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KRIS BARCROFT, CATHY BOYER, BRENDA NADLER AND BARB KELLER help distribute Easter baskets at Trinity United Methodist Church in the Madison area on Saturday, March 27. For over 30 years the church has been giving back to the community during the Easter season. Cathy Boyer said, "This year we prepared 500 baskets and if we run out, we will be giving vouchers for children to come back and get one. Each basket has a craft, book and activity in it as well as candy. With 12 helpers we had them all ready by the end of February." This year's baskets were handed out to children who collected them from their vehicle. The distribution drew a large crowd but the church was ready with an organized solution, having vehicles park in the nearby Madison High School parking lot to be checked-in before arriving at the church.

Madison board accepts donations

The Madison Local School District Board of Education met Wednesday, March 24, in the Madison Middle School Auditoria.

Board president Tim Wigton called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The girls' soccer team was recognized by athletic director Doug Rickert and presentations were given by Patricia Tresey, special services director; and Allison Schleichert, preschool director/special services coordinator.

A donation of a Weider Pro 4950 Weight System Exerciser for the athletic department was accepted from David Wilson. A donation of \$25,000 from The Catherine L. and Edward A. Lozick Foundation for the Precision Machining/CNC program was also accepted. PR Machine Works donated 2,550 pounds of scrap steel for the Career Tech and Adult Career Center welding technology programs and The Gorman-Rupp Company donated scrap steel for the Career Tech and Adult Career Center welding technology programs.

Tasco Thompson & Sons Company donated 300 pounds of scrap steel and Charter Next Generation donated scrap steel. Both will be used for the Career Tech and Adult Career Center welding technology programs.

Five hundred pounds of scrap steel was donated from The Biro Manufacturing Company for the Career Tech and Adult Career Center welding technology programs.

Robin Klenk, Treasurer, gave her report and approval was given for the monthly financial report, appropriation modifications and Resolution accepting the amount and rules as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor.

The retirements of Todd Cortelletti, high school social studies, and Lori Stephenson, MS ELA, were accepted by the board effective June 1, 2021.

Mico Castelveter, half assistant varsity softball coach, resigned, effective Feb. 18, 2021.

The board approved the non-renewal of non-M.L.E.A. supplemental contracts. These are Michelle Byus, varsity cheer advisor; Trae Coopwood, assistant varsity wrestling coach; Bethany Cuthbertson, music assistant (Ramettes); Brian Davis, head varsity girls' basketball coach; Tim Deel, head seventh grade football coach; Calvin Gordon, assistant varsity football coach; Tommy Hill, girls' tennis coach; Demi Huss, ninth grade cheer advisor; Zachary Huff, head varsity girls' soccer coach; Cheyenne Hunt, assistant varsity cheer advisor; Tommy J. Hunt, head ninth grade football coach; Chad Hutcheson, head ninth grade football coach; Jordan Monica, half assistant varsity (JV) girls' soccer coach; Bryan Mosier, head varsity wrestling coach, half assistant varsity football coach and half fall equipment manager; Dustin Moysi, assistant varsity (JV) boys' soccer coach; Kelly O'Brien, half assistant varsity (JV) girls' soccer coach; Zachary Sendelbach, assistant varsity wrestling coach; Rylie Shaffner, ninth grade volleyball coach; Leroy Smith, assistant varsity girls' basketball coach, assistant varsity football coach; Travis Stantz, head eighth grade boys' basketball coach and Paul Webb, head seventh grade boys' basketball coach

The board approved non-renewal of Jennifer Branstetter and Katie Wade's senior class advisors supplemental contracts in compliance with M.L.E.A. contract.

A supplemental positions was awarded for the 2020-'21 school year to Andrea Gerich, half assistant varsity softball coach, pending proper certification, paperwork and background check.

The appointments of the following substitute teachers on an "on call" basis, as needed for the 2020-'21 school year were approved by the board: Esther Abel, (long term

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It Is Finished

Three simple words were spoken on the cross that day. Three words from the Savior's lips that would shine and lead the way.

"It is finished" is what He said through His agony and pain. "It is finished" came from His lips and it's the last words He would say.

Oh yes, "it is finished" and the old ways are left behind. Our spirit is now renewed seeing now where once we were blind.

Those three words He spoke that day are the most powerful words of all. When Jesus said "it is finished" He tore down every evil wall.

So my friend, "it is finished" and Jesus paid the price. He died for all our sins and to give us a new life.

Charlotte M Wilson, Easter 2021



Kingwood Center Gardens extends hours

Kingwood Center Gardens has announced the extension of its hours of operation, effective now through October. Kingwood will be open daily 10 am to 7 pm and Kingwood Hall is open for self-guided tours 10 am to 5 pm. The Gateway Café, Garden & Gift Shop and Display Greenhouses will be open daily from 10 am to 6:30 pm.

General garden admission continues to be \$5 per person; admission is free for children 12 years and under and for Kingwood members.

Admissions will only be at the Trimble Rd. entrance. Guests enter through Kingwood's Garden Gateway, the new visitor center. Enjoy offerings at the Gateway Café and the Garden & Gift Shop without paying garden admission.

The first Monday of every month is Free First Monday. Everyone is admitted free of charge. Kingwood participates in the Museums For All program which provides \$1 admissions to those with an Ohio Direction Card and photo ID. For more information visit kingwoodcenter.org or call 419-522-0211.



THE GAS STATION where the murder was committed was originally a Linco brand and later a Gulf station.

The Case of the 1959 Murder

By Bob Carter

In June of 1959, a terrible tragedy struck Lexington. Chester Chalfant ran a Gulf gas station at the top of Delaware St. The building was torn down when the present car wash was built.

On that warm June day, H.D. Penelton stopped at Chalfant's station and the two were watching a ball game on TV. An argument erupted over a bet on the ballgame and Penelton shot Chalfant twice in the head.

Penelton was later arrested in Mansfield driving a stolen car and police found the gun used in the murder inside the glove compartment. Penelton had just been paroled after three years in the Ohio State Reformatory. He had only been free for three weeks when he murdered Chalfant.

Chester, paralyzed, was in the hospital and could only respond to questions by blinking his eyes. Shown a picture of

Penelton and the gun, he became excited and the murderer ended up confessing to the murder on the same day as his death.

Penelton was sentenced to die in the electric chair and Ohio Governor Michael V. DiSallie visited him in prison and decided not to commute his sentence. On March 17, 1961, H.D. Penelton was the last person in the State of Ohio to die in the electric chair. Little satisfaction was felt by the Chalfant family.

Chalfant had been planning to retire and move to Florida with his wife. Ruth Chalfant was to be seen daily walking from her red brick home on E. Main St. to the Lexington Cemetery where her husband was buried. It appeared to cemetery workers she was talking or perhaps offering a prayer for her beloved Chester. She did this daily for nearly 30 years until she finally joined her husband in February of 1992.



A multiple Oscar nominee this year is *The Father*. Now available on VOD and in select theaters this is the story of an elderly man named Anthony as he deals with the effects of suffering from dementia and his daughter Anne (Olivia Colman) trying to help him through this terrible illness.

Anthony Hopkins plays Anthony and, usually with someone like Hopkins who has such an expansive history of terrific performances it would be suspicious to say that *The Father* is one of the best performances of his career, but that truly is the case. Hopkins is just brilliant in the movie. He runs the gamut of emotions, sometimes all in one short scene. To see someone like Hopkins who has played such iconic roles and made such iconic films to be giving us one of the best performances of his career in his 80s is simply awesome.

Colman also does very fine work as his daughter Anne. She hits all the right points and we completely believe she wants the best for her father. The movie is directed by first time director Florian Zeller who adapted this movie from his own French stage play in 2012. Zeller co-wrote the script with Christopher Hampton who also helmed a film like 1988's *Dangerous Liaisons*.

The entire structure of the story is so unique and may be one of the best films ever made about dementia. The story is

from Anthony's point of view, leaving the viewer confused and unsure about what is happening, but that is the point. Much of this is due to how well the movie is edited which has to be one of its best qualities for this story to work.

The movie also gets very emotional at times, especially near the end, and while the film may be described as depressing it's a movie that I personally will tell everyone to watch and few films are able to do that. Even though this movie is based on a play, it translates very well to film.

Hopkins beautiful, heart-breaking performance is the centerpiece of this movie and it's a shame there is such competition in the best actor Oscar category this year because he should be a shoo in for his second Oscar.

The Father is a wonderful movie about a terrible disease that affects too many people and Hopkins gives one of the top 3 performances of his career and along with Colman's wonderful supporting work and Zeller's top notch story telling, *The Father* has my highest recommendation and is an excellent movie about a difficult subject matter.

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



Legislation on county flexibility and energy cost-savings passes Ohio House

State Representative Marilyn John's (R-Richland County) legislation allowing more flexibility for counties and assisting them against rising energy costs passed unanimously in the Ohio House. John spoke to the bipartisan bill on the House floor.

"It establishes an exemption for utility supply contracts entered into under a joint purchasing program," said John. "Currently, county utility supply contracts are limited to 10 years. This legislation would exempt contracts from the 10 year limit. Additionally, this limitation does not apply to the state, municipalities, and townships; it only applies to counties."

John noted that these agreements will allow counties to lock in a portion of their energy loads for county facilities and aggregation programs. Moreover, the legislation could serve as a long-term constraint against rising energy costs and can produce savings for both counties and customers alike.

Before being passed this week, House Bill 87 had three hearings and passed unanimously in the Ohio House State and Local Government Committee; one of the

supporters of the bill that gave testimony on it included the County Commissioners Association of Ohio.

Along with John, State Rep. Jason Stephens (R-Kitts Hill) serves as a joint sponsor of the bill in addition to nearly 30 other cosponsors. The legislation now heads to the Senate for further consideration.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

April 6 — David Wolford, Madison

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Submitted by 4-H News Reporter Audrey Wolford

THE COUNTRY CHAMPIONS 4-H CLUB of Richland County held a bake sale at Family Farm and Home in Ontario on March 27. The club issued a thank you to those in the community who came out in support of the sale.

4-H News Report

On March 21, 2021, the Country Champions 4-H Club of Richland County held its second meeting of the year. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lexy Pace and the 4-H Pledge was led by Owen Keith.

The following health and safety speeches were given, "Protecting Your Body" by Tristen Dawson, "Benefits of Yogurt" by Dailynn Dawson, and "Walking Your Dog" by Ryleigh Chase.

The following demonstrations were giv-

en, "How to Trim Spurs on a Rooster" by Dailynn Dawson, "How to Artificially Inseminate a Chicken" by Tristen Dawson and "How to Prepare a Chicken for Show" by Ryleigh Chase.

To raise funds this year, we will be having a carwash sometime during the summer and a bake sale on March 27 from 9 am to 1 pm at Family Farm and Home in Ontario. For our community service project, we are planning to help the Franklin Township Fire Department with their ice cream social on June 12.

The next meeting will be held on April 11, at 4 pm.

Audrey Wolford
News Reporter

News Briefs

Trinity United Methodist Church, 1592 Grace St., Mansfield, will host Holy Week services for Maundy/Holy Thursday, April 1, 7 pm; and Easter Sunday, April 4, at 9:30 am. The previously scheduled Easter Sunrise service has been cancelled.

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Ridgeway Church of God, 1380 Park Avenue East, Madison Township, will host a drive-thru spaghetti dinner on Friday, April 9, from 4:30-6 pm. The menu will be limited to spaghetti, salad and bread. Those participating will drive thru and give their order, and it will be brought to the car. Cost is a freewill donation. All proceeds will benefit the church. For information call 419-589-5385.

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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.

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

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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.

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Ridgeway Church of God, 1380 Park Avenue East, Madison

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Volunteers are needed to get the Liberty Park Garden up and growing.

Last year, the garden produced more than 900 pounds of fresh vegetables for area residents.

The plan is to once again produce beans, peas, cucumbers, peppers, tomatoes, turnips, greens and squash.

This project will help to meet the needs for fresh produce through the East Side's own Catholic Charities food pantry.

April work times and dates are 4-6 pm, Thursdays and Saturdays: April 3, 8, 10, 15 and 22.

For more information contact Deacon Stanley Wertz at Trinity United Methodist Church at 419-378-2503, 419-892-3539 or 419-589-5890.

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The Lincoln Day Dinner will be held by the Richland County Republican Party Thursday, April 15, in the Kobacher Room, DLX Events and Catering, 28 N. Main St., Mansfield. Doors open at 5:30 pm with dinner at 6:15 pm.

Guest speaker will be Dr. Jeffrey Sikkenga, executive director of the Ashbrook Center and professor of political science at Ashland University.

Tickets can be purchased online at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2021-lincoln-day-dinner-richland-county-republican-party-tickets-145982432385?mc_eid=20885ba85e&mc_cid=ddda7c7c9e.

Contact Zoi Romanchuk to become a sponsor at zoi@prmachineworks.com or 419-565-0718.

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Old McDonald is hosting Spring Cuddles on the Farm in Zanesville.

There will be a petting zoo barn with baby goats, lambs, calves, bunnies and chicks. There is a suggested donation of \$3 person benefiting Homeless Hands of Zanesville, Ltd.

The event will be held Friday, April 2, 9-5 and Saturday, April 4, 9-5.

Call 740-819-5814 or visit www.mcdonaldsgreenhouse.com for information. The farm is located on State Route 93, just 2.5 miles north of the Adamsville exit #157, at 3220 Adamsville Rd., Zanesville.

Clear Fork FFA Alumni Tree Seedling Sale scheduled for next weekend

The Clear Fork FFA Alumni Tree Seedling Sale, held in partnership with Richland Soil and Water Conservation District, will be held at the Richland County Fairgrounds Nature Park, Friday, April 9, from 9 am to 6 pm and Saturday, April 10, from 9 am to noon, or until all seedlings are sold; Clear Fork High School

back parking lot, Friday, April 9 from 8 am to 5 pm; and Planktown Market near Shiloh (at inside door), Friday, April 9, from 9 am to 5 pm.

The tree seedlings cost \$10 per bundle of 8. Sales are available on a first come, first serve basis with cash or checks only being accepted. Those who wish to purchase

left-over seedlings should call Jim at 419-564-3881.

Tree species include: Norway Spruce, White Pine, Balsam Fir, Dawn Redwood, White Cedar, Sugar Maple, Persimmon, Tulip Tree, Red Oak, Black Walnut, Scarlet Oak, Black Cherry, Red Mulberry; Ohio Buckeye, Common Paw Paw and Flowering

Packs. Bluebird Houses will also be available for \$10.

The sale proceeds benefit Clear Fork FFA programs.

An order form and information regarding the sale may be found at <https://richlandswcd.net/tree-seedling-sale> or <http://clearforkffa.theaet.com>.

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Memorial Arrangements

Joe R. Stuckert

Joe R. Stuckert, age 83, of Ontario, died Saturday night, March 27, 2021, at Mansfield Memorial Homes.

Joe was born Oct. 1, 1937 in Bucyrus to the late John Richard and M. Irene (Frizzell) Stuckert. He was a 1955 graduate of Bucyrus High School and a veteran of the United States Air Force and Mansfield Air National Guard, serving during the Vietnam Era. From the time Joe graduated high school he was an employee of Wagner Hardware Company where he spent his entire career. Throughout his 47 years with the company, Joe started in the warehouse and later moved into the office where he spent time in sales and eventually became President. Prior to retirement in 2002, he returned to purchasing to finish out his 47 years of employment. Following retirement, Joe worked part time delivering meals for Simply EZ in Mansfield for over 15 years.

On Jan. 11, 1958, Joe married Constance L. Stevens. Throughout their 63 years of marriage, Joe and Connie have been active volunteers both in their church and in the community. Their committed involvement at Ontario United Methodist Church could not be missed. Joe sang in the choir for over 40 years, was a trustee for 15 years, had served on various committees, enjoyed assisting with the Grace and Eggs Sunday morning fellowship program, and was very active in any activity the church had going. Joe and Connie loved staying involved with the Ontario High School kids and supporting them and volunteered for many years in the concession stands for both football and basketball. Joe also volunteered in patient support for 15 years with what is now OhioHealth Hospice.



Connie survives Joe, along with their two daughters: Amy J. Cunningham of Mansfield and Joni L. (Jeff) Davis of Ontario; three grandchildren: Angela Cunningham of Mansfield,

Joshua (Nikki) Davis of Mansfield, and Joe (Alexis) Davis of Galion; nine great grandchildren: Caden Cunningham, Christian Carver, Matthew Carver, Emily Davis, Olivia Davis, Nathan Davis, Isaac Davis, Braelynn Davis, and Chesney Davis; and nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother and sister-in-law: Richard and Nancy Stuckert; and in-laws: Edward and Carolyn Stevens, and Thomas Stevens.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, April 1, 2021, at 2:30 pm at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, Ontario, Ohio 44906. Family and friends are welcome to visit one hour prior to the service from 1:30-2:30 pm. Pastor Chris Bell will officiate with burial following in Ontario Community Cemetery directly adjacent to the church. Memorial contributions may be made to the church.

The family would like to extend their gratitude for the care and concern provided by the staff at Mansfield Memorial Homes over these past few weeks of Joe's life. It comes sincerely appreciated.

Care for Joe and his family is being provided by the Penwell Turner Funeral Home, 168 West Main Street, Shelby, Ohio.

Appropriate ways to express sympathy may be done by leaving an online condolence on Joe's obituary at www.PenwellTurner.com or by leaving a comment on his post on the funeral home's Facebook page, [Facebook.com/PenwellFuneral](https://www.facebook.com/PenwellFuneral).

COVID-19 vaccine clinic is Thursday, April 8

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. in partnership with the Ohio Department of Aging, The Ohio National Guard, and Third Street Family Health Services will launch a mass COVID-19 Vaccine clinic on Thursday, April 8, at Hawkins Corner located at 2131 Park Avenue West, Ontario.

Anyone 18 and older, and from any county, is welcome to participate in this vaccine clinic. Those interested in participating must make an appointment by calling 419-524-4144. Time slots for the vaccine will range from 9 am to 4 pm.

Those coming for the vaccine should bring a form of ID to verify name, identity, and age. Patients do not need to show proof of citizenship or residency status.

There is no cost and insurance is not required.

The Area Agency on Aging realizes this partnership is critical to ensure equity and access to Ohioans who might not otherwise

have a chance to get vaccinated, whether their barrier is transportation, location, mobility, or access to care and education about the vaccine. Ohio has already hosted 103 clinics, bringing vaccines to 5,000 older Ohioans.

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency provides leadership, collaboration, coordination and services to older adults, people with disabilities, their caregivers and resource networks that support individual choice, independence and dignity.



THIS LOCAL PORCH was spotted as a great Easter decorating design idea.

Services continue

The March of Prayer "Mansfield is God's Field" and "Richland is God's Land," services are drawing to a close. Services remaining are:

Wednesday, March 31, The MAC, 291 W. Cook Rd., 6-8 pm.

Thursday, April 1, Southside Christian, 2055 Mid-Bellville, 6-8 pm.

Friday, April 2, Oakland Lutheran, 2045 Olivesburg Rd., 6-8 pm.

Saturday, April 3, First E. Lutheran, 53, Park Avenue West, 8:30 pm, 6-8 pm.

Sunday, April 4, Kingwood Center, 7 am

Ontario spring limb clean-up to begin week of April 12, litter pick-up April 22

The City of Ontario will be offering spring limb clean-up the weeks of April 12-23. Crews will make one pass along all city streets during the two weeks to collect branches and sticks that accumulated through the winter months.

Residents are asked to limit items to less than 6" in diameter, and only debris

from winter conditions; no leaves, yard clippings, or branches resulting from tree/shrub trimming. The city will not follow a set schedule, so make sure debris is at the curb on Sunday, April 11.

In addition to this service, Ontario is partnering with a number of student organizations from Ontario High School to

provide litter pick-up along the Lexington-Springmill Rd. corridor. Amy Nagel, Ontario Substance Abuse Prevention Coordinator, is recruiting students from No Use, Inc., Student Council, FCCLA and Key Club to assist with this event, Thursday, April 22. Nagel has been very instrumental in the success of this program,

now in its seventh year.

We would like to thank Next Generation Films for their continued support and sponsorship for this event.

Anyone wishing to participate in the litter pick-up event and those with questions can call Jeff Wilson at 419-529-2495 or email jwilson@ontarioohio.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

St. Mary of the Snows Catholic Church

1630 Ashland Rd., Mansfield • 419-589-2114
Father Matthew Frisbee
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www.mansfieldstmarys.org

Mayflower Congregational Church

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

Lexington Presbyterian Church

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

Risen Savior Lutheran Church

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

Ontario United Methodist Church

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April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

National Child Abuse Prevention Month recognizes the importance of communities working together to help families thrive and prevent child maltreatment.

During the month of April and throughout the year, communities are encouraged to increase awareness about child and family well-being, and work together to implement effective strategies that support families and prevent child abuse and neglect.

This year Richland County Children Services theme is "Staying Safe Together." RCCS works to help children thrive and support families before they reach a crisis. This month and throughout the year, Richland County Children Services (RCCS) encourages all individuals and organizations to play a role in making Richland County a better place for children and families. By ensuring that parents have the knowledge, skills, and resources they need to care for their children, we can help prevent child abuse and neglect by making meaningful connections with children, youth, and families in our communities.

"Everyone's participation is critical. Focusing on ways to connect with families is the best thing our community can do to strengthen families and prevent child abuse and neglect," said Brigitte Coles, RCCS Community Engagement Specialist.

RCCS is marking National Child Abuse Prevention Month with several activities.

Child Abuse Prevention Month kicked-off at the Richland County Courthouse on Thursday, April 1. The Richland County Commissioners presented a Proclamation in observance of National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Pinwheels will be on display in the front lawn of the Richland County Court House for Child Abuse Prevention Month. The Pinwheels represent every report of abuse or neglect received by the Agency in 2020. The Blue Pinwheels are a reminder that every child deserves a safe, happy, and permanent home. The blue pinwheel has become a national symbol for child abuse prevention.

The 8th Annual Calendar Picture Contest for third grade students will be held

throughout Richland County. The theme this year is "Staying Safe Together."

Wear Blue Day is Wednesday, April 14. Wear Blue Day is an annual statewide event to spread awareness on the important issues of child abuse, neglect and dependency. On this day local businesses, offices, schools, agencies, factories, retail outlets and media partners are asked to Wear Blue to show unity against child abuse and neglect. Participants can take pictures of themselves, their group, classmates or co-workers wearing blue and send them via email to Brigitte.Coles@jfs.ohio.gov for publication on the agency's website and Facebook page.

A free parenting workshop will be held at Richland County Children Services, 731 Scholl Rd., Mansfield, Saturdays, April 3, 10, 17 and 24, 12-2 pm. RCCS is partnering with The Starts Within Organization (S.W.O.) founder and author, Carlos Christian, will present the free parenting workshop offering parenting skills, resources and support to help parents establish a strong relationship with their child/children and learn how to be a positive influence. Participants will get help with parenting skills and co-parenting strategies.

The workshop is open to all fathers and mothers, regardless of race, religion (married, single, teen parents, kinship (grandparents/siblings raising children), incarcerated, convicted felons, those battling addictions, involved with children services, and domestic court. Carlos facilitates the course, which is designed to engage parents who need support who are seeking to improve their parental skill set. The course includes: Legalities of Fatherhood, Building Parental Influence through Powerful Interactions, and The Art of Listening. For more information contact program case manager Angel Singleton at 419-610-6915 or aross.startswithin@gmail.com.

For more information about child abuse prevention programs and activities visit richlandcountychildrenservices.org. Call the Richland County Children Services 24-hour child abuse hotline at 419-774-4100 to report child abuse and neglect.

for a smooth-seal resurfacing project.

Beginning Monday, April 5, crews will begin bridge work on the structure between Bistline Rd. and Shoup Rd. Traffic will be maintained by portable traffic signals. Smooth seal work will begin after bridge work is complete. Estimated completion is July 2021.

St. Rt. 96, from just west of Technology Pkwy. to the SR 13/SR 96 junction, will have single lane closures for a smooth-seal resurfacing project.

Beginning Monday, April 5 crews will begin bridge work on the structure over Bear Run, just east of Plymouth Springmill Rd.; the two structures between Bowman St. and Richland Run Rd.; and the two structures between Rome S. Rd. and SR 13/SR 96. Smooth-seal work will begin after bridge work is complete. Estimated completion is July 2021.

Weekly construction report updated

The following construction projects are anticipated to affect highways in Richland County this week. All outlined work is weather permitting.

St. Rt. 13, from Hanley Rd. to Chilton Ave., will have closures for a pavement repair project. The contractor will maintain one 11' lane of traffic in each direction at all times. Estimated completion is July 2021.

U.S. Rt. 30, from State Route 309 to just east of the 5th Ave. ramps, will have single lane closures. Traffic will be maintained.

S. 30, from just west of the U.S. 42 interchange to just east of Lex-Springmill Rd. exit/enter ramps, will be restricted to one lane of traffic in each direction. Lane restrictions are estimated to end Sept. 11, 2021. A barrier wall will be used to direct traffic in 13' lanes. Estimated completion is May 2023

St. Rt. 61, from just south of London We. Rd. to SR 98, will have single lane closures



SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP FIRE CHIEF Matt Carey was presented with gift cards from Meijer and the Ontario Lions Club. The chief recently received a new heart at Cleveland Clinic. Lions Tom Frasz and Howard Harriman presented the gift cards.

Donors can win Indy500 tickets

The American Red Cross is calling for donors of all blood types, especially those with type O blood, to race to give blood and help refuel the blood supply.

This spring, the Red Cross is teaming up with INDYCAR® to urge people to help keep the blood supply on track by donating blood or platelets. Schedule a donation appointment by downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

As a special thank-you, those who come to give blood or platelets April 1-15 will automatically be entered to win a VIP trip for four to the 2022 Indianapolis 500®. The Red Cross will also automatically enter all who come to give in April for a chance to win one of five \$1,000 e-gift cards to a merchant of choice.

The Red Cross is testing blood, platelet and plasma donations for COVID-19 antibodies. The test may indicate if the donor's immune system has produced antibodies, regardless of whether they developed symptoms.

Testing may also identify the presence of antibodies developed after receiving a COVID-19 vaccine. Convalescent plasma is a type of blood product collected from COVID-19 survivors who have antibodies

that may help patients who are actively fighting the virus. Plasma from whole blood donations that test positive for high levels of antibodies may be used to help patients.

Donors can expect to receive the results of their antibody test within two weeks through the Red Cross Blood Donor App or the donor portal at RedCrossBlood.org. The Red Cross is not testing donors to diagnose illness. It is important that individuals who do not feel well or believe they may be ill with COVID-19 postpone donation.

Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive and are required to wear a face covering or mask while at the drive.

Wednesday, April 7, 1-7 pm, Richland Mall RSMO, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

Thursday, April 8, 10 am to 4 pm, Schmidt Security Pro, 241 Mansfield Industrial Parkway, Mansfield

Tuesday, April 13, 12-6 pm, Mosaic at Park Avenue Baptist Church, 296 Park Avenue West, Mansfield; and 12-6 pm, Saint Paul Lutheran Church, 48 Church St., Bellville

Wednesday, April 14, 1-7 pm, Richland Mall RSMO, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario; 2-7 pm, Planktown Country Market, 1921 Free Rd., Shiloh; and 12-5 pm, Lexington High School, 159 Frederick St., Lexington

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Honor and Merit Rolls

Ontario High School

Third grading period

ALL A's

Seniors — Jenin Abdelaziz, Caden Armstrong, Shelby Baker, Olivia Bise, Alexa Blakley, Robey Bolen, Will Bolin, Ryan Brophy, Kelsey Carder, Lilly Casey, Vincent Chen, Joseph Cinadr, Halle Ciroli, Logan Costa, Sabrinna Crabtree, Paige Deal, Ethan Duffner, Morgan Eckert, Amy Evans, Corinne Fanello, Allison Fischer, Dylan Fraley, Elsa Furlong, Colton Geer, Ethan Glenwright, Tyler Gould, Haley Guisinger, Makenzi Hanner, Magnus Hartz, Owen Hatfield, Rebekah Haudenschild, Claire Henige, Avery Hooks, Jace Howell, Jocelyn Hunter, Brie Hurrell, Brianna Jilek, Alexis Johnson, Elle Kaiser, Jay Kmetz, Kolten Kurtz, Allena Lemaster, Katrina Lewis, Natalie Link, Sunshine Liu, Alexis Lorenz, William Mabee, Tatiana McFarland, Brynn Meisse, Bree Mills, Makayla Minard, Jonathan Nagel, Nolan Payne, Abi Perez, Alex Phillips, Randy Rickel, Tyson Rupp, Emma Shaffer, Brayden Shaver, Quentin Skropits, Brooklyn Stamper, Mckenna Stoffer, Brennan Strickler, Isaac Swogger, Michael Tagg, Gregory Tan, Carter Underwood, Rylee Utz, Owen Vick, Cori Wentz and Irene Zhang

Juniors — Ian Barnes, Meredith Bise, Brooklyn Blaising, Gracen Boor, Giana Camarata, Teyron Cantey, Haley Carpenter, Kenichi Chang, Ryan Chapman, Priya Das, Emma Drexel, Samantha Fraley, Madison Genders, Mckenna Gorbett, Jansen Hildreth, Lukas Hopton, Gavin Hull, Nathaniel Judson, Shelby Keever, Jaslyn Ly, Ellie Maurer, Destiny Moton, Chance Mullins, Rylee Nigh, Amanda Phillips, Nathaniel Reid, Rene Roley, Ava Ruhe, Audrey Saltzgiver, Cooper Schroeder, Maddie Seibel, Nathan Slater, Courtney Smith, Alyssa Taylor, Evan Trumpower, Riley Vavra, Gabrielle Wagoner, Tiffany Whittaker, Bryden Wolfe and Shelby Zimmerman

Sophomores — Omar Abdelaziz, Elizabeth Corn, Jayden Dechert, Kristina Heins, Noah Marsh, Grace McClenathan, Miles Meisse, Kylee Mullins, Lizzie Nagel, Brody Phillips, Natalie Reid, Hadley Schultz, Eli Selsler, Lauren Sexton, Alexis Shaver, Chandler Spognardi, Alex Switaj, Brienne Trumpower, Ellie Wilging and Prina Young

Freshmen — Jastyn Allen, Carson Barnes, Abby Bechstein, Taylor Counts, Hailey Crabtree, Charlie Danuloff, Alex Ellis, Autumn Ervin, Quinton Frankhouse, Michael Howard, Savannah Jackson, Trista Jewell, Olivia Kreger, Jocelyn Lehew, Jena Ly, Josh Mazzocco, Ari Morales Mora, Najee Morris, Kavya Patel, Grayson Purvis, David Reedy,

Brayden Robinson, Grady Schroeder, Ella Shaffer, Jonah So, Sarah Strickler, Chase Studer, Carter Weaver, Canaan Wentz and Brady Zehe

HONOR ROLL

Seniors — Tayla Berry, Bostn Baxter, Allaura Carpenter, Isaac David, Kennadi Easter, Isabella Graaf, Hunter Gray, Kylie Hendrix, Lexi Johnson, Addi Kissingner, Kayla Klautsch, Carter Kroll, Carleigh Pearson, Victoria Perea, Parker Schroeder, Griffin Shaver, Jericka Stephens, Leandra Viscioni and Zoe Yochem

Juniors — Emily Cacchio, Rachell Clark, Tylor Danals, Paige Danuloff, Faith Dickson, Dane Ervin, Brooke Hagerman, Gage Johnson, Macy Mangan, Nuhami Miller, Riley Them, Ethan Turnbaugh and Brooklynn Wharton

Sophomores — Brooklyn Adkins, Jillian Ambrose, Hayden Baker, Isabel Baker, Drew Barnes, Leah Blay, Caden Boebel, Joslyne Frazier, Easton Frost, Marisa Horton, Kayen Huvler, Scott Kern, Colin Kmetz, Kayla Kurtz, Keely Kurtz, Robbee Mangan, Duncan McLean, Tommy Montgomery, Hunter Petit, Adam Renchen, Logan Rhodebeck, William Saltzgiver, Kylie Snow, Audrey Spearman, Adi Turnbaugh, Irelynne Vuillemot and Brooklyn Ward

Freshmen — Grason Bias, Diondre Cantey, Jake Chapman, Jaylen Curry, Ava Dean, Makayla Dickson, Paige Dunkle, Jazmine Ellis, Anzaya Estep, Ezri Farley, Jim Fetzer, Rachel Foss, Taylor Gaston, Grayson Ginn, Megan Goldbach, Ethan Grider, Natalie Kline, Elizabeth Lacroix, Mackenzie Large, Jaslyn Lopez, Maggie Love, Cael McFarland, Meagan Meadows, Willa Morris, Addie Muncy, Jace Paone, Nishthaa Patel, Nick Pohlable, Giselle Riedel, Brooklyn Rowe, Madison Ruhl, Micah Smith, Jasmine Stutzman, Gracie Thurber and Brooklyn Weinandy

MERIT ROLL

Seniors — Amandah Beck, Evan Booker, Kailyn Collins, Averi Copeland, Alexis Cushing, Seth Dailey, James Fanello, Spencer Hall, Michael Heins, Erin Holzmillier, Hayden Hoover, Adam Hylton, Aariona Jeffery, Max Jewell, Reagan Kearns, Cameron Keller, Zach McCrystal, Jared Meadows, Claire Mies, Spencer Milliron, Abby Potter, Ariahe Reuer, Bailey Slater, Ethan Snyder, Katryna Thomas, Calaya Walsh, Morgan Weaver, Austin Whisler, Maddi Wilkerson, Broc Wilson and Makayla Wilson

Juniors — Alexis Barry, Jordon Bulakovski, Brianna Carbarry, Morgan Carroll, Nathaniel Cogar, Brandon Daily, Jasmyne Decimus, Tessa Fearn, Kendal Goulding, Bailey Graaf, Macie Hamilton, Paul Hart, Payton Julian, Nicole Lucido, Trevor Maglott, Chas Mies, Tyler Milligan, Alex Morehead, Siera Mullins, Ethan Owens, Justice Price, Alexander Rathburn, Ashton Schonauer, Braxton Scott,

Kayla Seevers, Xander Seffens, Faith Shoemaker, Liliana Snyder, Eve Sunnucks, Kyle Walters, Brevyn Yost and Josh Young

Sophomores — Alex Bayes, Cameron Boyce, Delanie Cecil, Justin Douglas, Kennedy Ernst, Hugo Estrada Gomez, Lily Fetzer, Destini Gottfried, Cole Gremling, Braxton Hall, Jayla Hall, Madaline Henderson, Nolan Hoffner, Michael Juncewicz, Adrienne Kearns, Logan Kegley, Treyven King, Brandon Litteral, Riley Mabry, Elianna Malone-Martinez, Jeff Meadows, Colin Milligan, Abby Mink, Nick Moore, Taylor Mullins, Austin Ocampo, Faith Price, Colten Ramion, Jordan Reed, Alex Rose, Andrew Stephens, Tanner Stevens, James Stewart, Grace Voelp, Gage Weaver and Dylan Wiest

Freshmen — Caleb Barabani, Austin Boughton, De'Shawna Brooks, Emily Burton, Grayson Casey, Peyton Dzugan, Kate Fetzer, Rylan Frost, Olivia Gongwer, Braylon Hess, Jahniya Likely, Jimmie Likely, Hunter McCarthy, Dante McGinty, Jacelynn Miller, Jacob Ohl, Brandon Paxton, Ashley Peace, Kayelin Risner, Nate Spencer, Mia Strong, Brooklyn Swain, Emma Swanson, Autumn Taylor, Noah Tuttle, Jeremiah Viscioni, Xander Warner and Dage Young

Ontario Middle School

Third grading period

ALL A's

Eighth Grade — Jack Belding, Alea Cook, Lena Creed, Jaily Decimus, Taylor Dille, David Draper, Brooke Eyerly, Natalie Hall, Zoe Hampton, Eden Howard, Samuel (Sammy) Jackson, Vanessa (Sky) Liu, Zachary (Zach) Mcchristy, Rowan Mcmanes, Emma Mies, Keya Pandya, Ethan Radojcsics, Evan Ruhe, Elaina Seif, Landon Sowards, Aiden Spencer, Grady Taylor, Mason Turnbaugh, Morgan Turnbaugh, Anna Ward, Kennedy Weiler and Emily Whitaker

Seventh Grade — Brady Baumgard, Darbie Broom, Sasha Bulakovski, Alaina Friend, Aaliyah Gonzalez, Emma Henderson, Kaylee Lynch, Delaney Moritz, Remington Schroeder, Alexia SESCO, Hayden Sexton, Joie Simmering, Justin Switaj, Grace Them and Addison Thurber

Sixth Grade — Emma Bell, Bryant Born, Aaliyah Caldwell, Kaylei Chandler, Ava Cline, Connor Dawson, Alexandria (Alex) Fender, Eliana Fittante, Maia Fox, Logan Goldbach, Nolan Grider, Marley Guth, Eva Hadsell, Garrett Hagerman, Camryn (Cami) Hanning, Jaren Holden, Grace Holzmillier, Jazlyn Johnson, Kennedy Johnson, Molly Julian, Yuchen Lin, Sydney McManes, Aniyah (Nye) Monica, Kyle Morris, Skylie Salmons, Sophia Sandwall, Cooper Schroeder, Maja Seibel, Paxton (Pax) So, Ava Spearman, Piper Studer, Lin (Angel) Tan, Alandria Thomas, Elton Toska, Lauren Uhde, William Wang, Braedon Watson, Paige Weiler, Timo Winingham and Jordyn Yeager

HONOR ROLL

Eighth Grade — Matthew Bayes, Baylee Black,

Katherine (Katie) Bolin, Addisyn (Addy) Fender, Brady Fletcher, Mitchell Geer, Parker Henderson, Brooke Holmer, Amaya Howard, Stella Kaufman, Jonathan Keiper, Bodpegn Miller, Camden Platner, Nissi Powers, Ryan Racer, Evan Saltzgiver, Jakiah Trammell, Adison Viers, Ayden Wagoner and Jack Zahn

Seventh Grade — Brooklynn Black, Alexander (Xander) Chitwood, Jack Cotter, Marcus Crabtree, Tessa Curtis, Blake Dewees, Kate Fletcher, Drake Gerber, Miles Ginn, Deanna Givens, Mackenzie (Kenzie) Goodlin, Maximilian (Max) Grillo, Kailey Hale, Nicholas Huml, Paradise Jeru, Kiarrah Kearney, Nadia Keith, Brinlee Kreger, Jaren Lehew, Joelle Ly, Trenton Maglott, Gracy Miller, Madeline (Maddie) Mullins, Emy Nutter, Alexis Ogle, Morgan Pearson, Phoebe Platner, William Porter, Madelyn (Maddy) Roseberry, Madeline (Maddie) Saltzgiver, Karsyn Schoonover, Lily Secrist, Clark Spearman, Alexis Swank, Cohen Williams, Jace Young and Hattie Yugovich

Sixth Grade — Cheyanne Barden, Natalia Bise, Brody Cheek, Brennan Fields, Lily Garn, Nathaniel (Nate) Garrido, Lincoln Ginn, Haleigh Hefner, Grace Horning, Brylie Ireland, Emerson Jovani, Dane Kearns, Myah Lynch, Caden Meyers, Gavin Miller, Tatum Mottayaw, Leah Nguyen, Kayvion (Kayvi) Norris, Grace North, Demetri Parsons, Rocco Peterson, Ashton Pfeifer, Scarlet Rehberg, Gavin Reiver-Crew, Anna Saltzgiver, Saylor Smith, Kadynce Smithberger, Khloe Studer, Ashlynn Viers and Brayden Woods

MERIT ROLL

Eighth Grade — Nyckolas (Nyck) Beaver Wilson, Logan Bernat, Shaylyn Bryant, Cameron (Cam) Bulakovski, Maria Calhoun, Elizabeth Criss, Regan Freiheit, Lita Frost, Quentin (Trave) Gobble, Cayden (Beau) Hefner, Isabella Hill, Kathryn (Katie) Keffalas, Lindsay Knecht, Dean Morrison, Kendra Nelson, Alan O'blisk, Jayden Parrott, Wyatt Paxton, Katherine (Katie) Pollock, Ian Rachel, Zoe Reynolds, Makayla (Kayla) Shade, Rayvon Skelton, Natalie Spencer, Leila Stevens, Braeden Thomas, Carter Walters, Joshua (Josh) Yoak and Jayden Yochem

Seventh Grade — Rylan Baker, Katelyn Bednarz, Trinity Burgy, Serena Caudill, Tessa Crum, Brooklynn (Brooke) Cushing, Ryder Doehla, Jake DuChene, Mason Egner, Sophia Ellis, Emma Fagan, Landon Foltz, Malaya Horton, Xander Jellison, Jazmin Kiser, Trinity Miller, Dale Morris, Cheyenne (Chey) Mounts, Aiden Ohl, Elaina Owens, Alexander (Alex) Porter, Eva Rietschlin, Hannah Rox, Jacob (Jake) Seymour, Lilee Shifflet, Hayden Skropits, Jordan Spurlock, Bradley Swain, Nora Swanson, Brooklynn Tanner, Kaleb Thomas, James (Jimmy) Unger, Michael Ward, Anna Weaver, Sara Wharton and Aileena (Leena) Young

Sixth Grade — Leonard Barragan, Courtney Brafford, Olivia Brinker, Lillian (Lily) Chitwood, Braedayn Currier, Aaliyah Estep, Abigail (Abby) Hart, Andrea Hart, Patrick Hart, Vincent (Vinny) Hocker, Rylee Kegley, Braelyn Llewellyn, Mia Micheli, Beckam (Beck) Pelfrey, Weston Robertson, Kaitlin (Katie) Seymour, Brooklyn Smith, Dominick Tilton-Cantrell, Hayden Valdrey and Dakota Yunker

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

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



THE TOP TEN EIGHTH GRADE READERS for AR at Ontario Middle School for the first three nine weeks were congratulated for their accomplishments.

•Madison accepts donations

(Continued from Front Page)

substitute at Madison South), Elizabeth Barr (long term substitute at Mifflin), Iris Baker, Jenna Boliantz, Mackenzie Carrier, Kimberly Hall, Hannah Ticoras, Natalie Stake-Mitchell and John Gibson.

Substitute employees approved on an "on call" basis, as needed for the 2020-'21 school year were Diana Roub, cafeteria; and Martha Urig, cafeteria.

LuAnn Oglesbee, middle school secretary, will retire effective July 1, 2021. Julee Webb, Eastview 2-hour cook, resigned, effective March 12, 2021.

Eric Turlo has accepted the position of student services director, effective with the 2021-'22 school year. He is replacing Patricia Tresey who resigned.

The board approved the Memorandum of Understanding to the contract between the Madison Local School District Board of Education and the Madison Local Education Association dated Feb. 25, 2021, whereas the parties agree to modify provisions found in Article III - Evaluation and Contracts and I. Reduction in Force Procedure of the Agreement due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This MOU will be operative for a term of the 2020 through 2021 contractual year (Aug. 1, 2020 through July 31, 2021).

A weekly tuition rate increase was approved for the Madison Early Childhood Learning Center effective May 3, 2021. The increases are as follows: Infant tuition,

up \$5 to \$150/wk.; Toddler tuition, up \$5 to \$145/wk.; School Age Latchkey tuition, AM or PM up \$5 to \$50/wk. and AM/PM up \$5 to \$70/wk.; and School Age Summer tuition, up \$5 to \$115/wk.

The board approved the purchase of a VLS 3.75 Laser Engraver from MidWest Laser for the Precision Machining Program in the amount of \$15,870 to be paid from Perkin's Funds and CTE weighted dollars. The purchase of billboard advertising for the 2021-'22 school year from Lind Media in the amount of \$21,092 will be paid from CTE weighted funds.

The purchase of four replacement coils as part of the chiller project to service the high school's Career Tech/Adult Career Center wing was approved. The coils will be purchased with ESSER funds at a cost of \$26,950.

An overnight eighth grade student trip to Washington D.C. April 4-6, 2022, was given approval at no cost to the board.

The postponement of a trip to Peru for high school Spanish students from July, 2021 to June, 2022 was approved to allow continued fundraising in hopes of growing the group number.

The creation of the teaching position for elementary art was also given approval.

Approval was given for the first reading of new/revised board policies.

The next regular meeting will be held April 28, at 6 pm in the Madison Middle School Auditoria.

OMS All A Honor Roll Students

Students at Ontario Middle School earned a special treat. Students with All A's during the third quarter were treated to ice cream and prizes from the Ontario Academic Boosters. Free meal certificates were also given from McDonald's and Fazoli's.



Ontario Middle School Eighth Grade All A's



Ontario Middle School Seventh Grade All A's



Ontario Middle School Sixth Grade All A's

Fish sale 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://richland-swcd.net/fish-descriptions> or by calling 419-747-8686.

For more information call 419-747-8685 or email sutter.theresa@richlandswcd.net.



By Heather Hendrix

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 by April 2.

For more information on Ontario Recreation Department events visit <https://ontarioohio.org/recreation-department/>

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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.

Program materials can be viewed at www.nfsc.org.



KNOX COUNTY CAREER CENTER'S Computer Network Technology students earned a Microsoft Technology Associate (MTA) Windows Operating certification. The MTA certification is for individuals intending to build a career in desktop infrastructure, server infrastructure or private cloud computing. Candidates that successfully pass this exam will have knowledge of fundamental Windows operating system concepts in a Windows 10 environment. The MTA certification addresses a wide spectrum of fundamental technical concepts, assesses and validates core technical knowledge, and enhances technical credibility. The exam measures understanding operating system configurations, installing and upgrading client systems; managing applications, managing files and folders, managing devices, and understanding; and operating system maintenance. In order to earn the certification, each student has to pass a proctored exam with no access to learning materials or the internet. This certification is recognized by the Ohio Department of Education and the IT industry as a recognized credential. All of these students plan to earn additional industry certifications. Earning certificates were front Anna, Colin, Nathan, Logan, Adam, Carter, Benjamin, Kaden; and back, Titus, Jessiah, Jeremy, Joshua, Caleb, Blake and James.



THE RHAPSODY IN BLUE SHOW CHOIR and high school jazz band performed for Stingel fourth grade students on Thursday, March 25. Fourth grade students make a decision this school year to choose band, choir or general music. Members spoke about the groups they are in to help them decide which path to choose. This was the first performance for the show choir since December 2019. The choir is led by Megan Gwartz and the band is led by Sean DeLong.



Carter Underwood and Lilly Casey



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Ava Williams, freshman



Rylee Utz



Ontario student artwork featured in exhibit at MAC

The Ohio Regional High School Exhibition is being held at Mansfield Art Center, 700 Marion Ave., Mansfield. Forty-two Ontario High School students have submitted 77 works of art.

The exhibit is free and open to the public and will run now through April 18, Tuesday-Friday, 11-5; and Saturday-Sunday, 11-4. Masks and social distancing are required.

Students submitting work are Emalee Bise (1), Gray Boor (2), Allaura Carpenter (2), Haley Damron (1), Makayla Dickson (3), Persephone Fry (2), Haley Guisinger (2), Kathryn Gurik (1), Kristina Heins (3), Ciara Hergatt (2), Aubrey Holly (1), Nathaniel Judson (1), Brayden Kehl (1), Jay Kmetz (2), Elizabeth Lacroix (1), Joshua Mazzocco (1), Grace McClenathan (1), Tatiana McFarland (2), Duncan McLean (1), Nuhami Miller (1), Makayla Minard (2), Ariana Morales (3), John Mounts (1), Bree Mills (1), Rylee Nigh (1), Jace Paone (1), Aubrey Pfeifer (1), Nate Reid (1), Aria Reuer (4), Ava Ruhe (6), Parker Schroeder (1), Faith Shoemaker (1), Lauren Sloboda (2), Audrey Spearman (2), Kaley Thomas (1), Evan Trumpower (1), Rylee Utz (2), Calaya Walsh (2), Elanor Wilging (5), Ava Williams (3), Tiffany Whittaker (2) and Laprina Young (3).

Submissions include drawing, painting, collage, print-making, photography and ceramics.



Artwork by Ava Ruhe

Area Agency on Aging awards 2021 scholarships

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. has selected the 2021 Scholarship Program award recipients. Scholarships are made possible by the Annual Meeting Sponsorships.

Cierra Gurney, of Richland County, is pursuing a bachelor's degree in nursing at Malone University. Her passion for improving the quality of life for others resonates through her involvement in the community. Ms. Gurney is the recipient of the \$2,000 scholarship award.

Lauren Short, of Richland County, is pursuing a career in the field of social work through North Central State College. She served as an intern at the Area Agency on Aging in 2020 as part of her school practicum. Her goal is to work with older Ohioans and persons with disabilities. Ms. Short is a recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship award.

Trinity James, of Crawford County, a nursing student at Marion Technical College, hopes to graduate with an RN Associates degree in 2022. Her goal is to further her education in pursuit of a BSN at the Ohio State University. Ms. James is a recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship award.

The Agency on Aging Board of Trustees elected to provide one \$2,000 scholarship and two \$1,000 awards this year to individuals who are enrolled in courses benefitting the field of aging. Board President, Kellie Hartsel, the Selection Subcommittee, and CEO, Duana Patton look forward to presenting these awardees in a virtual format. For more information, contact Susie Danuloff at 567-247-7105 or sdanuloff@aaa5ohio.org

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc., located at 2131 Park Avenue West in Ontario, provides leadership, collaboration, coordination and services to older adults, people with disabilities, their caregivers & resource networks that support individual choice, independence, and dignity.

Kylee Kent accepted to Heidelberg University

Richland Academy of the Arts student, Kylee Kent, has been accepted into Heidelberg University's Bachelor of Arts program for Musical Theatre and Education. Kylee has been a student at Richland Academy for over seven years, where she received instruction in voice, piano, and dance.



"I am honored to be going to my top-choice school to study the things I am passionate about," says Kylee Kent. "The training and instruction I received at Richland Academy has helped me achieve this big step in my scholastic career."



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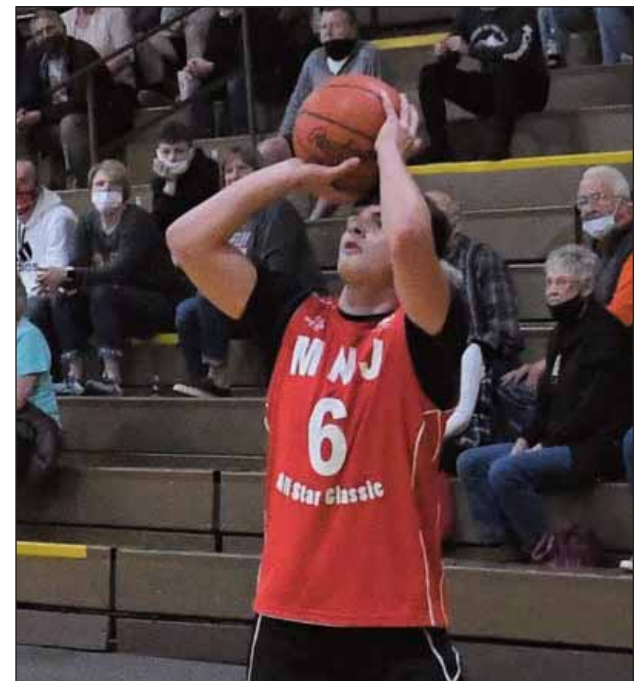
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ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL ended the wrestling season with six district qualifiers, a state alternate and two state placers (the first since 2008). In addition to the Varsity O Award, individual awards were presented to Most Takedowns: Jake Ohl, Most Pins: Carter Kroll, Most Improved: Brennan Strickler, The Sadie Turnbaugh Warrior Award: Carter Kroll and Most Valuable Wrestler: Ethan Turnbaugh. Team members are front, Wes Turnbaugh, Brennan Strickler, Tyler Flenoury, Cason Barnes, Coach Kevin Kroll and Riley Kleshinski; and back, Coach Brock Rickert, Carter Kroll, Ethan Turnbaugh, Bailey Graaf, Bryson Stoots, Chase Studer, Cole Dille, Jacob Ohl and Nathan Slater.



T-C Staff/Bud Motter

ONTARIO'S ZACH MCCRISTALL (6) puts up a shot during the 42nd Annual News Journal All-Star Classic. He finished the night with eight points.



THE MANSFIELD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL VARSITY CHEER COMPETITION TEAM members are sophomore co-captain Sophie Little, sophomore Krystin Parrott, senior co-captain, Kayla Jones, freshman Sophia Laug, freshman Samantha Laug and freshman Talia Byrom. Not pictured is junior team captain Aly Noe.

MCS varsity cheer competes at nationals

The Mansfield Christian School Varsity cheer competition team was not able to compete in person this year, but submitted its first ever "Virtual Competition" for both regionals and nationals through CCA Christian Cheerleaders of America.

"This year was a very difficult year due to covid and although I am so grateful that we were able to have a season, I'm not sure I would ever want to compete virtually again," said head varsity and competition coach, Lisa Parrott. "It is very difficult to motivate the team for competition when their audience is virtual on the other side of a camera lens. You just don't get the same adrenaline rush as rushing out onto a stage and hearing the loud support of the crowd!"

The competition team won a Regional Championship in CCA's All Music Division and runner-up in the Cheer/Music Division.

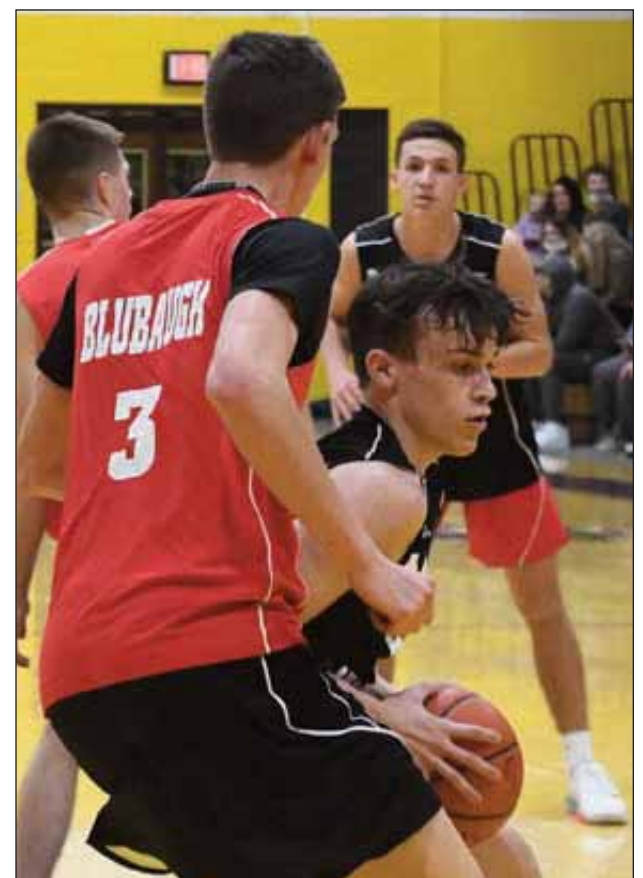
The nationals competition team, consisting of seven of the original eleven from the sports season, won three National Championships in the following divisions: All Music, Cheer/Music, and Non-Music. They were also runners-up in the Game Time Division and placed fifth out of seventh in a POM-DANCE division where they were the only high school team competing in a college

division.

"I am so proud of the girls. They worked so hard and so long during very unpleasant circumstances," said Parrott. "And once again, the Lord rewarded our efforts. We give Him all the glory for He is the One who has given us our talents and ability and it is for Him we cheer."

Coach Parrott, having hosted the annual awards banquet this past weekend, presented captain, Aly Noe with the Torch Award, co-captain, Sophie Little with the Champion of Excellence Award, Samantha Laug with the Most Inspirational Award and Sophia Laug with the Most Improved Award. Receiving a Cheer Scholar Award for maintaining a GPA of 3.0 or higher during cheer season were Kayla Jones, Aly Noe, Emma Williams, Sophie Little, Krystin Parrott and Talia Byrom.

In addition, Coach Parrott surprised Aly Noe and Kayla Jones with many scholarship offers totaling up to \$173,000 each for their academic and leadership achievements. Coach Parrott is looking forward to upcoming try-outs and has already started planning the details of a Future Flames Cheer Clinic for students in kindergarten through fifth grades in the next month. Contact the school for more details.



T-C Staff/Bud Motter

MADISON HIGH SCHOOL'S Luke Pruitt looks for room to move during the 42nd Annual News Journal All-Star classic played in Lexington. The North team slid by with a 111-110 win.

Local athletes recognized

Girls basketball All-Ohio teams were announced by the Ohio Prep Sportswriters Association.

2021 Division IV Girls Basketball All-Ohio Teams, Honorable Mention, Elle Schmitz, Mansfield Christian, 5-7, sr., 17.9

2021 Division I Girls Basketball All-Ohio Teams, Third Team Chesney Davis, Madison, 5-8, sr., 15.9.

2021 Division II Girls Basketball All-Ohio Teams, Honorable Mention, Avery Coleman, Lexington, 6-1, sr., 14.5.



T-C Staff/Bud Motter

ONTARIO'S GRIFFIN SHAVER contributed 12 points of the 111 points the North All-Star team scored in their 111-110 victory over the South during the 42nd News Journal All-Star Classic played at Lexington. Ashland's Eli White (4) defends.



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MANSFIELD CHRISTIAN'S Logan Cyphers (15) prepares for a three-point shot early in the first period of the 42nd Annual News Journal All-Star Classic played in Lexington on March 27.



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MANSFIELD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL is known for its soccer program and to help add to their success they are adding two more fields behind the high school. The new complex will be known as The David Robinson Memorial Soccer Fields. Robinson was a graduate of MCS in 1997. In 2015, he passed from cancer leaving behind a wife, Halle Robinson Zody and three daughters Claire, Leah and Jane. A plaque at the entrance to the high school lists his accomplishments which include MCS Soccer 1996; NSCAA/Umbro All-Region Team; OSSCA First Team All-State; NWOSSCA; First Team All District; NOISC First Team and MVP of the Year; Mansfield News Journal Player of the Year Division II; OSSCA Academic Excellence Award; MCS 4-year Letter Winner. (Top photo) MCS Athletic Director and Physical Plant Manager Mike LeCroix looks over blueprints of the soccer fields. (Left photo) Equipment has begun the construction process.



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LOOKING BACK: This Week in Tribune-Courier History



April 2, '98

THE BROWNIES OF Lexington Central Brown Troop 386 recently listed to a program about Johnny Appleseed given in character by Kenneth Hammon tree. Shown following the presentation are, front, Brianna Bove; middle, Lina Flores, Chantell Linger, Melissa Walker, Kaitlin Berger, Samantha Spence and Elaine Surella; back, Abigail Davis, Bailey Shoemaker, Allison Soderberg, Hammontree, Lauren Fraley, Jennifer Gully and Katie Toomey.



March 28, '74

GOLD CUP WINNERS -- Gold Cup Winners in the Junior Music Festival and Honors Program held in Hughes Hall on the Ohio State University campus in Columbus March 23 include, front row from left, Sharon Hursh, Melanie Bernhardt, David Houck, and Mark Shelton. Back row, Andy Doty, Niek Ghessouras, Kathy Gardner, Cynthia Bard, Carol Hursh and Judy Monanstra. Photo by A.E. Alleshouse



April 1, '66

Cub Scout Den 2 of Pack 172, with their den mother Mrs. Donald Boyce, visited the Ontario Police Department March 22. The boys were shown the operation of police equipment by Police Chief F. F. Felger.

Front row, left to right — Melvin Koenig, David DeHart and Geoffery Hillman. Second row — Randy Earick, Larry DeHart, Michael DeHart and Barry Hillman. Third row — Donald Boyce, Greg Morrow, Martin Boyce, Phil Hardin, and Patrolman Robert Scheffler.



April 3, '81

HERE ARE THREE of the top weight-lifters in the recent Madison Ram football team's Lift-a-Thon, From the left are Sidney Brown, junior; Todd Nichols, junior; and Mike McCorkle, sophomore. Sidney and Mike both bench-pressed 270 pounds, while Todd benched 365 pounds to take honors as the Strongest Ram.

Photo by John Foster



April 5, '85

PENNY'S ANGELS PEE WEE DRILL TEAM — (front) Melissa Cole, Jessica Walz, Denise Robertson, and Jennifer Peerenboom; (back) Misty Robertson, Amy Jacobs, Amy Speck, Beth Husbands and Kim Orsborne. Not pictured are Megun Huff, Cathy Weaver, Denise Mullins, Paula Gordon and Lori Dickson.

Marc Stumbo

Classifieds

HELP WANTED

SPORTS/SCHOOL ACTIVITY PHOTOGRAPHER

Ontario Local Schools is accepting bids for sports and school activities photography. Please email Jeff Fisher, OHS Athletic Director (fisher.jeff@ol-sohio.org) to receive a copy of the specifications. Formal bids will be opened on Friday, April 16, 2021 at 11:00 AM in the Board Office.

Part-Time Advertising Representative

The *Tribune-Courier* is looking for a motivated person to contact local businesses by phone/email/in-person visit to acquire advertising. Hours are very flexible, work from home. Pay is by commission on ads sold. Email tribune@tribune-courier.com for more information or to schedule an interview.

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 to schedule a viewing or phone call.

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)

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received by the Springfield Township Board of Trustees, Richland County, Ohio, as provided in this notice for the Roofing Bid for Fire Station #2 (the "Project"). Contract documents, which include additional details on the Project, are on file and available from the office of the Design Professional, The Seckel Group Ltd., AIA seckelgroup@embarqmail.com. 419-524-5050 and R B Print Shop, 165 N. Trimble Rd., Mansfield, OH 44906 info@rbprintshop.com 419-524-2781.

Each bid shall be enclosed in a sealed opaque envelope with the bidder's name and the title

of the Project printed in the upper left hand corner and addressed as follows:

Attn: Anita Kochheiser,
Fiscal Officer
Springfield Township Trustees
Fire Station #1/Township Hall
Ontario, OH 44903

Bids must be received at the designated location for the bid opening before 6:30 pm local time, on Monday, April 19, 2021.

All bids must include a Bid Guaranty, as described in the Instructions to Bidders. No bidder may withdraw a bid within 60 days after the opening; the Springfield Township Board of Trustees reserves the right to waive irregularities, reject any of all bids and conduct necessary investigations to determine bidder responsibility.

Anita Kochheiser
Fiscal Officer
Springfield Township Trustees
Ontario, Ohio
4-1, 8 '21 (49 L)

PROBATE COURT OF RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF Maryellen Nicole Musolino to Lucas CJ Musolino CASE NO. 20219028.

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 JMaryellen Nicole Musolino to Lucas CJ Musolino.

The hearing on the application will be held on the 4th day of May, 2021, at 10 o'clock am in the Probate Court of Richland County, located at 50 Park Avenue East, Second Floor, Mansfield, Ohio.

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MRCPL teams up with Mansfield City to expand access to digital materials

As educators seek more creative ways to support students' learning, a key resource for schools is the local public library. Now, Mansfield Richland County Public Library and Mansfield City School District formed an innovative new partnership to increase students' access to eBooks and digital audiobooks by combining the library's and school's digital reading resources in one app.

The library-school partnership provides safe access to thousands of age-appropriate titles for students' use inside the classroom, at home and anywhere 24/7. Through Sora, the new student reading app for Mansfield City School District, students can now borrow from the school's collection of classroom and pleasure reading as well as from Mansfield Richland County Public Library's juvenile and young adult digital collection.

Students can easily log into the library's digital collection through Sora using their school credentials rather than requiring a separate library card. In addition, Sora supports teachers by offering education-specific tools like achievements, exportable notes, and reading progress that encourage individualized learning.

"We are excited to extend eBook lending to the students at Mansfield City Schools," said Chris May, Mansfield Richland County Public Library Director. "This partnership creates a streamlined way to build a love of reading to the students of both communities."

Karen Stallsmith, librarian at Mansfield Malabar Intermediate School Library,

added, "Thanks to the Mansfield Richland County Public Library, our Mansfield City School District students now have access to thousands of digital books. Using our school credentials, students can borrow digital resource material and age-appropriate books using the Sora app – all available to them 24/7. Our libraries have a limited supply of books, but with our new partnership with MRCPL, Mansfield City Schools can now offer almost any book our students wish to read!"

The Sora app was named one of TIME's Best Inventions 2019 and is available for Mansfield City School District students to download through the Apple App Store and Google Play Store, and on Chromebooks that support the Google Play Store. It is also available for use in web browsers at <https://soraapp.com> on any computer.

Since MRCPL is a member of The Ohio Digital Library, the entire Richland County community can also borrow and read The Ohio Digital Library's complete eBook, audiobook and digital magazine collection.

With a valid library card from MRCPL and the award-winning Libby app, patrons can enjoy thousands of eBooks, audiobooks and digital magazines including bestsellers and new releases. Readers of all ages can select from virtually every subject ranging from mystery, romance, children's, business and more.

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DD Council seeking new membership

The Ohio Development Disabilities Council (DD Council) is recruiting new membership for the following categories:

- Individual with a developmental disability,
- Parent or guardian of a child with a developmental disability, and
- An immediate relative or guardian of an institutionalized or previously institutionalized individual with a developmental disability or an individual with a developmental disability who resides or previously resided in an institution.

The Ohio DD Council consists of at least 30 members appointed by the governor. Members are people with developmental disabilities, parents and guardians of people with developmental disabilities, representatives from concerned state agencies, and nonprofit organizations and local agencies providing services to people with developmental disabilities.

Those interested in becoming a member, can vget a new member application at <https://www.ddc.ohio.gov/>. Deadline to apply is April 18.

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THE WARRIOR Leadership Committee hid over 400 eggs filled with candy throughout Ontario High School. Included in those were five golden eggs that could be redeemed for gift certificates to local restaurants. The eggs were hidden the Friday before spring break. (Top photo) Nate Spencer, Brayden Robinson, Laila Marlow and Brooklyn Swain show some of the eggs that were hidden around the school. (Left photo) Jeremiah Viscioni and Cameron Keller were lucky winners when they found golden eggs.

Jonathon Elgin appointed to committee

The Richland County Democratic Party Executive Committee met in special session Thursday, March 25 for the purpose of making a nomination to the Richland County Board of Elections vacancy resulting from the passing of long-time party chair, leader, and friend Joseph H. Mudra.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for Mudra, party chair Larry Weirich opened the floor for nominations.

Paulette Hankins, party secretary, nominated local attorney Jonathon "JC" Elgin for the post. No other nominations were made and Elgin was appointed by unanimous consent.

The nomination now gets forwarded to Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose who will formally appoint Elgin to the board. Elgin will fill the unexpired term ending Feb. 28, 2025. Elgin previously served as a civil attorney for Richland County before entering private practice.

"I am humbled and honored to serve the voters of Richland County. Joe Mudra was committed to fair, free, and democratic elections I will do my best to follow in his gigantic footsteps," said Elgin. "Richland County is where I grew up and intend to remain. I am looking forward to joining my fellow board members in ensuring elections integrity here in our county."

The Richland County Board of Elections is a bipartisan board that supervises the conduct of every election taking place in the county. Members are appointed to four-year terms by the Secretary of State upon the recommendation of each political party's executive committees. Elgin joins fellow Democrat Lydia J. Reid and Republicans Bill Freytag and Megan Whatman serving Richland County in this capacity.

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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.

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.

Voters must be either a native U. S. citizen, or a naturalized citizen of the U.S., a resident of Richland County and Ohio 30 days prior to an election and 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 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 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.

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.

Protecting Ohio students from hazing

By Senator Sherrod Brown

This month, another Ohio family is grieving. Stone Foltz, a 20-year-old sophomore at Bowling Green State University, died after alleged alcohol-induced hazing at a fraternity event.

Hazing isn't a "rite of passage," it's not just fun and games, and it's not something everyone does in school. It's dangerous, and it threatens the health and safety of Ohio students.

For every tragic death that we hear about in the news, there are many others who survive, but end up in the hospital with alcohol poisoning or other injuries – some of which can be long-term.

That's why I reintroduced the bipartisan REACH Act, to crack down on hazing on college campuses. It would require hazing incidents to be reported as part of a

college's annual crime report. We can't begin to address this problem until we have good data on how many students are getting hurt, and we need to arm parents and students with more information.

The bill would also set a universal standard definition of hazing, and would require colleges to establish a campus-wide educational program, backed by evidence, to educate students about the dangers and lasting impacts of hazing.

We have to do more to stop these student deaths. Parents shouldn't have to worry for their child's safety just because they join a fraternity, sorority, or student organization on campus.

Hazing is a serious issue that we have the ability to combat, and we must work to stop more Ohio families from suffering the kind of pain the Foltz family is enduring.



Photo by Damon Callis
THE MOHICAN COVERED BRIDGE is a local spot many area residents visit throughout the year. It was built in 1969 and is located in Perrysville.