be among the first Ohio school board members to receive OSBA's new S.T.A.R. award. It's an honor to have the opportunity to serve the Mount Vernon community on the two boards of education, MVCS and KCCC, along with their outstanding teachers, staff, administrators, and board members, who truly care about students. I feel very blessed and am grateful," said Bennett.

OSBA officially recognized recipients of the Service Award at the virtual Central Region Spring Conference that was held on March 10.

Kathy Greenwich, KCCC Superintendent, commented, "Dr. Bennett is very active with OSBA and serves on our board and also the Mount Vernon City School District board. She is always reading and learning to stay up-to-date on education. This award is not a surprise to anyone that works with Dr. Bennett."



## March of Prayer nights continue

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.

Remaining dates are:

- 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

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## Richland Area Chamber and Economic Development to host virtual annual meeting

The Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development virtual annual meeting will take place Friday, March 26 from 12-1 pm via the Chamber's Facebook page ([facebook.com/richlandareachamber](https://facebook.com/richlandareachamber)).

Brian P. McCartney will be presented with an Economic Impact Award. Brian is an optimistic entrepreneur who started an expansion and renovation project at a time when many others were hunkering down, enhancing business growth and community support.

Michael Murray & Production Design Team at Cooper Enterprises Inc. will also be presented with an Economic Impact Award. At onset of COVID-19, Mike and the Production Design Team who normally work with wood products quickly adapted to plastic products and designed a whole line of protective materials to assist businesses of all sizes to quickly follow the new regulations.

Andrew Beilstein will be presented with the Richland Young Professionals (RYP) Entrepreneurial Spirit Award. In 2013, Andrew embarked on a new family business, 1285 Winery. Working closely with Destination Mansfield to help promote the area's wine trail, Andrew can often be seen promoting the area's local businesses to travelers having a glass of wine after picking blueberries.

Stephanie Zader will be presented the RYP Community Hero Award. Stephanie specializes in commercial real estate and leads a team at her own realty company, EXP Realty. Beyond her work in real estate, she has always

been eager to pay her successes forward and has engaged in philanthropic work through a variety of non-profit organization. Most recently, Stephanie was appointed to Mansfield's City Council.

Additional Awards that will be announced live at the event include the ATHENA Award sponsored by Park National Bank, the Chairman's Award and Ambassador of the Year.

Lisa Duckworth, program & events manager at the Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development states, "Going virtually this year will be a big change, but we are extremely excited to bring participants an engaging hour of content and awards. We are thrilled to be partnering with DRM Productions on the virtual aspect of this event."

The Richland Area Chamber of Commerce is the largest business advocacy organization in north central Ohio. They provide benefits, networking and promotional opportunities to businesses to help them prosper.



JIM BUKER'S shop class at Ontario High School has been busy creating. Pictured are (top photo) Ayvette Knapp and (bottom photo) Sean Massa.

**SOMETHING for EVERYONE AT THE LIBRARY**

Children, teen, adult, crafts, movies, music, and more! The library is bursting with opportunities throughout our 9 locations in Richland County. Check out a few programs below in your area or see everything we have going on at:

[www.mrcpl.org/calendar](http://www.mrcpl.org/calendar)

**Join a Book Group Discussion**

*Lexington Branch*  
Wednesday, April 7 at 6:30 PM  
Wednesday, April 14 at 6 PM

*Madison Branch*  
Tuesday, April 27 at 6:30 PM

*Main Library*  
Tuesday, April 20 at 6 PM  
Tuesday, April 27 at 6:30 PM

**Learn to Create Cartoon Characters**

*Virtual Event*  
Tuesday, April 13 at 3 PM

**Take a Tech Class - In Person!**

*Learning Lab @ Main*  
Tuesday, April 20 from 10:30 - 11:30 AM  
Friday, April 23 from 10:30 AM - 12 PM  
Thursday, April 29 from 10:30 AM - 12 PM  
Wednesday, April 28 from 10:30 AM - 12 PM

**Story Time - In Person!**

*Lexington Branch*  
Tuesday, April 20 at 10:30 AM  
Wednesday, April 21 at 10:30 AM

*Ontario Branch*  
Tuesday, April 27 at 10:30 AM

**Don't forget! A new virtual story time video is posted every Tuesday morning at [mrcpl.org](http://mrcpl.org)**



**STUDENTS AT PIONEER PRESCHOOL** have been busy learning. (Top photo) Derek works on his patterning skills, (bottom left) Zailey works on her fine motor skills and (bottom right) a student learns about animal habitats. Pioneer Preschool is now enrolling.



**THE FIFTH GRADE ACADEMIC CHALLENGE** team at Stengel in Ontario competed for the last time this year and earned third place out of 13 teams on March 17. The team members are Tanner Winningham, Braxton Michalovich, Parker Willis, Leeah Ziegler, Alex Hohman and Ella Them. They were coached by Tonya Winningham. The fourth grade team also earned third place.

## Spring pond fish sale now taking orders

Pond owners are invited to order fingerling fish through Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD).

Buyers can choose from among a selection of Bluegill, Largemouth Bass, Yellow Perch, Hybrid Bluegill, Redear Bluegill, Channel Catfish, White Amur and Fathead Minnows.

Orders and payment are due by Friday,

April 16 and pick-up is Friday, April 23, at 10 am at the Richland County Fairgrounds.

This is the only pond fish sale Richland SWCD will sponsor this year. Full details, including pricing and an order form may be obtained at <https://richlandswcd.net/fish-descriptions> or by calling 419-747-8686.

For more information call 419-747-8685 or email [sutter.theresa@richlandswcd.net](mailto:sutter.theresa@richlandswcd.net).

## Representative McClain encourages submissions for Teacher of the Year

Representative Riordan McClain (R-Upper Sandusky) encourages individuals throughout the 87th Ohio House District to submit their nominations for the 2022 Ohio Teacher of the Year. The program recognizes exceptional teachers for their work both inside and outside the classroom while also providing opportunities for professional growth.

“We have many amazing individuals around the district in our schools who care deeply about investing into the lives of our children,” said McClain. “Please take a moment to nominate one of our great educators.”

Before submitting the nomination, the following information will need to be collected:

- Teacher nominee name, email, grade level

- Building principal name and email
- School building name and phone number where the teacher nominee is assigned
- District superintendent name
- School district mailing address
- Ohio county where the school district is located
- State Board of Education District Number
- Your contact information
- A 300 word maximum nomination narrative describing why this teacher is being nominated. This will be shared with the nominee.

The deadline for nominations is April 9, 2021, and they can be submitted at <https://teachinglearning.wufoo.com/forms/2022-ohio-teacher-of-the-year-nomination-form/>.

## Honor and Merit Rolls

### Saint Peter's Parish School

Third grading period

#### FIRST HONORS

**Seniors** — Cecelia Baldasare, Caden Brubaker, Cara Brubaker, Charles Couch, Grant Farragher, Albree Grose, Isabella Kern, Zachary Newton, Alayna Rickly, Julia Rizzo, Celeigh Roberts, Teaira Ross, Katherine Schonhardt, Izabella Smith and Emily Tanchevski

**Juniors** — Madison Bays, Jacob Culp, Alexander Garcia, Makayla Hall, Zachary Keffalas, Ahmani Mitchell, Kendall Nolen, Bryan Phillips, Danielle Powell, Ross Pruettmiller, Corey Schenkelberg, Malaki Stanfield, Natalie Tanchevski, James Williams and Kellen Young

**Sophomores** — Adrian Allen, Peyton Bodnar, Gianni Bonham, Mahala Boothe, Alyssa Carroll, Audrey Couch, Grace Dix, Kanija Green, My'kia Letlow, Kiersten Pitcher, Sean Putt, Logan Rhodes, Andrew Wendt and Dominic Wendt

**Freshmen** — Camryn Beauford, Caelyn Brubaker, Katherine Bryant, James Jerger, Tamera Lindsay, Analina McCabe, Zora Mills, Josephine Reef, Gisele Ward and Trinity Withrow-Gremling

**Eighth Grade** — Magnolia Chamberlin, Callina Francis, Blade Hedrick, Sania Jefferson, Joshua Laux, Madison Osborne, Sydney Phillips, Sydney Rizzo and Kelly Wolboldt

**Seventh Grade** — Aryah Beauford, Tiffany Clemon, Nadia DeVall, Conner Fournier, Olivia Laux, Braylon Patterson and Heaven Taylor

**Sixth Grade** — Madelyn Yoha and Abigail Farragher

**Fifth Grade** — Quinn Chamberlin, David Crundwell, Remington Hedrick, Jamarr Norris and Madeline Levron

#### SECOND HONORS

**Seniors** — Emilee Bodnar, Donavon Duncan, Katherine Elliott, Gavin Foltz and Madalyn Yeager

**Juniors** — John Harris, Alana Mitchell, Isaac Stampfli and Nakyrah Williams

**Sophomores** — Erin Belmer, MaKenna Coontz, Griffin Crutchfield, Makenzie Hardin, Dejah Hiltman and Natalie VanDyne

**Freshmen** — Ta'Niya Chism and Elijah Evege

**Eighth Grade** — Rayden Baltazar, Carter Fesler, Lamy'yah Lindsay and Nicholas Osborne

**Seventh Grade** — Xavier Calloway, Brooklyn Jackson, Natalie Lindsey, Ian Pitcher and Chelsea Williams

**Sixth Grade** — Kendyll Renz and Callahan Cavanaugh

**Fifth Grade** — Dominic Stoner and Skylar Pitzen

## Medications will be collected April 24

Community Action for Capable Youth (CACY) has announced that National Medication Take Back Day is April 24.

On that day from 10 am to 2 pm, residents can stop by the Richland County Solid Waste Authority, 1125 National Pkwy., Mansfield, to dispose of unwanted or expired medication.

The location will be accepting prescription pills of any kind, over-the-counter medications, medication samples, pet medications and vitamins. Please remove all prescription labeling before arriving.

Items not collected include needles, syringes, lancets, thermometers, aerosol cans, IV bags, hydrogen peroxide, bloody or infectious waste, empty containers and personal products such as non-medicated shampoo. No personal information will be collected.



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**THE ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL KEY CLUB** volunteered to help set up for the annual Ontario Athletic Boosters Purse Bingo event.



T-C Staff/Bud Motter

**THE MANSFIELD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL** Girls Varsity Basketball team held a banquet recently. JV Awards went to Most Inspirational: Adrian Clary; Torch: Calah Rader; Champion of Excellence: Rebekah Kapustar; and Rookie of the Year: Raegan Standridge. Varsity Awards went to Most Inspirational: Alexis Rippele; Torch: Aubrynn Maiyer; Champion of Excellence: Anna Sparks; Hustle: Noelle Beare; Rookie of The Year: Kyleah Jones; and Senior Standout: Elle Schmitz.



**ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY** students at Ontario High School are testing their special senses of smell, hearing and balance in the lab. Students used light and shadow to test their static equilibrium receptors, while students spun in a chair to test their dynamic equilibrium. Various scents were used to test for olfactory reception... which interestingly is incapacitated if afflicted with COVID. Students also used tuning forks to test their hearing. Alexis Shaver is spun by Hugo Estrada.

## Alzheimer's Association hosting virtual programs

The Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter will be presenting 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.

They will discuss topics such as what is Alzheimer's disease, warning signs to look for, how to effectively communicate, how to manage behaviors and have difficult conversations, and review several strategies for

living with the disease. 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 for the program, call 800-272-3900

April 5, Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia, 11 am; and Healthy Living for Brain and Body, 3:30 pm

April 6, Living with Alzheimer's, Early Stage Part 1, 11 am (April 13, Part 2 and April 20 Part 3)

April 6, 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's, 5 pm

April 7, Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia, 3 pm

April 8, Dementia Conversations, 11 am; and

Understanding and Responding to Dementia-Related Behavior, 3 pm

April 12, Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia, 6 pm

April 14, Healthy Living for Brain and Body, 10 am;

and Effective Communication Strategies, 4 pm

April 15, Healthy Living for Brain and Body, 11:30 am;

and Dementia Conversations, 4 pm



**CARY CARCIONE'S** sixth, seventh and eighth PE class at Ontario plays a game of "big ball" volleyball.

## Benjamin Arron awarded degree

Benjamin Arron of Mansfield was among students from Miami University who received degrees during January graduation 2020-'21.

Arron graduated with a B.S. in Applied Science degree, majoring in Engineering Technology.



T-C Staff/Bud Motter

**THE DAFFODILS** are in full bloom as the first week of spring is underway.



T-C Staff/Bud Motter

**ONTARIO STINGEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S** custodian Terry Davidson will be retiring after this school year. Davidson, who will turn 62 in May, graduated from Ontario High School in 1977. He started his career the next month as the custodian at Stingel, a position he has held for 44 years. He commented that the staff has been great to work for and the kids are the greatest. "The kids send me Christmas cards and notes throughout the year. It has been something to watch the kids move from here to the junior high and then on to the high school and see them graduate." When asked what he will do after leaving Stingel, he said "I will be spending time with my family and maybe do some traveling. I will just see what happens and follow that." The staff all say it is going to be hard to fill Terry shoes. A staff member commented that "He is always willing to stop what he is doing and listen to your story or problem."



**ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL** students Abigail Perez and Makayla Minard stand by a bulletin board designed by the Warrior Leadership Committee.



T-C Staff/Bud Motter

**MADISON SOUTH** preschoolers welcomed a special guest who came to read to them for St. Patrick's Day. Assistant principal Kyle Gordon, dressed as a leprechaun, told the preschoolers, "I went to bed looking like I always do and woke up looking like this." He brought a big laugh from all the children. Gordon later spoke about bringing the children a little extra joy. "The pandemic has been hard on the kids and I thought they needed something to cheer them up."

## Richland Academy student headed to international competition in Texas

Richland Academy of the Arts student Breckelle Miller, a six-year-old vocalist, actor, and ventriloquist was recently crowned the Ohio State American Amateur Talent Competition winner, receiving the "Talent of the Year" title at the Cinderella State Pageant in Columbus on Sunday, March 14.

Breckelle received gold medals for each of her three performances at the competition and is now qualified to compete in the International AAMTC Talent Competition in Dallas, Texas in July.



"Breckelle began taking piano and voice lessons last summer at RAA with instructor Audrey Lee-Strohm at the age of 5. Over the last eight months she has learned so much through her instruction and guidance and we could not be happier with how much she has grown vocally!" says Kimberly Miller, Breckelle's mother. "Breckelle also joined 'The Little Black Box Theatre' at RAA with instructor Megan Williams and absolutely fell in love with singing and acting on stage!"

Breckelle was also recently cast in the upcoming movie *Chosen* starring actor Dean Cain, produced by JCFilms.

## Pioneer Board of Education approves College Credit Plus agreement with NCSC

At the March 15 meeting, the Pioneer Board of Education adopted a resolution to allow public participation and move to a regular agenda meeting.

The board adopted a resolution accepting amounts and rates of taxes and approved the 2021-'22 high school calendar, Early Childhood Education calendar and fee schedule and Adult Education calendar.

The board approved a College Credit Plus (CCP) Agreement with North Central State college for 2021-'22 School year and an agreement with American Health Network of Ohio, LLC as a clinical site for Adult Education Certificated Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA) program.

The board adopted a job description for Success Center Tutor and a Resolution of Appreciation for a monetary donation of \$25,000 from the Gorman Family Foundation. This donation will be used for student financial aid and scholarships.

A \$30 donation was accepted from The Blackburn Giving Fund, Wells-Fargo Employer Match Program, Dawn Wright-Smith. This donation will be deposited into the Pioneer Alumni Association fund and used for annual student scholarships.

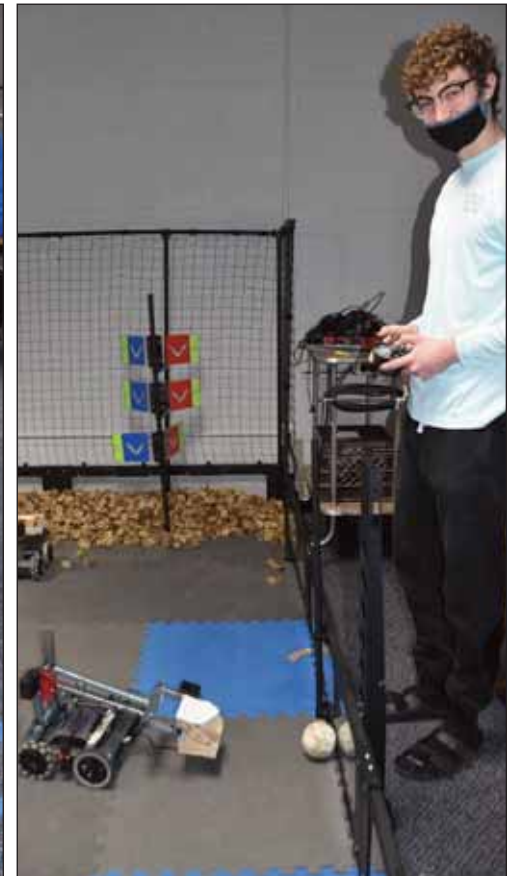
Civista Bank, Shelby gave a monetary donation of \$500 which will be used for the scholarship awarded annually to a Pioneer senior.

Joe Vondrasek of Willard donated two Kennedy tool boxes and multiple tools with an approximate value of \$1,200. These tools will be used for educational purposes by the students in our Precision Machining Technology program.

The board accepted the resignation of administrative personnel including Clay Frye, Career Tech Supervisor, effective Aug. 1, 2021; Kris Kowalski, Director of Operations, effective Aug. 1, 2021; and Jolene Young, Career Tech Supervisor effective Aug. 1, 2020.

Administrative contracts were awarded to Clay Frye, director of operations; 1-year contract, Aug. 1, 2021-July 31, 2022; Kris Kowalski, director of operations/business affairs; 2-year contract, Aug. 1, 2021-July 31, 2023; Shannon Sprang, supervisor, academics and student services; 3-year contract, Aug. 1, 2021-July 31, 2024; Kevin Vargyas, career tech supervisor; 3-year contract, Aug. 1, 2021-July 31, 2024; and Jolene Young, assistant director, high school; 1-year contract, Aug. 1, 2021-July 31, 2022.

The board approved authorization to pursue a selection of construction consultants for sealing of the building and a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ridge Project and Pioneer Adult Career Center.



**HEATH SAGER'S ROBOTICS STUDENTS** at Ontario High School in the Technology Systems and Design I classes executed their head-to-head competition, "From the Quarry to the Jobsite Team Challenge." It was a culmination of their robotics unit using the VEX platform. Each team needed to decide how they were going to execute the challenge. They modified their Clawbots by turning them into scooper bots, transport bots and scatter bots. Each team had three rounds of five minutes each to gather "stone," transport it from the quarry to the jobsite and spread it about the project site. The challenge was to cover the project site (noted inside the blue tape) before the end of the third round. The team of Colin Milligan, Logan Morehead, Gage Rufo, Jacob Timmer and Logan Rhodebeck executed the challenge flawlessly. The rock in the middle of the site (noted by the softball) was worth an added bonus. Students are (left photo) Alex Switaj and (right photo) Nolan Payne.





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.

We are happy to announce OYS will be hosting a free softball clinic on Sunday April 11, from 12-2 pm. The clinic will cover fundamentals in fielding/pitching/hitting. Thank you to our 2021 Blaze team and coaches for helping with this clinic.

As a reminder, the OYS batting cage is fully operational and ready to be used by our Warrior athletes. The 17 x 70 batting cage is located at Marshall Park baseball complex between fields three and four. Please be mindful of others and always enter and exit cage with caution. Thank you to our community sponsors for making this possible.

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.

OYS will be partnering with the OHS to offer an OYS game day experience. OYS baseball and softball players will be invited to a game day at the High School. Both Varsity Baseball and Varsity Softball are playing at home and OYS is planning on adding some energy to the games. We will have free refreshments, spirit wear, prizes and special game day events for every OYS athletes in attendance. Follow us on Facebook for more details.

Spring Soccer Training will be run by Graham Ford, former head men's soccer coach of The College of Wooster. Training will be every Friday night starting after Easter. Follow OYS on Facebook for more information and details on how to sign up.

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

OYS is so excited to see our little Warriors outside having fun and making some great memories. Starting in April, every Wednesday evening and Saturday morning our pre-k program takes over Marshall Park with some high scoring games. Athletes between the ages of 4-6 years old participate in our Bidy WARRIOR program.

OYS Soccer 2010 had 241  
OYS Soccer 2021 had 485

**2021 OYS Baseball/Softball**

March 31 — Last day to be guaranteed a spot on an OYS team.

April 15 — Practice begins at coach's discretion

May 5 — MOC Schedule is released

May 17 — Season begins

June 11/12 — MOC All Star Games

June 25-30 — MOC End of the season tournament.

- 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.

## Ontario Middle School Pi Day

Eighth grade math students at Ontario Middle School celebrated Pi Day by measuring the diameter and radius of various circular foods and then using "pi" with the formula for circumference and area to perform calculations for each item.



**ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL** cafeteria manager Eva Harmon prepares a school favorite, popcorn chicken bowl.



**MR. HENDERSON'S** physical science class at Ontario High School looked at balancing forces. Balancing golf balls during class is student Savannah Jackson.



By Heather Hendrix

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, March 27. Each age group will be spread out this year and we will have two different times for the egg hunt: kids under 3 up to kindergarten will start their egg hunt at noon and grades 1-4 will start their egg hunt at 12:30 pm. Those attending are asked to arrive 10

minutes before their egg hunt time to find the location of each age group.

Children should check eggs before leaving to see if they won a special prize. Prizes will be distributed at the pavilion. The Easter Bunny and Miss Ontario will be there for pictures. Masks will be required.

Ontario Recreation Department will meet for a wood sign decor class on April 10, from 2 to 4 pm at the Tin Can Chandelier in Ashland. The class will make home décor wood signs. Cost will vary from \$10-\$40 depending upon size of wood, color, stain etc. Participants will pay the day of the event. To register email name, phone and email address to [recreationdept@ontarioohio.org](mailto:recreationdept@ontarioohio.org).

Send your news to [news@tribune-courier.com](mailto:news@tribune-courier.com)

# LOOKING BACK: This Week in Tribune-Courier History



March 20, '81

PICTURED HERE ARE the members of the Madison Junior High School freshman wrestling squad. In front are Bob Kipp, Chad McGinty, Scott Hunter and Maurice Drye. In the middle are Trev Cary, Sam Marchiano, Rick Lyons and Jim Little and in the back row are Randy Novak, Brian Kerr, Jeff Huffman and Keith Myers.



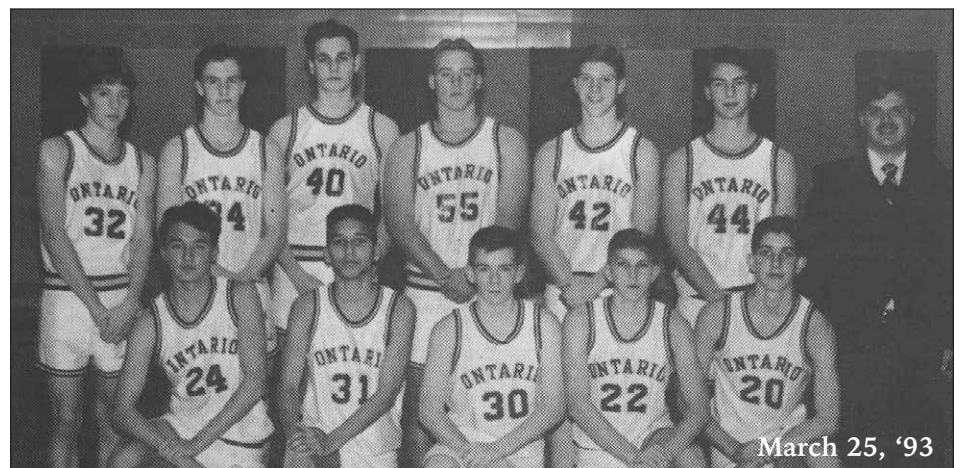
March 28, '74

VARSITY HARDWARE WINNERS — Four varsity girls basketball players walked off with trophies at the annual sports banquet honoring winter athletes. Joan Gilger was voted the most improved player, Cindy Fidler won the coach's award, Hazel Harper was judged the best defensive player and Kim Fischer was voted the most valuable member of the squad.



March 20, '81

MEET THE EIGHTH GRADE members of the Madison Junior High seventh and eighth grade wrestling team. In the front are Joe Stull, Jeff Thomas, Craig Arnold and Pat Sabo. In the middle are John Wheaton, John Baker, Steve Norris and Hubert Peters and in the back row are Pat Hartnett and Bob Crawford.



March 25, '93

ONTARIO JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM — Front, left to right, Mike Brady, Tom Thornton, Steve Hammer, Wes Watson and Ben Shoemaker; back, Chad Burdge, Mike Murray, J.R. Hock, Rusty Dailey, Jason Russell, Mac Wentz and coach Mike Lyons.



March 20, '81

HERE ARE THE seventh grade members of the Madison Junior High seventh and eighth grade wrestling squad. In the front are Curt Pence, Doug Jerger, John Stevens and Jeff Little. In the middle are Dave Peerenboom, Tim Gombosch, Eric Johnson, Phil Diehm and Ron Kingston. And in the back are Chris Gibson, Steve Symsock, Dennis Hall and Mike Leiter.



March 20, '81

Photo by Marc Stumbo

SPEED WINNERS in Cub Scout Pack 138's annual Pinewood Derby are (front) Brad Cyrus, Josh Carpenter, Jeff Boggs, Steve Spehar and Todd Wise. No present is Toby Paul. In back are Lions member John Workman, Cubmaster Terry Booker and Assistant Cubmaster Ernest Carpenter.

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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 17, 2021.

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

regular business hours.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-06 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO, OHIO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2021, AS AMENDED.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-07 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1137, STANDARD ZONING DISTRICTS BY AMENDING SECTION 1137.05, B BUSINESS DISTRICT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-04 – A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-09 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR OR HIS DESIGNEE (CHIEF OF POLICE) TO DONATE ONE (1) UNNEEDED WHITE 2013 FORD TAURUS TO SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-11 – AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING THE CITY OF ONTARIO TO ENTER INTO A SEWER CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF MANSFIELD AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE IT ON

BEHALF OF THIS CITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Cathy VanAuker  
Clerk of Council  
City of Ontario, Ohio  
3-25, 4-1, '21 (60L)

PROBATE COURT OF RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF John Christopher James to John Christopher Brown CASE NO. 20219029.

### NOTICE OF HEARING ON CHANGE OF NAME

Applicant hereby gives notice to all interested persons 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 John Christopher James to John Christopher Brown.

The hearing on the application will be held on the 24th day of April, 2021, at 9:30 o'clock am in the Probate Court of Richland County, located at 50 Park Avenue East, Second Floor, Mansfield, Ohio.

John C. James  
131 Kochheiser Rd.  
Bellville, OH 44813

## OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE

1,000 sq. ft. office space located in the front portion of 347 Allen Dr., Ontario. Rental will have own private restroom, front and side entrance. Room is a large open area. Email [tribune@tribune-courier.com](mailto:tribune@tribune-courier.com) to schedule a viewing or phone call.



Photos by Damon Callis

**HURDLE WATERFOWL PARK, 297 Township Road 581, Sullivan, OH, is a 66-acre wooded park originally designed to attract waterfowl. It is ideal for hiking and bird watching. In addition to two miles of hiking trails, the site contains a 4.5-acre fishing pond, a 12-acre shallow pond complex, and a 2.5-acre duck pond. The park also has mature woods and a small buttonbush marsh. There is a large observation tower overlooking the park and is temporarily closed for maintenance.**



## Destination Mansfield debuts new visitor guide in magazine-style format

Destination Mansfield Richland County has announced its new 2021 visitor guide. In a major shift forward in how Mansfield and Richland County are presented, the local tourism marketing agency reimagined, redesigned and reformatted the guide.

The new magazine-sized visitor guide showcases the best of Richland County's vibrant communities in transformed storytelling with articles and photography that entertain and educate the reader.

The new Destination Mansfield Visitors Guide will be distributed via travel infor-

mation centers across Ohio and is now available at [DestinationMansfield.com](http://DestinationMansfield.com).

"Our goal was to create a lifestyle publication that resonates with readers and positions the area in a truly intriguing fashion while showing potential visitors the unique experiences that await them.

"This new generation of visitor guide helps us continue our work of elevating the profile of Richland County to any visitor," says Destination Mansfield-Richland County President, Lee Tasseff.

"We are happy to feature Kingwood Center Gardens on the cover." (Note:

Kingwood was on the cover of the 2020 version, but the vast majority of those guides went unused thanks to the pandemic.)

The eye-catching new community marketing piece can also be used by recruiters and local economic development organizations as a promotional tool to entice potential investors, new businesses and other targets to the area.

The 2021 visitor guide was developed in partnership with Great Lakes Publishing whose award-winning and respected publications include Ohio Magazine, Sip,

Cleveland Magazine and Ohio's official state Travel Guide.

"This new partnership is a demonstration of Destination Mansfield-Richland County's capacity to build new promotional tools in anticipation of the new community brand that is expected to be unveiled this fall," added Tasseff.

"We are pleased with the result of our joint efforts on the publication and we look forward to a prosperous year for our local tourism industry."

Digital copies of the 2021 Visitor Guide are available at [DestinationMansfield.com](http://DestinationMansfield.com).

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**STUDENTS IN MRS. PATTERSON'S** Warrior Time at Ontario Middle School completed a self-advocacy course called Project STIR (Steps Toward Independence and Responsibility) over the past 10 weeks. Students were challenged to think about their past, present and future selves, and how to communicate their goals to reach them. The class thanks Mitch and Monica from Richland Newhope for their help.

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## RCCS partners with national Pajama Program for Richland County children

Richland County Children Services (RCCS) has partnered with the Pajama Program to provide new pajamas to children in Richland County.

The Pajama Program is a national 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that promotes and supports a comforting bedtime routine and healthy sleep for children to help them thrive.

Since 2001, Pajama Program has delivered over 7 million good nights for good days to children facing adversity by providing new pajamas, storybooks and resources for caregivers. Pajama Program offers bedtime resources and sleep education.

To achieve its mission, Pajama Program relies on a national network of volunteers, generous donors, and partnerships with 4,000 community-based organizations across the United States and Puerto Rico.

"RCCS is grateful for the new pajamas made possible through the Pajama Program's Eastern Ohio Chapter President Teri Dwyer," said Brigitte Coles, RCCS Community Engagement Specialist. "This marks the second year working with the program and RCCS wanted to provide pajamas for our community partners. We were able to provide 1,800 pairs of pajamas for boys and girls from infant to size 8."

The pjs were shared with the Community Health Access Project (CHAP), Akron Children's Hospital Mansfield, the Mansfield Area Y Childcare and The New Store.

"The New Store is an organization that provides Richland County Children Services and school aged children with backpacks, coats, new school clothing and tennis shoes along with PJ's who are referred through schools in Richland County," said Rhonda Marsh, The New Store Board Member and RCCS Kinship Navigator. "We would like to say thank you to RCCS for their generosity of making children happy and comfortable while they sleep."

The Pajama Program was founded in 2001 by Genevieve Piturro. Inspired by her experience reading to children waiting for foster care placement in New York City, she realized many of the children did not have pajamas. She began collecting them from her family and friends and delivered them to the children herself. Her initiative grew into a nationwide effort to provide comforting bedtimes and healthy sleep to all children, everywhere.

Teri Dwyer, Eastern Ohio Chapter President, is a single mother who works full time at the City of Fairlawn Tax Department. As a former foster mother, she has seen first-hand the need to help children in her community. Over the years, she fostered four girls, including her daughter Ruth who she adopted in 2010. She is happy to take over the great work that Patty Gillespie began in September 2007 and make a difference in the lives of children in her community.



Kelly Andress,  
The New Store  
Assistant Director



CHAP Executive Director Nancy Hartman  
and Akron Children's Hospital Community  
Health Worker Fredonia Crawford

## Tornado drill planned for Wednesday, March 24

As part of Richland County Emergency Management Agencies continuing effort to maintain its designation as "Storm Ready" by the National Weather Service, the Richland County Board of Commissioners issued a Proclamation of Observance of National Severe Weather Preparedness, Ohio's Spring Severe Weather Awareness Week and National Flood Safety Awareness Week March 21-27.

Severe weather impacts Richland County no matter the season. Richland County will participate in a statewide tornado drill on Wednesday, March 24, at 9:50 am.

It is strongly suggested that households and businesses have an emergency weather radio so that vital information can be broadcast in a weather-related event. All

Richland County schools have these radios and should listen for the test on March 24. Richland County Emergency Management Agency, 597 Park Avenue East, has these radios available for \$20 (exact cash only).

Residents should also have an emergency preparedness kit which should include items for all household members and pets.

Skywarn members are a dedicated group of official weather spotters. These local members are National Weather Service trained and provide essential information to the National Weather Service to assist in forecasting for the region. The group has approximately 30 members. For information on becoming a Skywarn member call 419-774-5686.



**ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL ROBOTICS** students work to finalize their team robotics system automated work cell. For the project, each student had to make modifications to their own individual robotics systems which included electro-pneumatics, several cranes and three axis robotic arms, among others. The challenge was to integrate their hardware and program their software with their two adjacent partners who had their own systems to modify. They were asked to create an automated work cell that would pass a steel marble from system to system using motors, and sensors, or anything else they could think of.

## Donations accepted for Firepup program

Springfield Township Fire Department is looking for supporters to donate to the Firepup Program, its fire safety education program. The materials used are created and designed exclusively by the National Fire Safety Council, Inc., a federal tax-exempt, not for profit 501(c)(3) organization.

In order to cover the continuing costs of the materials, the department is looking for sponsors to help. Donations can be

any amount but every \$75 will help 25 children.

Checks made payable to National Fire Safety Council Inc., can be mailed to Attn: Fire Chief Matthew Carey, Springfield Township Fire Department, 3700 Park Avenue West, Mansfield, OH 44906.

For more information or to donate by phone, contact Bonnie at 1-877-435-7777.

Materials can be viewed at [www.nfsc.org](http://www.nfsc.org).



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