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**LEXINGTON** students from Central and Western check out a SWAT car during the Annual Safety Day on May 18. See more photos on Page 17.

## Students participate in Annual Safety Day

Lexington Central held its Annual Safety Day May 18, where the students from Central and Western were taught from local first responders.

Almost 600 students rotated between 17 stations to listen to experts in their field talk about safety. Troy Township provided the House of Hazards, and the Fireman's Challenge. They also helped land the helicopter from Life Flight.

Sparky the Firedog came to visit from the State Fire Marshall's office. Mrs. Balliett talked to the students about social media and Mr. Steven Green from the Mansfield Area Y had a fitness challenge.

North Central Ohio Safe Boating Council

taught the students about boating safety and the Muskingum Conservatory District furnished a life jacket and kayak.

Ontario Hostage Negotiation, Richland County Dog Warden, SWAT, Highway Patrol and Nurse Brigit taught the students about basic first aid and Richland County Emergency Management.

Mr. Wendling brought the Crash Truck from the base and Officer Glennon provided an obstacle course to mimic a foot pursuit.

CACY spoke to the students about bullying and prescription safety and former Central student, Michael Joyce, spoke to the students about weather safety.

## Hymnsing planned for Friday, June 4

The next Mansfield Area Community Hymnsing will be held Friday, June 4, from 7-8:30 pm at New Liberty Baptist Church, Lexington Avenue, Lexington. The church is located a half mile south of Hanley Rd.

This is a sing-a-long event where the congregation calls out the song number from the book, and everyone joins in to sing.

This will be a special night as it will be the last Hymnsing with Randy Fagan as pianist.

Randy and his wife Cindi will be moving out of the area. Randy has been the pianist for seven years.

The full schedule can be found on Facebook at Mansfield Area Community Hymnsing. This is a free event and everyone is welcome.

## Girls' Division II Cross Country State Champs recognized by Lexington BOE

The Lexington Board of Education met Wednesday, May 19.

The board recognized the 2020 Girls' Division II Cross Country State Champs. Team members are head coach Denise Benson and assistant coach Anne Petrie, Anna Blackstone, Karis Hunter, Natalie Dininger, Elyana Weaver, Joanna Halfhill, Lily Weeks, Halle Hamilton and Emma Wise. 200 Medley Relay State Champs for 2021 are Jacob Hathaway, Tanner Holmes, Ben Starling and Lucas Starling. They set a school record of 1:34.66.

They are coached by head Coach Brock Spurling and Assistant Coach Pat Cannon.

Sydnee Detlef, student representative to the board, presented her report and Jeff Eichorn gave an athletic presentation.

The treasurer gave the monthly financial report for April 2021 the board moved to approve the 5-Year Financial Forecast for FY21 through FY25. An invoice from Edgenuity in the amount of \$55,350 for expanded student online curriculum licenses was approved.

Resignations were accepted from Kevin Young, high School principal, effective July 31; Jamie Masi, high school assistant principal, effective July 31; Genelle Eggerton, Western principal, effective July 31; Leslie Miller, Western IAT chair, effective at the end of this school year; and Kelley Dove, Eastern, fifth grade, effective at the end of this school year.

Employment was granted to Jamie Masi, high school principal, effective Aug. 1, two-year contract; David Carter, extend the date as high school guidance counselor sub from May 7-May 28; Paul Gladden, high school intervention specialist, step 5,

one-year contract, effective Aug. 13; and Matt Temple, Central, first grade, step 10, one-year contract, effective Aug. 13.

Salary adjustments were approved for Michelle Rastetter, Julie Detlef and Michelle Dreibelbis.

Teaching/extended service contracts and supplemental activity contracts for 2021-'22 were approved.

Resignations were accepted from Liz Savka, educational aide, Central; Deb Ray, high school MFE coordinator; Janice Swetlic, pre-school aide, Western; Cortney Hite, Food Service, Eastern; Belinda Pressey, educational aide, Western; and Christy Anthony, pre-school aide, Western, effective at the end of the current school year.

Employment for the 2021-'22 school year was granted to Liz Savka, library aide, Central; Janice Swetlic, MD aide, Western; Cortney Hite, pre-school aide, Western, two-year contract; Belinda Pressey, educational aide, Central; Alyssa Singree, pre-k educational aide, Western, one-year contract; and Christy Anthony' MD aide, Western.

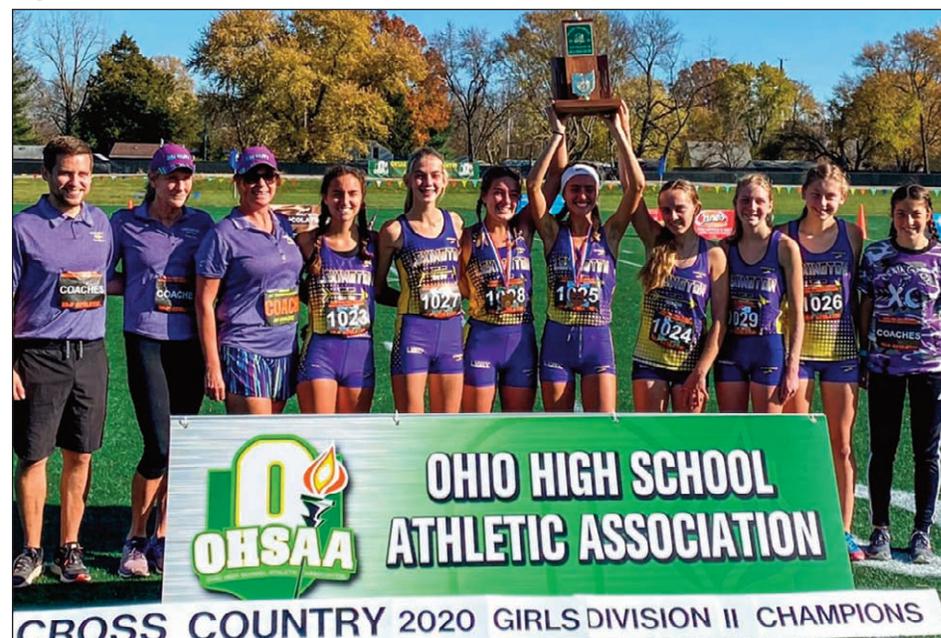
Non-certified contracts and coaching recommendations were also approved for 2021-'22.

The board moved to approve the graduating class of 2021, as presented by Principal Kevin Young, pending successful completion of all graduation requirements.

Buck Morton was approved as the staff member handing out diplomas at graduation, as voted on by the senior class. Evan Matney will be the 2021-'22 student board representative.

Tuition students approved for the

*(Continued on Page 16)*



**THE LEXINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION** recognized the Lexington Girls' Cross Country team for winning their fourth consecutive state title and their fifth out of the last six years. Their win put them fourth all time in state history for total championships. Coaches are Coach Benson, Coach Javurek and Coach Petrie.

**Celebrating**  
**The Mansfield Christian Class of 2021**  
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# The Entertainment Examiner

By Ian Stumbo

Zack Snyder's *Army of the Dead* is a fun, albeit exhausting, movie centered around a group of mercenaries headed by Dave Bautista who decide to risk going into a walled off, zombie infected Las Vegas to go underground and retrieve a fortune in a safe.

This will be a very divided review because the movie could have been so much better had its two and a half hour run time been shortened to about 90 minutes. Many scenes, especially near the beginning and the middle, really drag and the resolution of that scene is usually not very satisfying.

Besides Batista, who is very good, there is a fine supporting cast including Garrett Dillahunt, Tig Notaro, Ella Purnell, Theo Rossi and Omari Hardwick. They all have very unique characters and everybody has a special skill going into this mission. Interestingly, Notaro was cast after another actor dropped out and filmed all of her scenes on a green screen (knowing this while watching the movie makes it very obvious) and the movie has also been in development since around 2007 until Netflix picked it up in 2019.



It's too bad the movie is so long because there are some very effective villains including a queen that seems to be in control of all the zombies and even an infected white tiger that could have been explored even more giving them a little more backstory.

Zack Snyder is a fine director for these kinds of movies and has directed a *Dawn of the Dead* remake, *Batman v. Superman*, *Watchmen* and the recently praised four-hour cut of *Justice League* that premiered on HBO Max, so he certainly knows what he is doing in terms of big action pictures.

If *Army of the Dead's* runtime had been cut down and the movie condensed this could have been much better, though the last 45 minutes to an hour are really effective and well done. Look for The Entertainment Examiner's video posts on YouTube.



# Military News

Charlotte Kuhn, a 2017 graduate of Lexington High School, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nuclear Engineering, branched engineers, from The U.S. Military Academy in West Point, NY.

She will spend time at Ft. Leonard Woolf for her basic Officer Course and then

travel to Ft. Drum, NY for her first post sometime in early 2022.

Big brother Kendall Kuhn 1LT was there to celebrate her graduation along with Charlotte's parents David and Sarah Kuhn of Lexington.

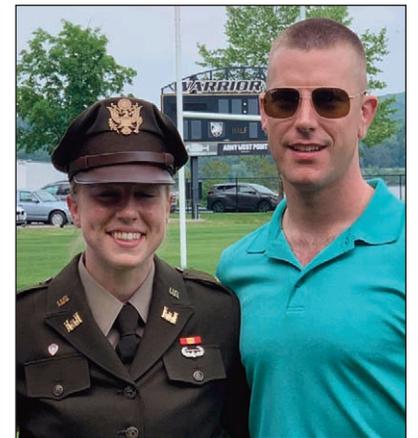
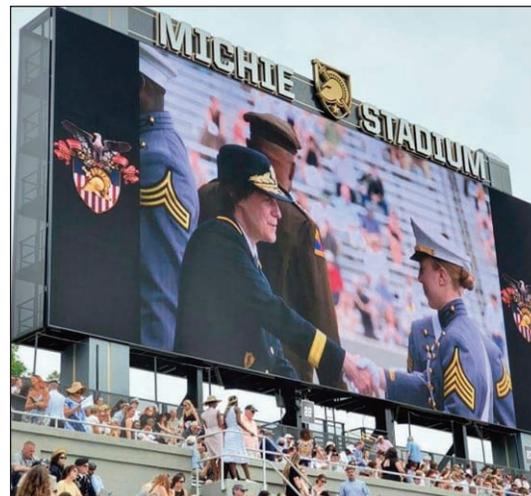
Kendall is a graduate of Lexington.



**MILITARY GRADUATION** — 1 Lt. Lexi Leach of Cincinnati, USMA Class of 2019, administered a ceremonial commissioning oath to Charlotte Kuhn at the Anderson Rugby Complex. Sgt. Lauren Slaton was her ceremonial First Salute. Lexi is one of Charlotte's Women's Army Rugby teammates and Lauren is a close childhood friend she has known since preschool. Lauren is a 2017 Lexington graduate and is attending Kent State, majoring in speech pathology.



Charlotte Kuhn



Charlotte Kuhn and Kendall Kuhn

## This Week's Outdoor Space

The Tribune-Courier is featuring outdoor spaces including vegetables and flower gardens, patios, landscaping and front porches. Send your photos to [news@tribune-courier.com](mailto:news@tribune-courier.com)



**This Week's Space:**  
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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

May

28 — Lauri Austin

29 — Damon Callis

31 — Jeremy Wolford

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# News Briefs

As a service to the Richland County community, Ohio State University Extension in Richland County will be hosting a free Virtual Consumer Protection presentation focused on Consumer Scams, on Thursday, May 27, at 10 am.

This one-hour virtual (zoom) presentation is intended to help local citizens recognize and promote consumer protection efforts. Katie Harper, Consumer Educator - Consumer Protection from the Office of Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost, will be the guest presenter on information to increase understanding of how scams work and how to prevent potential scams from happening in the Richland County area. The presentation and question/answer time is expected to last one hour.

To register for this free event call the OSU Extension Office at 419-747-8755 or email villard.1@osu.edu. Once registered, connection information will be sent to each participant via email.

Church of the Cross in Lexington will hold its annual rummage sale one day only on Thursday, June 10, from 8 am to 5 pm. Items will include clothing from infant to elder, housewares and decorative items, small appliance, books, games, toys, sporting equipment and furniture.

Pricing will be "free-will" donations, with only exceptions for larger furniture items. Proceeds will benefit community outreach programs. For more information call 419-884-2150. The church is located at the corner of Rt. 97 and Otterbein, next to Western Elementary School.

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.

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.

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

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. has announced the Senior

Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFM-NP) for Richland, Knox and Seneca counties. This program helps provide income eligible seniors with access to locally grown fruits and vegetables.

Participants will receive \$50 worth of coupons through the growing season to use at participating farmers' markets and stands. Applications may be submitted or downloaded online at [aaa5ohio.org/sfmnp](http://aaa5ohio.org/sfmnp). An individual may also call 567-247-7101 Monday through Friday from 9 am to 5 pm to request an application by mail.

During the months of June and July, WIC (Women, Infants and Children) will increase fruit and vegetable benefits from \$9 or \$11 per month to \$35 per month for each woman and child WIC participant.

Families with children more than 1-year-old can receive this increased benefit for each child. Those with two children participating in WIC can receive \$70 per month in fruit and vegetable benefits. Three qualifying children = \$105 per month.

Those who are pregnant, breastfeeding, or have children under five years of age, can call WIC in Mansfield at 419-774-4560 or in Ashland at 419-289-3359 to receive all WIC benefits.

All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church of Bellville, 25 Church St., Bellville, will return to its 10:30 am in-person services on Sunday, May 30. Join outside on the green in front of the village office, weather permitting.

Bring a blanket, chair, mask and favorite coffee cup (coffee provided). In case of inclement weather, the service will be held in the sanctuary. Online services will still be offered as well.

Rev. Will Humphrey will speak on "Power, passion and purpose enduring the pandemic and drawing closeness."

It is asked that guests maintain social distance and wear a mask for either the inside or outside service. Masks will be available for those who need one. For information visit [www.allsoulsuohio.org](http://www.allsoulsuohio.org).

The Franklin Township Firefighters Association Hog Roast and Ice Cream Social will be held Saturday, June 12, from 4:30-7 pm. The event will be held at the firehouse, 505 Boyce Rd, Shelby.

The event supports the Franklin Township Firefighters. All proceeds will be used for equipment purchases and training for the department and its members.

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

## Seniors graduate

Madison Comprehensive High School will host a graduation ceremony for the Class of 2021 on Friday, May 28, at 7:30 pm at Ram Field/Startek Stadium.

Rain dates are Saturday, May 29, at 7:30 pm and Sunday, May 30, at 2 pm. If rain persists, Sunday's ceremony may be moved indoors.

Ontario High School will hold commencement Friday, May 28, at 7:30 pm.

Lexington High School graduation will be held Friday, June 4, at 7 pm at the high school football stadium. Rain dates are Saturday, June 5 at 7 pm and Sunday, June 6, at 7 pm.



T-C Staff/Bud Motter

**TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE GREAT WEATHER**, six workers finished putting the rest of the shingles on the Blacksmith Shop in South Park, Mansfield. Helping were Tom Pappas, Levin Wappner, Bill Hale, John Long, Rich Gramo and Denny Spangler.



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## Summer Library Program coming to MRCPL

The Mansfield/Richland County Public Library invites the community to participate in the free Summer Library Program. This year's "Tails and Tales" animal-themed program will take place between Monday, June 7 and Saturday, July 31, and offers opportunities for all ages to read, engage and win prizes.

Ask for a kids, teen or adult Summer Library Program participation guide at any location. The details for each program are included in the comprehensive guide. Then, throughout the summer, use the materials provided to keep track of the



books you read, the programs you attend, the library resources you use and the puzzles and games you play (including book Bingo).

Each time a customer participates in a program-related activity, they earn the chance to win a variety of age-appropriate weekly prizes and awesome grand prizes. This year's grand prizes include a Nintendo Switch, a bounce house, a one-year Columbus Zoo membership, a \$100 Lowe's gift card and many more!

Because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, MRCPL is offering in-person activities and interactive, virtual options for this year's program.

In addition, all performances are taking place at outdoor, off-site locations to accommodate for capacity limitations.

For information on these programs and events at all library locations, visit [www.mrcpl.org/slp2021](http://www.mrcpl.org/slp2021).

### Items being collected

The Autism Awareness Walk-a-thon Garage Sale is now collecting items for the sale. Items can be donated by calling Debbie at 419-589-8762. Please no clothing. The date of the sale will be announced at a later date. Autism merchandise will be available as well as a 50/50. For information visit Facebook: Autism Awareness Walk-a-thon.



**THE ONTARIO LIONS CLUB** honored police and firefighters at its meeting held at Ontario Lions Community Park. (Top photo) Lion Howard Harriman presents a plaque to David Rowland, Officer of the Year 2020 and Ian Metcalf, Dispatcher of the Year 2020. (Left) Harriman presents a plaque to Nate Matney, EMT of the Year 2020. Dennis Gast (not pictured) was also presented the Firefighter of the Year 2020 Award.

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## Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging accepting nominations for awards

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. is currently accepting nominations for the Outstanding Senior Citizen and Community Service Award. Nominations can be completed online at [www.aaa5ohio.org](http://www.aaa5ohio.org) or by requesting a form to be mailed to you. The deadline for nominations is May 28, 2021.

Award recipients from a nine-county area (one awardee from each county) will be honored by Area Agency on Aging. Nominees must be at least 60 years of age,

a legal resident of Ohio for at least five years, and have made significant contributions to the community. A husband and wife may receive the award jointly when both have been involved in community service. One Outstanding Senior Citizen Award will be presented for each county (Ashland, Crawford, Huron, Knox, Marion, Morrow, Richland, Seneca, and Wyandot).

Community Service Awards are targeted toward an organization, agency, service club, a media outlet, or a business that

has made an outstanding contribution to the community on behalf of senior citizens. One award will be presented for the nine-county area.

Additional information, including printable nomination forms and an online fillable form, are available by visiting <https://www.aaa5ohio.org> or by contacting Susan Montgomery at 567-247-6458 or [smontgomery@aaa5ohio.org](mailto:smontgomery@aaa5ohio.org).

Nominations can be mailed, faxed, or emailed.

# 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  
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Tuesday Worship 5:30 pm and Friday Worship 9 am  
Faith Instruction & Bible Study on Sunday Mornings  
[www.mansfieldstmarys.org](http://www.mansfieldstmarys.org)

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

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

**Risen Savior Lutheran Church**  
1685 Lexington Ave., Mansfield • 419-775-1175  
Pastor Brad Wright • [risensaviormansfield.com](http://risensaviormansfield.com)  
9 am Sunday Family Bible Time • 10 am Sunday Worship

**Ontario United Methodist Church**  
3540 Park Avenue West, Ontario • 419-529-4345  
Rev. Christine Bell  
Sunday Worship 10:15 am  
Bible Study: Please check the website for current schedule  
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**THE WARRIOR LEADERSHIP** Council at Ontario High School led a Courageous Conversation on Mental Health and Relationships on May 12. The Rhapsody in Blue Show Choir performed "You Will Be Found" from the musical Dear Evan Hansen. Then, students broke into small groups to discuss concerns and how to build support and a positive school environment. Pictured are (top) Lilly Casey and (left) Kendal Goulding.

## Richland SWCD encourages residents to choose native plants when gardening

As gardening season gets underway, Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD) encourages residents to go native when planning a garden or landscape. Going native means utilizing native plants because of their many benefits.

Native plants are more suited to our climate and soil and typically do better in our gardens than non-native species. They also provide excellent habitats and food for insects, pollinators, and wildlife. Because they have a strong root system, more soil is held in place which slows stormwater runoff, helps prevent soil erosion and filters pollutants before they enter rivers, lakes and streams.

Richland SWCD is hosting a Native

Plant Sale in conjunction with Natives in Harmony on Tuesday, June 15, from 4-6 pm in the front parking lot of the Richland County Longview Center, 1495 W. Longview Ave., Mansfield. Plants cost \$3 per plug, \$6 per quart and \$10 for gallon sizes. Species are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Garden gloves will be available to purchase at \$5 per pair.

There will be table exhibits about container gardening and "greenhouse" cover to extend the growing season, ideas for plant markers, including how to use recycled materials and soil testing information.

For more information visit <https://richlandswcd.net/services/water/rain-gardens>, e-mail [Theresa@richlandswcd.net](mailto:Theresa@richlandswcd.net) or call 419-747-8685.



**MR. SLAUGHTER'S** sociology class sponsored a tailgate party at Ontario High School to help celebrate the end of the school year. Pictured are (top left) Kyla Spencer and Paige Danuloff; and (top right) Jay Kmetz and Brooklyn Blaising.



## Red Cross urges donors to give

The American Red Cross urges all who are healthy to make this a summer full of life for patients by scheduling an appointment to give blood or platelets.

Individuals of all blood types are urged to schedule an appointment now to give blood, and in most cases, those who have received a COVID-19 vaccine can donate. However, knowing the name of the manufacturer of the vaccine they received is important in determining donation eligibility. Appointments can be made by downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

In thanks for making it a summer full of life, those who come to give blood, platelets or plasma in May will automatically be entered for a chance to win a travel trailer camper that sleeps five, powered by Suburban Propane, via their SuburbanCares initiative. The Red Cross is also thanking those who come to donate May 28 through June 13 with a limited-edition t-shirt, while supplies last.

The Red Cross is testing blood, platelet and plasma donations for COVID-19 antibodies. The test may indicate if the donor's immune system has produced antibodies to coronavirus, regardless of whether they developed symptoms. Testing may also identify the presence of antibodies developed after receiving a COVID-19 vaccine.

Plasma from routine blood and platelet donations that test positive for high levels of antibodies may be used as convalescent plasma to meet potential future needs of COVID-19 patients. 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.

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

Donors can expect to receive antibody test and sickle cell trait screening results, if applicable, within one to two weeks through the Red Cross Blood Donor App and the online donor portal at [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org).

Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows high standards of safety and infection control, and additional precautions — including temperature checks, social distancing and face masks for donors and staff — have been implemented to help protect the health of all those in attendance. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive and are required to wear a face mask while at the drive.

Thursday, May 27, noon to 6 pm, Resurrection Parish, 2600 Lexington Ave., Lexington; and 1-6 pm, Ontario Christian Fellowship, 636 S. Lexington-Springmill Rd., Mansfield

Tuesday, June 1, noon to 5 pm, Berean Baptist, 2145 Middle Bellville Rd., Mansfield

Wednesday, June 2, 1-7 pm, Richland Mall, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

Tuesday, June 8, noon to 6 pm, Saint Paul Lutheran Church, 48 Church St., Bellville

Wednesday, June 9, noon to 5 pm, Lexington High School, 159 Frederick St., Lexington; and 1-7 pm, Richland Mall, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

Saturday, June 12, 8 am to 1 pm, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1951 Middle-Bellville Rd., Mansfield

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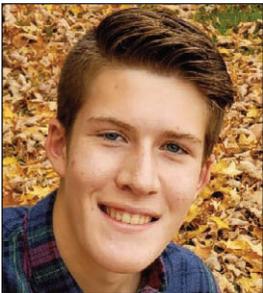
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Geneva College



**Colin Comstock**



**Jace Craner**  
Huntington University



**Benjamin Crouch**  
The Ohio State University



**Logan Cyphers**  
Mount Vernon  
Nazarene University



**Jason Dills**  
MCS Transition Program



**Natalie Ewing**  
The Ohio State University



**Hadassah Facio**  
Madison Adult  
Career Center



**Josiah Facio**  
Entering Work Force



**Leah Fanello**  
The Ohio State University



**Marquis Fortner**  
Duquesne University



**Adam Granger**  
Grace College



**Garrett Jones**  
United States Air Force



**Kayla Jones**  
Ashland University



**Kristin Kaufman**  
Northern Kentucky  
University



**Hayley Madden**  
MCS Transition Program



**Kayla McFadden**



**J'Netta Mitchem**  
MCS Transition Program



**Chase Rambo**  
North Central State College



**Rachel Roblin**  
Ohio Christian University



**Elle Schmitz**  
Mount Vernon  
Nazarene University



**Christian Shepherd**  
Grand Canyon University



**Krysti Smith**  
Apex Academy



**Sydney Standridge**  
Mount Vernon  
Nazarene University



**Derric Taylor**  
Cedarville University



**Jacob Vance**  
Liberty University



**Elizabeth Watson**  
The Ohio State University



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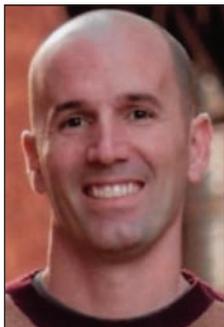
**SCHOLARSHIP** — MCS Superintendent Dr. Cy Smith congratulates Alexis Rippel on receiving the first annual David Robinson Memorial Scholarship.

## Rippel receives first annual memorial scholarship

Mansfield Christian sophomore Alexis Rippel received the first annual David Robinson Memorial Scholarship.

To qualify for this scholarship students must demonstrate Christian character, leadership, be a gifted athlete and maintain a GPA of at least 3.0.

David Robinson graduated from Mansfield Christian School in 1997. Throughout his life he inspired countless people to excel with their Godgiven gifts. His personal character also challenged many to pursue the command to “love our neighbor as ourselves.”



**David Robinson**

In honor of David’s life and the impact that he had, MCS has established the David Robinson Memorial Scholarship to benefit high school students at MCS.

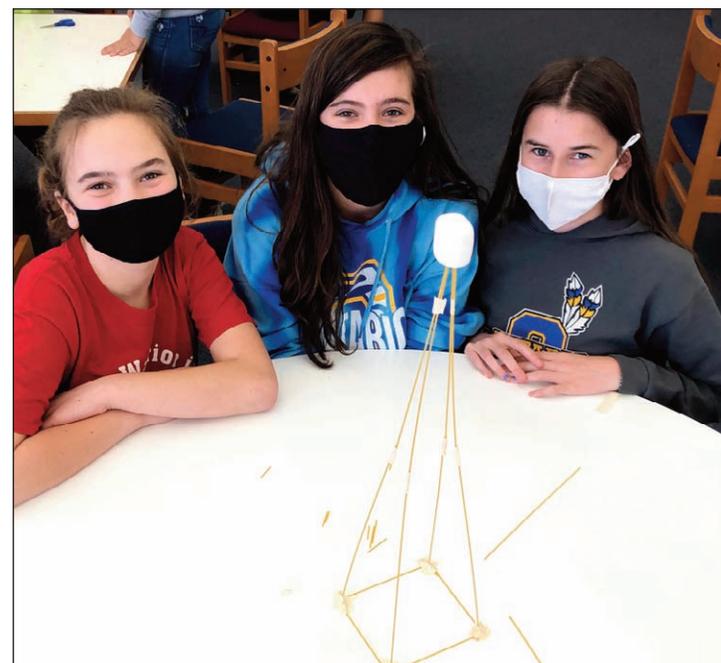
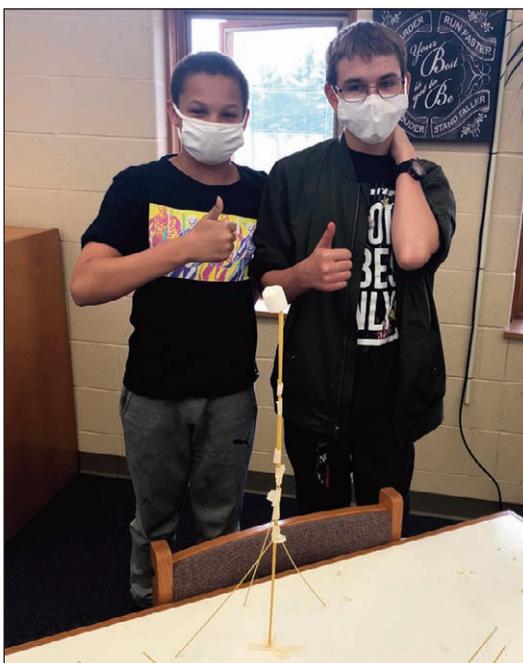
Each year, \$1,000 will be awarded to a high school student who meets the criteria of the scholarship through an application process.

As the scholarship fund grows with support, MCS will be able to offer more funding to more students.

Tax-deductible contributions can be made to Mansfield Christian School, 500 Logan Rd., Mansfield, OH 44907 (Please note David Robinson Memorial Scholarship).

In addition to the new memorial scholarship, MCS is honoring David with a new soccer field project on the property of Mansfield Christian School. David’s father, Ralph Robinson, and the family’s business, Terra Valley Excavating, have been instrumental in their work and funding of this project. As a tribute to a life well lived, MCS hopes to open the David Robinson Memorial Fields in the summer of 2021.

For more information about the scholarship, contributions or application process contact Dr. Cy Smith, superintendent of MCS at smith.cy@mcsflames.org or 419-756-5651.



**STUDENTS IN SIXTH GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES** at Ontario Middle School have a chance to earn a STEM day twice a month if they turn in all assignments and exhibit great citizenship according to the Warrior Way. For the final STEM activity of the year, students participated in the Marshmallow Challenge: build the tallest freestanding structure (out of spaghetti noodles, tape and string) with a marshmallow on top.

## John applauds signing of cost-saving legislation

State Rep. Marilyn John (R-Richland County) has had her first sponsored legislation under House Bill 87 signed into law. The governor signed John’s legislation, which allows more flexibility for counties and assisting them against rising energy costs.

“I’m thankful this bill moved swiftly through our legislative process as it establishes an exemption for utility supply contracts entered into under a joint purchasing program,” said John. “With a limitation of ten years for county utility supply contracts, this legislation would change current law to exempt contracts from the 10 year

limit. Because the state, municipalities, and townships already have the ability to enter into longer term contracts, this change does not apply to them.”

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

The bill passed unanimously in the Ohio House back in March. John spoke to the bipartisan bill on the House floor. Subsequently, the Senate followed suit by passing it in early May.

Along with John, State Rep. Jason Stephens (R-Kitts Hill) serves as a joint sponsor of the bill in addition to over 30 other cosponsors in the House and Senate. The legislation included an emergency clause and went into immediate effect.



**THE DAVID ROBINSON MEMORIAL FIELDS** are planned to open this summer at Mansfield Christian School. (Artist rendering)

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# Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights



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**THE LEXINGTON MINUTEMEN JV** baseball team fell to the Mt. Vernon Yellow Jackets 6-4 during a game played at Mansfield Christian's Graham Field. Pitching for Lexington is Landon Hamilton.



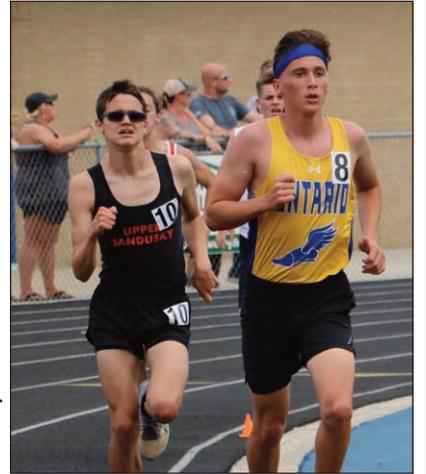
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**CONTROLLING THE BALL** for the Pink Team is Megan Wilging as she goes against Alexis Ripple during the Powder Puff Football game played on the Mansfield Christian School soccer field. The seniors and freshmen (Pink Team) won the contest by one point.

## Ontario High School District Track Meet at Ontario



Ontario High School Regional Qualifiers for track and field are the boys 4x8 relay team of Alex Phillips, Zain Fulmer, Nate Slater and Miles Meisse; shot put, Bree Mills; pole vault, Brennan Strickler and Chasity Mies; 100m dash, Logan Costa (district champ); boys 4x2 relay team of Antonio Houston, Logan Costa, Brennan Strickler and Jaylon Scott; 1600m run, Brie Trumpower, Ellie Maurer and Nate Slater; 400m dash, Ally Potter; 800m run, Brie Trumpower and Miles Meisse; 200m dash, Logan Costa; and girls 4x4 relay team of Ellie Maurer, Ally Potter, Sophie Humphrey and Brie Trumpower.



T-C Staff/Bud Motter

**THE MANSFIELD CHRISTIAN FLAG FOOTBALL** teams are the sophomore and junior team (left photo); and senior and freshman team (right photo).

# Ontario High School Powderpuff Football

Powderpuff Football was played May 17 under the Ontario High School lights. The event raises money for the Ontario Substance Abuse Program. The juniors won.



# LOOKING BACK: This Week in Tribune-Courier History

May 23, '74



**MINUTEMAN JAC GOLF CHAMPIONS** – These six Minuteman golfers and their coach have captured the Johnny Appleseed Conference golf championship, making this the third year the golf hardware has resided in Lexington's trophy case. From the left are Coach Dave Oswalt, Jeff Johnson, Bill Williams, Eben Cockley, Jeff Navratil, Terry Winters and Tony Delianides. Photo by Russ Dill

May 24, '84



**A MISS LEXINGTON PRE-PAGEANT TEA** was held recently at the home of Robert and Kathy Coggins in Lexington. Shown enjoying the get-together are Polly Decker, Miss Lexington Stephanie Ledbetter, Nicki Hamilton and Carrie Snyder. The Miss Lexington Pageant will be held Saturday evening, June 9, at 7 pm at Lexington Senior High School. The current Mrs. Ohio, Mrs. McDaniels, will emcee the event.

May 25, '00



**LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL Students of the Month for May.** Front, Amanda Gutai, Amber Sherman, Holly Gaul and Kristen Montgomery; back, Aaron Stephens, Bobby Hudak, Drake Smith and Sean McDaniel.

May 28, '98



**LEXINGTON Cub Scout Pack 131** held its pinewood derby March 21. Pack winners were Nathan Long, first, Tiger Cub; Eric Keeler, second, Wolf; and Michael Jarvis, third, Wolf. Division winners were as follows: Tiger Cub — Nathan Long first, Joshua Wright second, Daniel Fanello third; Wolf — Eric Keller first, Andy Walker second, Mike Jarvis third; Bear — Jordan Boggs first, Joshua McKinney second, Levi Miller third. Webelos I — David Ellsworth first, Alex Reece second, Patrick Lux third; Webelos II — Kevin Stotts first, Gage William second, Alex Ailer third. Each of the Scouts was invited to attend the district pinewood derby held March 28. Aaron Cullen (Wolf) and Cory McKee (Bear) were also invited to attend based on appearance. Cory received "most original" at the district pinewood derby. Showing their awards in the photo are, from the left, Michael Jarvis, Eric Keeler and Nathan Long.

**May 27, 1937** — San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge opens to the public after five years of construction. On opening day "Pedestrian Day" some 200,000 bridge walkers marveled at the 4,200-foot-long suspension bridge, which spans the Golden Gate Strait at the entrance to San Francisco Bay and connects San Francisco and Marin County. The next day, the Golden Gate Bridge opened to vehicular traffic. The concept of bridging the nearly mile-wide Golden Gate Strait was proposed as early as 1872, but it was not until the early 1920s that public opinion in San Francisco began to favor such an undertaking. In 1921, Cincinnati-born bridge engineer Joseph Strauss submitted a preliminary proposal: a combination suspension-cantilever that could be built for \$27 million. Although unsightly compared with the final result, his design was affordable, and Strauss became the recognized leader of the effort. During the next few years, Strauss' design evolved rapidly, thanks to the contributions of consulting engineer Leon S. Moisseiff, architect Irving F. Morrow, and others. Moisseiff's concept of a simple suspension bridge was accepted by Strauss, and Morrow, along with his wife, Gertrude, developed the Golden Gate Bridge's elegant Art Deco design. Morrow would later help choose the bridge's trademark color: "international orange," which resists rust and fading and suits the natural beauty of San Francisco. In 1929, Strauss was selected as chief engineer. To finance the bridge, the Golden Gate Bridge and Highway District was formed in 1928, consisting of San Francisco, Marin, Sonoma, Del Norte and parts of Mendocino and Napa counties. These counties agreed to collectively take out a large bond, which would then be paid back through bridge tolls. In November 1930, residents of the district voted 3-1 to put their homes, farms, and businesses up as collateral to support a \$35 million bond to build the bridge. Construction began Jan. 5, 1933, at the depths of the Great Depression. Strauss and his workers overcame many difficulties: strong tides, frequent storms and fogs, and the problem of blasting rock 65 feet below the water to plant earthquake-proof foundations. Eleven men died during construction. At 4,200 feet, it was the longest bridge in the world until the completion of New York City's Verrazano-Narrows Bridge in 1964.

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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 May 19, 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. 21-19 – AN

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR NON-COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT CITY EMPLOYEES, REPEALING ORDINANCE 20-03, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-20 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING WAGES AND SALARIES FOR NON-COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES OF THIS CITY, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 20-19, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-21 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 21-06 KNOWN AS THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR 2021 BY MAKING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE GENERAL FUND, THE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, THE 10% CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND, THE ENTERPRISE FUND AND THE TRUST AND AGENCY FUND.

Cathy VanAuker  
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City of Ontario, Ohio  
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PROBATE COURT OF RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF Bryonna Lou Birmelin to Breon Lou Birmelin CASE NO. 20219054.

#### 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 Bryonna Lou Birmelin to Breon Lou Birmelin.

The hearing on the application will be held on the 24th day of June, 2021, at 12:00 o'clock pm in the Probate Court of Richland County, located at 50 Park Avenue East, Second Floor, Mansfield, Ohio.

Bryonna Lou Birmelin  
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Photo by Alison Bolen

THE TRIBUNE-COURIER staff wishes all our readers and supporters a safe Memorial Day on Monday, May 31.

## Reminder issued for Americans to practice sun safety

To encourage everyone to take small steps for sun safety, Richland Public Health partnered with the National Council on Skin Cancer Prevention on and its broad coalition of member organizations to designate the Friday before Memorial Day as the 13th annual “Don’t Fry Day” to encourage sun safety awareness and to remind everyone to protect their skin by taking ‘small steps to sun safety’ while enjoying the outdoors.

Skin cancer is the most common type of cancer in the nation, with almost 5.5 million cases diagnosed in Americans each year – more than breast, colon, lung and prostate cancers combined. In fact, 1 out of every 5 Americans will be diagnosed with some form of skin cancer in their lifetime.

Skin cancer is highly preventable. Over 90% of all skin cancer is caused by exposure to ultraviolet radiation from the sun or indoor tanning devices. Americans can dramatically reduce their risk of skin cancer by:

- Not burning or tanning intentionally – no tan is a safe

tan  
•Generously applying sunscreen (remembering to reapply every two hours)

- Wearing sun-protective clothing
- Seeking shade during peak times of the day
- Using extra cautious on near water, snow and sand

“Don’t Fry Day,” now in its thirteenth year, is a public awareness campaign that aims to reduce the number of new skin cancer diagnoses by promoting sun safety and encouraging people to protect their skin while enjoying the outdoors. Learn more at <https://www.skincancerprevention.org/programs/dont-fry-day>

National Council members represent the nation’s premiere physicians, researchers, clinicians and advocates for skin cancer prevention. Learn more at [www.SkinCancerPrevention.org](http://www.SkinCancerPrevention.org)

To see more tips for Summer Safety, see Richland Public Health’s page at: <https://richlandhealth.org/personal/summer-safety>.

## RPH offering appointments

Starting Thursday, May 27, the Public Health Clinic at Richland Public Health, main entrance at 555 Lexington Ave., Mansfield, will begin doing COVID-19 vaccinations by appointment.

Call 419-774-4700 to schedule an appointment between 8 am and 12 pm and 1 pm and 4 pm, Monday through Friday. Appointments will be available each Tuesday and Thursday.

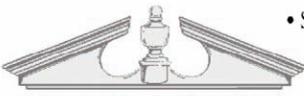
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**MADISON MIDDLE SCHOOL** held a Reality Store event. The goal of the activity is to help students gain a better understanding of how salaries and bills are interrelated and can influence one's lifestyle through limiting or expanding options. The Reality Store event allows students a hands-on, live interaction experience as they explore individual career pathways. Students visited as many tables permissible within the time constraint. Each table discussion (led by local community members and school alumni) relates to common monthly life expenses — both needs and wants (housing, entertainment, clothing, food, transportation, childcare, beauty salon treatments, etc.). Students select which commodity option they would like to purchase (based on remaining income and family needs) and community volunteers share how each expense would deduct from monthly incomes. Katrina Tripp checks student ledgers to see how much money they spent and how much they have left. Students are Paige Patton, Katie Myers and Nya Bishop.

## Construction continues on Rt. 30

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

U.S. Route 30 major rehabilitation — U.S. 30, from State Route 309 to just east of the 5th Avenue ramps, will have single lane closures for a major rehabilitation project. Traffic will always be maintained.

New impacts are: The U.S. 30 westbound exit ramp to fifth Ave. will close Tuesday, June 1, for conduit installation and full depth pavement reconstruction. The detour route for motorists will be to continue on U.S. 30 westbound to the SR 13 exit, south on SR 13 to Longview Avenue, east on Longview Avenue to U.S. 30, east on U.S. 30 to the Fifth Ave. exit. Estimated completion: Monday, June 21, 2021

Continuing impacts are:

S. 30 eastbound — One lane of eastbound traffic will be maintained from just west of SR 309 to SR 13, and two lanes of traffic eastbound from SR 13 to just east of 5th Avenue.

S. 30 westbound — One lane of westbound traffic will be maintained from just east of 5th Avenue to SR 13, and two lanes of traffic westbound from SR 13 to just west of Trimble Road.

S. 30 westbound access to exits at 5th Avenue, SR 13, Trimble Road, and SR 309 are currently being maintained. Access from U.S. 30 westbound to SR 545 and SR

39 will not be permitted (ramps closed).

Construction of the U.S. 30 westbound lanes and reconstruction of the ramps is tentatively scheduled to be complete September 2021.

Closure of the U.S. 30 westbound exit and entrance ramps to SR 545. The detour route will be U.S. 30 westbound to the SR 13 exit, south on SR 13 to Longview Avenue, and east on Longview Avenue to SR 545.

Closure of the U.S. 30 westbound exit and entrance ramps to SR 39. The detour route will be U.S. 30 westbound to the Trimble Road exit, south on Trimble Road to U.S. 30 eastbound, and U.S. 30 eastbound to the SR 39 exit.

Closure of the 5th Avenue entrance ramp to U.S. 30 westbound. The detour route will be 5th Avenue to U.S. 30 eastbound, east on U.S. 30 to the Reed Road exit, and north on Reed Road to U.S. 30 westbound.

Lane widths will be 11' throughout the length of the project.

All eastbound exits will be maintained throughout the season, except for the SR 545 exit which has been permanently removed per project plans.

Eastbound and westbound traffic will be separated by portable concrete barrier throughout the length of the project.

Estimated completion of entire project is May 2023.

## Golf outing fundraiser planned for June 12

Ontario High School will host the 2021 Football Golf Outing as a fundraiser for the Ontario Warrior Football Program. The event will be held at Twin Lakes Golf Course on Saturday, June 12. The shotgun start is at 9 am with check-in at 7:30 am.

Cost is \$260 per team and includes golf, cart and meal. This is a four-person scramble and there will be hole and raffle prizes. Registration is available now at [Ontarioschools.org](http://Ontarioschools.org). Click on "Parent" and then click "Sports Connect."

## Association will host virtual volunteer recruitment events

The aging of the U.S. population means an unprecedented and growing number of people require dementia care and support. More than 6 million Americans are currently living with Alzheimer's or another dementia, and by 2050 this number is expected to nearly triple. The Alzheimer's Association is working strategically to dramatically increase access to quality care and support across the country.

Recruiting and training volunteers is a key component of ensuring this success. By mobilizing and training a volunteer force it is able to scale its work significantly. Volunteers' personal experiences, professional skills, local networks and unique insights into their communities' special strengths complement the staff's ability to provide valuable programs and resources, close to home.

The association engages and trains community members as volunteers to conduct outreach and provide three key programs. Program volunteers provide support groups, education programs and early-stage social engagement programs — programs that have helped thousands of Americans to face the many challenges of dementia with confidence and live their best life possible. In support groups, people learn about dementia and discuss their feelings and concerns in a confidential

and supportive environment. Education programs cover all aspects of the disease, helping to improve quality of life and reduce the likelihood of a crisis. Engagement programs for people living in the early-stage of Alzheimer's and caregivers are important to those who want to connect to others who can sympathize with their experience.

A virtual volunteer recruitment event will be held Wednesday, June 2, from 12-1:15 pm. Register on or before May 25 and receive a \$10 gift card.

A second event will be held Thursday, June 10, from 5-6:15 pm. Register on or before June 4 and receive a \$10 gift card.

During the event, participants will be able to hear from existing volunteers, receive dementia education, and hear about the volunteer positions available. There will also be time to ask questions. Volunteer training is online and flexible and participants are paired with a staff partner for support.

The events are free, for anyone 21 years and older and are for people interested in volunteering in the Northwest Ohio area. Registration is required.

To register, call 800-272-3900. Upon registration, an email confirmation will be sent containing meeting login information.



**THE ONTARIO MIDDLE SCHOOL** Academic Challenge teams competed at the Mid-Ohio May meet. Both the seventh and eighth grade teams enjoyed a day of fun, competition and pizza in their first competition of the year. Eighth grade team members are Taylor Dille, Parker Henderson, Sky Liu, Zach McChristy and Keya Pandya. Seventh grade team members are Xander Jellison, Maddie Saltzgriver and Alexis Swank. The eighth grade team tied Lexington for eighth place out of 22 teams.

## Hurrell and Cantey recognized at Pioneer

Submitted By Shannon L. Sprang,  
Student Achievement Liaison Supervisor

Pioneer Career and Technology Center announced Brianna Hurrell and Teyron Cantey as March 2021 Students of the Month.

Brianna is enrolled in the criminal justice program at Pioneer. She was nominated by her criminal justice instructor, Dan George. She is a senior from Ontario High School, and is the daughter of Heather and Josh Hurrell.

At Pioneer, Brianna is involved in



Brianna Hurrell



Teyron Cantey

SkillsUSA. She also volunteers with her church for activities such as handing out food to people in need. Coming to Pioneer is one of the best decisions Brianna feels she has made. "Mr. George has been an encouraging, inspiring and courageous role model," she said. In the future, Brianna plans to join the Army National Guard.

Teyron is a junior in the Teaching Professions program at Pioneer. He was nominated by his Teaching Professions instructor, Jay Follett. He is from Ontario High School and is the son of Rebecca Cail-Cantey.

Pioneer has been an interesting experience for Teyron with online schooling amidst the Corona virus. However, Pioneer has allowed him to get a jump start on teaching, something he has wanted to do since he was young. He is excited to job shadow and get early experience in teaching. In the future, Teyron plans to get a bachelors degree in education and teach high school American History spreading his love for that subject.

## Premier Financial ranks among top 20 best performing community banks

Premier Financial Corp., holding company for Premier Bank and First Insurance Group, has been recognized by S&P Global Market Intelligence on its annual list of the best-performing large U.S. community banks of 2020. Premier Financial Corp. was ranked No. 18 among community banks in the \$3 billion to \$10 billion asset size.

"We are proud that Premier was able to successfully navigate the pandemic and our merger of equals with strong financial performance, a focus on our customers and serving our markets as one of the leading SBA loan providers in 2020.

"The hard work and dedication exhibited by the Premier team helped us gain positive momentum in balance sheet growth, efficiency, credit quality and strategic performance. It's an honor to be recognized as one of the top 20 best-performing community banks, and it illustrates our ongoing commitment to top-tier performance," said CEO & President, Gary Small.

To determine the ranking, S&P Global Market Intelligence calculated scores for each company based on six metrics,

weighted: pretax return on tangible common equity (25%), efficiency ratio (15%), net interest margin (15%), operating growth revenue (20%), leverage ratio (15%) and nonperforming assets and loans 90 days or more past due as a percentage of total assets, net of Paycheck Protection Program loans (10%). PFC performed well in all categories, delivering an efficiency ratio of 55.86%, keeping nonperforming assets to 0.86% as a percent of total assets and delivering a return on tangible common equity of 14.34%.

"Despite going through a challenging year filled with economic uncertainty, we have seen community banks and credit unions play a significant role in their regional markets, providing support and essential services needed in their local communities," said Jimmy Pittenger, Senior Director of Financial Institutions at S&P Global Market Intelligence in a prepared statement.

"I'm thrilled to see these community banks and credit unions thrive in a challenging time and proud to recognize these top performing local financial institutions in our annual rankings."

## Pioneer Cyber Patriots do well in competition

Cyber Patriot, the National Youth Cyber Defense Competition, puts teams of high school and middle school students in the position of newly hired IT professionals tasked with managing the network of a small company and are tasked with finding and fixing cybersecurity vulnerabilities while maintaining critical services.

Pioneer's Senior Cyber Patriot team competed at the gold level and placed fourth in the state of Ohio.

Pioneer's Junior Cyber Patriot team

competed at the silver level and placed third in the state.

Senior Cyber Patriots are Robert Guiler of Northmor, Gavin Hobson of Northmor, Jace Howell of Ontario, Alex Kron of Ontario, Andrew Pounds of Lexington and Ethen Seybert of Galion.

Junior Cyber Patriots are Angel Shaffer of Lexington, Brenton Graska of Shelby, Rossi Ramey of Shelby, Coltin Stanley of Bucyrus and Brennen Darnell of Colonel Crawford.



MR. KREGER'S GEOMETRY classes at Ontario High School are wrapping up the unit on volume and surface area of solids by creating and constructing their own pyramids. Students had to create a blueprint of their pyramid and then construct it to scale using whatever materials they desire. Students are Haley Crabtree, Trista Jewell and Gracie Thurber.

## Protecting Ohio kids from child abuse

By Senator Sherrod Brown

Sadly, we know child deaths due to abuse are far too common. The National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System estimated that 1,840 children died from abuse and neglect in 2019, and we know those numbers probably don't even tell the full story

Right now, the lack of a clear definition for "child maltreatment fatality" lets too many kids slip through the cracks. We can't solve the problem if we don't even have accurate data on how bad it is.

That's why I joined my Republican colleague, Senator Roy Blunt, to reintroduce our bipartisan Child Abuse Death Disclosure Act, to provide policymakers and public health officials with a clearer picture on exactly how many children we are losing each year.

Our bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to consult with state and local officials, child welfare practitioners, pediatricians, public health officials, and law enforcement to develop a national standard definition related to child abuse deaths

Without a standard, national definition, we are never going to be able to accurately track this problem and advance

potential solutions.

The bill would also require states to report case specific information to the National Center for Fatality Review and Prevention to better understand the circumstances around a child's death. This would include requiring states to look into whether the family had access to housing, mental health services, or drug treatment services.

In addition, the bill would provide resources to improve culturally competent training for pediatricians and medical professionals, to better identify and respond to injuries in infants that could be signs of abuse

Our bill has the support multiple child advocacy organizations, including the National Children's Alliance and the National Child Abuse Coalition.

The fight to end child abuse and neglect deaths starts with community awareness and responding to at-risk families before they are in crisis. It includes better training medical professional, and creating national standards.

We need to treat child abuse prevention like the public health crisis that it is. I'm hopeful that we can make real bipartisan progress on this commonsense plan to save children's lives.

## Ohio DD Council seeking input

The Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council (Ohio DD Council) is seeking input from individuals with disabilities and providers to better understand transportation equity and transportation access for people with disabilities in Ohio. The survey is conducted by the Ohio Colleges of Medicine Government Resource Center.

The survey is seeking input from Ohioans ages 19 and older with a disability, family members, friends, caregivers; and transportation providers who provide services to Ohioans with disabilities. It aims to collect information on: types of transportation individuals use; finding

transportation to get to and from places, how the COVID-19 pandemic changed transportation choices; and communities served and services provided (for transportation providers).

The survey is available at [https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_5pzFjiyWNEe1J?utm\\_source=cision&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=survey&utm\\_content=TransportationSurvey](https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5pzFjiyWNEe1J?utm_source=cision&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=survey&utm_content=TransportationSurvey), and is also available as a paper copy or by telephone. The deadline for the survey is July 31. For more information or to request the survey contact Ann Robinson at [ann.robinson@osumc.edu](mailto:ann.robinson@osumc.edu).



## Ontario High School students recognized at academic awards

The Ontario High School Academic Awards were held April 22, hosted by the Ontario Academic Boosters.

Boosters president Heidi Zimmerman welcomed guests and Gregory Tan, National Honor Society President, led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Invocation was given by National Honor Society member Lilly Casey and principal Chris Smith gave the presentation of awards.

Senior presentation was given by National Honor Society officers Gregory Tan, Teresa Liu, Colton Geer and Ethan Glenwright.

**First Year Awards** were presented to Jastyn Allen, Paige Dunkle, Savannah Jackson, Joshua Mazzocco, Ella Shaffer, Carson Barnes, Alexander Ellis, Trista Jewell, Najee Morris, Jonah So, Abigail Bechstein, Autumn Ervin, Natalie Kline, Chance Mullins, Sarah Strickler, Grason Bias, Dane Ervin, Olivia Kreger, Adalyn Muncy, Chase Studer, Ryan Brophy, Quinton Frankhouse, Kayla Kurtz, Kavya Patel, Brooklyn Ward, Diondre Cantey, Madison Genders, Keely Kurtz, Nishthaa Patel, Carter Weaver, Hailey Crabtree, Michael Howard, Jocelyn Lehew, Amanda Phillips, Canaan Wentz, Charles Danuloff, Jocelyn Hunter, Jaslyn Lopez, David Reedy, Bryden Wolfe, Wyatt Dean, Kayen Huvler, Jena Ly, Grady Schroeder, Brady Zehe and Makayla Dickson

**Second Year Awards** were presented to Omar Abdelaziz, Elsa Furlong, Miles Meisse, Logan Rhodebeck, Audrey Spearman, Jillian Ambrose, Kristina Heins, Tyler Milligan, Belicia Salas, Chandler Spognardi, Isabel Baker, Madaline Henderson, Thomas Montgomery, Ashton Schonauer, Alexandria Switaj, Mckenzie Barnhart, Nathaniel Judson, Kylee Mullins, Hadley Schultz, Brienne Trumpower, Leah Blay, Adrienne Kearns, Elizabeth Nagel, Elijah Selser, Elanor Wilging, Elisha Burson, Colin Kmetz, Hunter Petit, Lauren Sexton, Erica Ye, Elizabeth Corn, Noah Marsh, Brody Phillips, Alexis Shaver, Laprina Young, Jayden Dechert, Grace McClenathan and Natalie Reid

**Third Year Awards** were presented to Shelby Baker, Haley Carpenter, Aiden

Frankhouse, Rylee Nigh, Nathan Slater, Ian Barnes, Ryan Chapman, Mckenna Gorbett, Nathaniel Reid, Courtney Smith, Meredith Bise, Rachell Clark, Jansen Hildreth, Elizabeth Roley, Mckenna Stoffer, Brooklyn Blaising, Paige Danuloff, Gavin Hull, Ava Ruhe, Evan Trumpower, William Bolin, Priya Das, Shelby Keever, Audrey Saltzgeber, Riley Vavra, Gracen Boor, Emma Drexel, Jaslyn Ly, Cooper Schroeder, Brooklynn Wharton, Ethan Browning, Samantha Fraley, Ellie Maurer, Madelyn Seibel, Shelby Zimmerman, Giana Camarata, Dylan Fraley and Destiny Moton

**Fourth Year Awards** were presented to Jenin Abdelaziz, Ethan Duffner, Kylie Hendrix, Teresa Liu, Emily Sgambellone, Caden Armstrong, Morgan Eckert, Claire Henige, William Mabee, Emma Shaffer, Olivia Bise, Amy Evans, Avery Hooks, Tatiana McFarland, Brayden Shaver, Alexa Blakley, Corinne Fanello, Brianna Jilek, Brynn Meisse, Brennan Strickler, Allaura Carpenter, Colton Geer, Alexis Johnson, Bree Mills, Isaac Swogger, Lillian Casey, Ethan Glenwright, Kayla Klautsch, Makayla Minard, Gregory Tan, Vincent Chen, Tyler Gould, Jay Kmetz, Jonathan Nagel, Owen Vick, Logan Costa, Haley Guisinger, Kolten Kurtz, Nolan Payne, Cori Wentz, Sabrinna Crabtree, Makenzi Hanner, Allena Lemaster, Abigail Perez, Madison Wilkerson, Paige Deal, Owen Hatfield, Natalie Link, Randall Rickel, Irene Zhang, Kaylee Dininger and Rebekah Haudenschild

Earning a 4.0 of above for all four years were Ethan Duffner, Teresa Liu, Caden Armstrong, Claire Henige, William Mabee, Emma Shaffer, Avery Hooks, Brayden Shaver, Corinne Fanello, Brianna Jilek, Allaura Carpenter, Colton Geer, Ethan Glenwright, Gregory Tan, Vincent Chen, Jay Kmetz, Jonathan Nagel, Owen Vick, Kolten Kurtz, Nolan Payne, Cori Wentz, Sabrinna Crabtree, Makenzi Hanner, Natalie Link, Randall Rickel and Irene Zhang

The Staff Member of the Year Award went to Mr. Rick Jacox. This was selected by members of the National Honor Society.

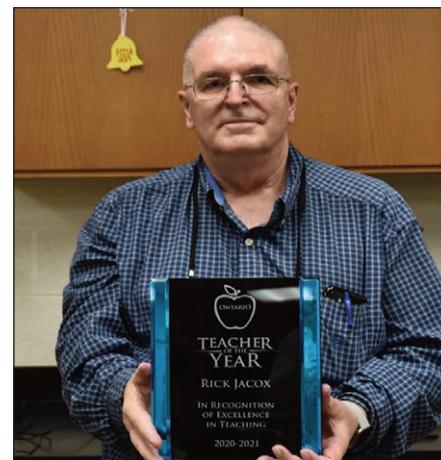
Academic Booster 2021 Scholarship Awards went to Owen Vick, Colton Geer, Corinne Fanello, Natalie Link, Brayden Shaver, Gregory Tan and Ethan Glenwright.



Bri Jilek, Allena Lemaster and Olivia Bise



Owen Vick and Brayden Shaver



Teacher of the Year Rick Jacox



Cori Wentz, Jenin Abdelaziz, Makayal Minard, Colton Geer, Gregory Tan, Ethan Glenwright



McKenna Gorbett receives an award

## Recycling trailer available at OUMC May 29, 30

A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, May 29 and 30.

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.



**OHS GOVERNMENT** — Oral arguments were on the docket recently in Mr. Coley's AP Government class at Ontario High School. Students argued a school speech case involving a Snapchat post by a cheerleader off campus, as well as a foster placement program run by the City of Philadelphia, and challenged by Catholic Social Services. Pictured are Courtney Smith, Ellie Maurer and Jaslyn Ly.

## Alzheimer's Association to hold virtual programs

Throughout June, 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 early evening via videoconferencing to allow individuals to participate in the convenience of their homes.

A special program all about Lewy Body Dementia and the Robin Williams story will be held on June 3.

The programs are helpful for anyone experiencing signs of memory loss, their family members who may be concerned, and community members looking for more education.

The association is also hosting two volunteer recruitment events.

All programs are free and open to the public. Registration is required. To register call 800-272-3900.

Programs are:

- Healthy Living for Brain and Body May 27, 5 pm
- Volunteer Recruitment Event, June 2, noon
- Dementia Conversations with Dr. Scharre: Lewy Body Dementia and the Robin Williams Story, June 3, 11 am-1 pm
- Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia, June 3, 6 pm
- Healthy Living for Brain and Body, June 7, 6 pm
- Understanding/Responding to Dementia Behavior/Practical Survival Tips, June 8, 2 pm
- Dementia Conversations, June 8, 6:30 pm
- Healthy Living for Brain and Body, June 9, 11 am
- Volunteer Recruitment Event, June 10, 5 pm
- Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia, June 14, 5 pm
- Effective Communication Strategies, June 15, 6:30 pm
- 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's, June 16, 2 pm
- Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia, June 21, 11 am
- Dementia Conversations, June 23, 3 pm
- Healthy Living for Brain and Body, June 24, 5 pm
- Effective Communication Strategies, June 25, 1 pm
- Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia, June 29, 6:30 pm
- Dementia Conversations, June 30, 5 pm

The Alzheimer's Association leads the way to end Alzheimer's and all other dementia – by accelerating global research, driving risk reduction and early detection, and maximizing quality care and support. Our vision is a world without Alzheimer's and all other dementia. In Ohio, more than 600,000 Alzheimer's caregivers provide care for more than 220,000 loved ones impacted by Alzheimer's disease. Visit alz.org or call 800-272-3900.

## Ontario Middle School Sidewalk Chalk



## Pioneer hosts virtual awards ceremony and celebration

On Tuesday, May 18, Pioneer graduates were celebrated and the seniors told their story during the premier of the 2021 Virtual Awards Ceremony & Senior Celebration.

Pioneer is keeping with their traditions but they have been enhanced to celebrate the student's stories, and recognize their accomplishments and future endeavors.

With 490 seniors graduating, they were presented with their Pioneer Career Passports and recognized for over \$3 million in scholarships at the same time. A link to the ceremony is on Pioneer's website, [www.go2pioneer.com](http://www.go2pioneer.com), and it aired on Pioneer's YouTube channel. Families are encouraged to take screenshots of their graduate on their smartphones and computers and post them on social media and tag Pioneer.

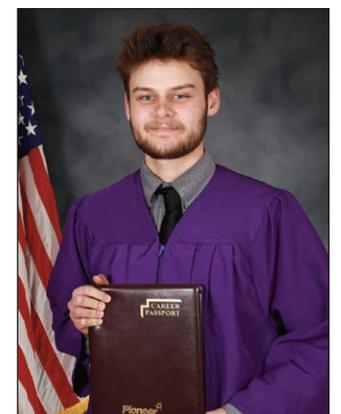
To complete this monumental task of putting the ceremony together, the Pioneer seniors were filmed earlier this month then students in the Pioneer Media Communications lab worked to make a masterpiece.

All of the information that appears under the name of each graduate was submitted to Pioneer directly by each graduate. The Pioneer Career Passports include the student's resume, certificate of completion, industry certi-

fication documentation and a list of competencies that each student has earned in their career and technical program while at Pioneer.

Marco Photo Services provided a complementary senior portrait and an 8x10 print of every Pioneer senior. During the awards portion of the ceremony the senior portraits appeared so that viewers could see the recipient of the award.

Following the ceremony the Senior Moments video played showing the fun memories students have had throughout their journey at Pioneer. The ceremony can be watched on any smart TV, iPad, computer or cell phone.



**Maximus McCann,**  
a Pioneer Welding  
student from  
Lexington High School

## Pioneer accepts numerous donations during board meeting

The Pioneer Board of Education met Monday, May 17.

The board moved to approve student accident insurance through Student Protective Agency for the 2021-'22 school year.

The board approved revisions to policy and the NCOCC Service Level Agreement for FY22.

The OhioHealth Corporation agreement for use of clinical facilities for the adult education and high school medical programs was approved.

A donation was accepted from Laura Weyant, Colonial Health Care Center, of three shower chairs, five wheelchairs and three sets of curtain dividers with an approximate value of \$1,850. This donation will be used in the high school and adult education medical career technical programs.

Lori Love of Mansfield gave a donation of \$70 for the Art Barr Scholarship fund and Ike and Nick Costein of Willard donated \$100 for the Ruth Klenke Scholarship which is awarded annually to a Pioneer senior.

E-Crane International, USA of Galion donated \$100 in memory of Tori Carman, alumni of the web page design program. This donation will be deposited into the BPA fund and used for student activities.

Donations for the Fabela Scholarship Fund came from Thomas and Katherine Sabourin (\$100); and Dan and Kathy Dornbirer (\$50).

Terry Sauter, Mansfield, gave \$2,984 in memory of her husband, Ron Sautter, a 1979 carpentry program alumni. This donation will be used for educational purposes in the carpentry career technical program.

The Dawn Wright-Smith, Blackbaud Giving Fund, Wells Fargo, donated \$90 to the Alumni Endowment Scholarship Fund. The scholarship is awarded annually to a Pioneer senior.

Employment was granted to Jeremiah Howe and Daniel Slaughter as career tech supervisors, effective Aug. 2, 2021.

Retirement resignations were accepted from LeAnne Bauerdick, math instructor, effective June 1, 2021; and Daniel Dornbirer, school counselor, effective July 1, 2021.

The board approved professional development/new technology extended service for Darin Beal, Paul Brown and Dave Such for ASE CEU's online webinar July 26-30.

A supplemental contract was given to Bill Dichtl for summer administrative copy work. Leave without pay was granted to Ariel Little, attendance secretary.

Maternity leave for Jessica Cooper, adult education secretary, was approved.

The resignation of Britney Lykins, P/T education aide, was accepted, effective at the end of the current school year. The resignation of Robert Banichar, adult education welding instructor, was accepted, effective at the end of the 2020-'21 contract year.

Substitute classified employments were approved.

Olivia Corwin was approved as a graphic arts student worker for the summer of 2021.

The board approved a Memorandum of Understanding between the Education Association of Pioneer and Pioneer Board of Education for the Virtual Learning Committee and expansion of duties for education aides. A Master Agreement between the association and board for July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024, was also approved.

Revisions were made to the hourly pay schedule for employees not covered under the Master Agreement. An agreement with Life Steps Counseling Services for the next school year was also approved.

The final motion was to adopt a resolution to reject all bids received on the building sealing project.

## Kingwood 5K deadline is June 1

The Kingwood 5K Run and Walk will be held Saturday, June 12 with the race start at 9 am. The chip-timed 5K is held on the long-standing traditional date of the second Saturday in June.

Registration is \$25 and can be completed online at [ohioraceday.com](http://ohioraceday.com) or by mail to Doug Heestand, 431 Edgewood Rd., Mansfield, OH 44907. Questions may be sent to [heest97@hotmail.com](mailto:heest97@hotmail.com). To be guaranteed an official race shirt, registration is due by June 1. No walk-up registration will be accepted on race day.

The typical race format may be altered

due to COVID-19 precautions. Winners will be announced on social media instead of an awards ceremony. Awards will still be presented in a new format to overall female, overall male, and for age groups ranging from nine years and under, to 70 years and older. Race participants receive free admission to the Gardens for the day.

The Garden Gateway visitor center opens at 7:45 am for check in. The race begins on Linden Rd. and follows sections of the B&O Bike Trail and Kingwood's grounds. The 5K benefits Kingwood's horticultural and educational departments.

## •State Champs recognized by Lexington BOE

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2021-'22 school year were Crew Hatfield, continue, grade 6; Adler Hatfield, continue, grade 9; and Maya Hatfield, continue, grade 12.

Serving as summer help for the technology department are Anna Pham, May 17-Aug. 17; Kayla Lynsky, May 17-Aug.

17; and Emma Sturts, May 25-Aug. 17.

The board made a resolution to approve the Ohio High School Athletic Association membership for the 2021-'22 school year.

The board also voted to remove all health orders on June 2, when the state removes all health orders.



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**A BENEFIT CAR WASH** for Jeff Whisler was held in the Kroger parking lot on Ashland Rd., Madison area. Whisler (pictured right) is a junior at Madison Comprehensive High School who was injured in a skateboard accident last month. Jeff, 16, suffered multiple fractures to the base of his skull which required surgery. He is currently recovering and going through therapy. Among those helping at the event were Sergeant Chad Bescher of the Mansfield Post Ohio State Hwy Post, Angie Oney, Amiah Noe, Michael Fritz, Emma Moeglin, Mitchell Russell, Ethan Cowell, Michael Russell and Kiley Fritz. Updates on Jeff's progress are available at <https://www.facebook.com/22Strong-Updates-on-Jeff-Whisler-109062317989802>. A GoFundMe account has been set up at <https://gofund.me/3d50a939>.



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**EVEN AN OPEN TOP CONVERTIBLE** was able to take part in the fundraiser for Jeff Whisler during the car wash held on May 22.



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**THE MADISON BINGO HALL** had a packed house May 21 during a spaghetti dinner for Madison Rams Soccer player Jeff Whisler who was injured in a skateboard accident. At 6:15, 556 tickets had been sold at \$10 each. When the last person was served, close to 700 had attended the benefit dinner. Brittany Curry and her husband, Justin, were kept busy dishing out the spaghetti. Brittany said it was a great success. All the money taken in will go toward Jeff's medical expenses since all the items for the event were donated. O'Charleys in Ontario furnished all the spaghetti. A silent auction was also held.

# Lexington's Annual Safety Day



## Lions sale coming to Ontario June 26

The Ontario Lions Club will host its "BIG Yard & Craft Sale" Saturday, June 26, from 10 am to 4 pm, rain or shine.

The sale will be held at Ontario Lions Clever Park, 3708 Snodgrass Rd., Ontario.

Tables and spaces are available for rent — a 16' table in the pavilion for \$30; and 8' table in the pavilion for \$20; or a 10'x10' space behind the parking area posts for \$10. Electric is available for pavilion rentals but not available for the parking rentals.

To rent a space or table, call Leslie at 419-565-6389 or Renee at 419-631-4151 by June 12. Check or money order can be sent to 3777 Park Avenue West, Ontario, OH 44906, also with a deadline of June 12.

Set-up begins at 8 am on the day of the sale. Vendors are responsible for trash clean up.

Restrooms and running water will be available and there is plenty of parking. Food will be available for purchase during the event. Menu items will include sloppy joe, hot dogs, bratwurst, chips, pop and bottled water. All proceeds go toward support of Ontario Lions Club Community Projects.

## Volunteers needed to help plant community garden

Volunteers are needed to get the Liberty Park Garden ready to produce fresh vegetables to help feed the community.

Progress has been slowed by rains and cooler temperatures in the early part of May and there is quite a lot of planting to be completed during June. The garden should provide bountiful harvest throughout the summer.

The project will help meet the needs for fresh produce through the East Side's Catholic Charities Food Pantry.

Work dates are June 3, June 5, June 12, June 14, June 21, June 24 and June 28, from 6-8 pm.

For more information contact Rev. Stanley Wertz, provisional deacon the the East Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church, at 419-378-2503 or stanley.wertz@neo.rr.com.

## Hymnsing planned

The next Mansfield Area Community Hymnsing will be held Friday, June 4, from 7-8:30 pm at New Liberty Baptist Church, Lexington Avenue, Lexington. The church is located a half mile south of Hanley Rd.

This is a sing-a-long event where the congregation calls out the song number from the book, and everyone joins in to sing.

This will be a special night as it will be the last Hymnsing with Randy Fagan as pianist. Randy and his wife Cindi will be moving out of the area. Randy has been the pianist for seven years.

The full schedule can be found on Facebook at Mansfield Area Community Hymnsing. This is a free event and everyone is welcome.