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THE MANSFIELD ART CENTER held a grand opening celebration Saturday, July 10 for visitors to tour the new ceramics and glass studio and event pavilion. The celebration also commemorated 50 years for the center's original building. At the event was a Royal Princess Party, food trucks and glass blowing and wheel throwing demonstrations. Benjamin Johnson, assistant professor and chair of glass from the Cleveland Institute of Art demonstrates glass blowing. The official name of the new ceramic and glass studio is the Fran and Warren Rupp Glass and Ceramic Studio in honor of a significant donation from the Richland County Foundation's Rupp Fund to the Art Rising Campaign of 2018-19. (See more photos on page 12).

St. Peter's Parish Christmas in July event is Sunday

St. Peter's Church will host a Christmas in July dinner on Sunday, July 18, from 3-5 pm in the parking lot of St. Peter's Church, corner of S. Mulberry and W. 1st Streets.

The event will feature a hot meal with chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, sweet potatoes, a vegetable, roll and desserts. For kids, there will be free snow cones and children will receive a toy donated by Hedstorm Plastics in Ashland.

The parish's Feed the Needy ministry recently expanded to two Sunday afternoons a month, offering a free hot meal, prayer and fellowship to anyone who needs it.

"The program has been very successful since we relaunched the program in November," said Father Kevin Moebius, assistant pastor at St. Peter's.

"People still needed to eat despite the pandemic and there were not many options on Sundays. We are grateful to have dedicated parishioners and volunteers to help serve these meals to our community."

The parish serves the meals to anyone in the community on the first and third Sundays of every month - rain or shine. In addition to the meals, personal hygiene items are also available to those who need them. Anyone who would like to attend is invited.

Mansfield Art Center celebrates 50 years and glass and ceramic studio opening

The Mansfield Art Center held a grand opening of its new event pavilion and ceramics and glass studio Saturday, July 10.

The new additions were completed in the fall of 2020 and coinciding with the grand opening, the art center commemorated the 50th anniversary of its original, nationally-recognized building that was completed in 1971.

In 1969, Clara Louise Black, the daughter-in-law of Mansfield industrialist and Ohio Brass founder Frank Black, donated eight acres of land for the art center building at the corner of Marion Ave. and Millsboro Rd., Mansfield. The 50-year-old original building was started in 1970 and completed in 1971. Renowned Cleveland architect Don Hisaka designed the original art center building. The contemporary building design was nationally recognized during both the design stage and after it was built. It is considered among the best-designed buildings in Ohio.

Featured activities during the event included tours of the new studio spaces and event pavilion, drawings for gift certificates and gift items and glass-blowing and wheel-throwing demonstrations. The Princesses of the Royal Princess Party visited for photos with children. The art center's new Digital Resource Lab with 3-D printers was also exhibited and guests were invited to see students working in the art center's new stained glass studio.

The official name of the new ceramics and glass studio is the Fran and Warren Rupp Glass and Ceramics Studio in honor of a significant donation from the Richland County Foundation's Rupp Fund to the art center's Art Rising Campaign of 2018-19. The campaign raised \$3.1 million for the art center's major expansion, now concluded.

Throughout the years, the art center's emphasis on member programming has changed from being a member-centric organization to one that encourages non-members to embrace art, too, through art center classes and free exhibitions, recognizing its changing role and impact on our area's youth and economic development.

"This new inclusive emphasis has encouraged thousands to create, visit, and become influenced today by our community's art center," said George Whitten, Mansfield Art Center Executive Director. "In response to this growing interest in the arts, the art center conducted its successful Art Rising fundraising campaign to build the new education wing with the arts studio and a pavilion for events and rentals, and renovations to the original building."

The new event pavilion is a special venue for business meetings, art center shows and events, and event rentals such as for weddings, receptions and parties. A courtyard and walkway connects the art center to the pavilion.

"As a vital and conclusive part of our strategic plan, which triggered planning for expansion four years ago, we are initiating a new campaign to raise \$2 million for long-term investment that will provide annual income for future growth," said Whitten.

The new campaign, underway and called Golden Legacy in honor of the 50th anniversary of the MAC's original building, has raised nearly \$500,000 so far.

Current exhibitions at the art center, 700 Marion Ave., are "Authentic Surfaces", "Shush" by Kimberly Chapman, and "Unmasked" by E.D. Jasbeck.

Hours of operation are Tuesday through Friday 11 am to 5 pm, Saturday 10 am to 4 pm, and Sunday 11 am to 4 pm. Closed on Monday. Visit mansfieldartcenter.org for more information.

Richland Public Health resumes community health screenings after pausing for pandemic

Richland Public Health's Nursing Division has announced the return of community health screenings. The screenings, which bring a variety of free health services to locations throughout Richland County, were halted in March of 2020 due to coronavirus safety protocols.

Community health screenings are an easy way to check health status between visits to a primary care physician.

There are 25 no-cost screenings scheduled for the months of August, September, October and November at 12 locations. The entire schedule is available at <https://richlandhealth.org/our-community/community-health-screenings/> or by clicking on the events listing in the main menu at richlandhealth.org. Cholesterol screenings are also available at each location for \$12 and require a 12-hour fast.

The services, for all adults, include the following:

- Blood pressure reading (no cost). This simple check screens for hypertension (high blood pressure) and hypotension (low blood pressure). It is important to have blood pressure checked somewhere other than doctor's office or other clinic setting. High blood pressure is a risk factor for cardiovascular disease.

- Blood sugar check (no cost — 3-hour fast preferred). This blood test screens for hyperglycemia (high blood sugar) and hypoglycemia (low blood sugar). One cause of high blood sugar is diabetes.

- Anemia Check (no cost). With a small fingerstick, two blood tests (hemoglobin and hematocrit) check on red blood cells. Low hemoglobin and/or hematocrit can

be a sign of anemia.

- Cholesterol Check (\$12 cash or check only — requires 9-12-hour fast). This blood test measures good cholesterol (HDL), bad cholesterol (LDL) and triglycerides. High cholesterol levels are a risk factor for cardiovascular disease.

- Education and referrals (no cost). Receive information from a Public Health Nurse about various health issues and how to connect with community resources to assist with health and wellness needs.

Screenings are not intended to diagnose any medical condition. Any abnormal results should be confirmed by a healthcare professional.

Butler/Clear Fork Adult Center, 20 W Henry St., Butler, 7-8:30 am, first Wednesdays of the month (Aug. 4, Sept. 1, Oct. 6, Nov. 3)

The Friendly House, 380 N. Mulberry St., Mansfield, 10-11:30 am (Nov. 1)

Hidden Hollow Camp, 5127 Possum Run Rd, Bellville, 10-11:30 am (Oct. 4)

Lucas Community Center, 252 W. Main St., Lucas, 9-11 am, fourth Thursdays of the month (Aug. 26, Sept. 23, Oct. 28)

Madison Branch Library, 1395 Grace St., Mansfield, 9-10 am (Aug. 9, Nov. 8)

Masonic Temple, 1250 Middle Bellville Rd., Mansfield, 10-11 am (Aug. 10, Nov. 9)

Crossroads City Center, 29 N. Main St., Mansfield, 9-10:30 am, (Aug. 12)

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The Entertainment Examiner

By Ian Stumbo

The Marvel movies are back in theaters with *Black Widow*. Delayed over a year due to the pandemic, Scarlett Johansson returns to the role of iconic superhero Natasha Romanoff, a role she has been playing since *Iron Man 2* in 2010.

Black Widow is an origin story taking place in Ohio in 1995. Natasha, her sister and parents, who may not be who they seem, are fleeing from government agents. Following this, she and her sister go into the secretive Black Widow training program. As an adult and taking place after the original *Avengers*, Natascha tries to stop the evil practices of the Red Room training that trained her.

The cast and the element of family is the best thing about the movie. Florence Pugh really shines as sister Yelena and her parents played by David Harbour and Rachel Weisz are also great. Harbour is especially funny in his scenes and provides some great comic relief and nice touches.

The action scenes are fine including one escaping an avalanche on a helicopter.



Unfortunately, the movie overall just feels average. It is along the same line as *Captain Marvel* and *Thor: The Dark World*, Marvel films that were not bad but not great either. That's too bad as Johansson has always shined in this role and deserved a better movie. This should have come earlier in the series as it feels like an older film.

Black Widow is a very divided entry in Marvel's long running film series. The elements that work including the cast, actors and even the villain Taskmaster were effective.

The overall plot was pretty dry though and the whole movie felt like a setup for other Marvel films instead of the great stand alone story it could have been.

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



Mind Body Align launches free weekly virtual community mindfulness practice

Mind Body Align, the creators of mindful social emotional learning for schools, is launching Connect In, a free, global, 15 minute virtual community mindfulness practice on July 14, 2021. This inclusive experience will be ongoing, each Wednesday at 8:15 am EST via Live Zoom® at mindbodyalign.com.

"We all crave community in a way that feels safe to each of us. These weekly experiences are for everyone, not just those who know us or are already a part of Mind Body Align's community. We are bringing community mindfulness to the far reaches of the globe," said Annamarie Fernyak, founder of Mind Body Align. "This is designed for the individual who has no idea what mindfulness is, for those who already take time to practice, and all the folks in between."

The creative team at Mind Body Align plans a different experience each week that will include guided breath work and quiet stillness. "There are many experiences available online in today's world, but there is no substitute for a live experience," shared Jennifer Blue, operations director for Mind Body Align. "During this short practice, we will gather and be ready for whatever the day brings."

"We welcome participants to practice exactly as they are," said Caryl Church Jesseph, co-creator of the program. "Our experiences are sensitive and flexible to the ways an individual chooses to participate in our virtual space. By responding to the invitation to be mindful, we hope our community circles will widen, deepen, and people will find more presence with one another and themselves."

Businesses can apply for COVID relief grants

State Rep. Marilyn John (R-Richland County) announces applications are open for local businesses and venues in the form of grant programs to help Ohio industries recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. The initiatives were implemented by Senate Bills 108 and 109, legislation passed by the Ohio General Assembly. John supported both bills and was a cosponsor on S.B. 108.

"I highly encourage our local entities to take a look into these programs to see if it's appropriate and helpful to you and your business then feel free to apply," said John. "It's my hope these grant programs will help revitalize those industries that were impacted and hurt due to the pandemic."

The programs include the following allocations:

- \$100 million for the Food and Beverage Establishment Grant
- \$20 million for the Entertainment Venue Grant
- \$25 million for the Lodging Grant
- \$10 million for the New Small Business

Relief Grant
The grant relief programs for Ohio restaurants, entertainment venues, and lodging provides \$10K, \$20K, or \$30K grants based off of percentage of revenue loss from 2019 revenue compared to 2020 revenue. The new small businesses grant program provides \$10K grants to new Ohio small businesses established on or after January 1, 2020.

Each program will require applicants to have an OH|ID, and businesses that plan to apply can get an OH|ID now, if they don't already have one. Register at OH|ID (ohid.ohio.gov) by creating an account with a username/password. Click on Create OH|ID Account to set up an account at OH|ID.

All four programs will be administered by the Ohio Development Services Agency. Program guidelines, terms and conditions, and required documentation are available at <https://businesshelp.ohio.gov/>.

For more information email BusinessHelp@Development.Ohio.Gov.

4-H News Report

The Wild-N-Free 4-H Club held its meeting June 26, at 1 pm at the OSU Extension Office. The meeting was called to order and roll call was taken with the member's name and favorite thing to do in summer.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and the treasurer's report was given. The results of the speech contest were discussed. Two members of the club placed in the 4-H creed category. Kaley Bowman received first place and Julia Auck received second place. We are holding a car wash

for our fundraiser and the date was decided to be July 24 at 10 am at Advanced Auto Parts on Ashland Road. At the next meeting, we will be writing cards for soldiers for our community service. Livestock book judging will be July 6 and still project judging will be July 8. The dog show will be at 9:00 am on July 17. The booth theme for fair was also discussed. The meeting was adjourned with refreshments.

Kaley Bowman
Wild-N-Free 4-H Club News Reporter

Military News

DAV and RecruitMilitary are joining forces to attract, hire and retain military veterans and military spouses. A free hiring event for all transitioning members of the military, veterans, military spouses and dependents will be held Tuesday, July 20, from 11 am to 3 pm.

"Veterans couldn't be in a better position to return to work and explore new career opportunities than now. Our modernized job search tools provide job seekers with direct access to employers seeking their skillset. And geographic location is no longer a singular limit," said RecruitMilitary CEO Tim Best. "The timing is right for veterans and America's employers to connect and get back to work."

For information and to register visit <https://recruitmilitary.careereco.com/Fair/EventDetails?fairId=713d84d3-627a-413d-8b4d-ac72015c5763>.

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Photo by U.S. Air National Guard Airman First Class Grace Riegel
SENIOR AIRMAN ALIVIA MERKEL, a dental technician at the 179th Airlift Wing, stands outside wing headquarters holding her letter of acceptance to the Air Force Academy at the 179th Airlift Wing in Mansfield, June 23. After three years of service at the 179th Airlift Wing, Merkel has been offered an opportunity to further her education while commissioning in the World's Greatest Air Force.

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The Richland Academy of the Arts non-event fundraiser labeled a success

Richland Academy of the Arts has officially completed its first-ever non-event fundraiser, presented by Park National Bank. During this "event," individuals could bid on items in a silent auction, make a donation for a chance to win a door prize, or give for a chance to win a bottle of wine. Attendees never had to leave their home to participate.

The academy saw wild success with this fundraiser, raising a total of \$11,620 to support their programs in dance, music, art, theatre, martial arts, and to further support their scholarship program awarding over \$37,000 annually to students and families in the Mansfield and surrounding communities.

"We found ourselves needing to think outside of the box for this year's auction fundraiser because of the time in which we live," says Marianne Cooper, Executive Director at Richland Academy of the Arts. "The chair of our development committee, Scott Heimann, introduced the non-event idea and we couldn't be more thrilled about the support we received from the community."

This event was made possible through the following sponsors: Presenting Sponsor, Park National Bank; Ohio Arts Council; WOB Accountants and Advisors; Hamilton Insurance Group Inc.; Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development; MG Energy; Small Business Administration Paycheck Protection Program; Richland Source; and Mid-State Multimedia Group. Richland Academy would like to thank their Board of Directors for their support: Jessica Dulle, Sue Guimaraes, Ed Gutchall, Brian Hamilton, Scott Heimann, Jim Henry, Tim Hilterman, Chris Hiner, Joann Hipsher, Jessica Hiser, Don Hoover, Jason Metzger, Jim Nicholson, Pat Olson, and Ashley Pifer. Special thanks goes to the Richland Academy Development Committee: Brian Hamilton, Scott Heimann, Jessica Hiser. Richland Academy would also like to thank the community and all participants for supporting the event.

For more information call 419-522-8224 or visit www.richlandacademy.com. The academy is located at the corner of 4th and Walnut St. and was founded in 1991.

Annual Ice Cream Social

Saturday, July 24
4-6 pm

Mid-Ohio Community Band will perform a FREE concert at 4:30 pm

Ala-Carté sandwiches, sides, drinks, dessert

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969 E. Crall Rd., Madison area

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Grandstand Events:

Sunday, Aug. 8, Harness Racing, 5:30 pm, Free

Monday Aug. 9, Harness Racing, 5:30 pm, Free

Wednesday Aug. 11, Rodeo, 7 pm, \$5

Thursday Aug. 12, OSTPA & County Tractor Pull,
7 pm, \$10 Grandstand • \$20 Pit • \$20 Back Gate

Friday Aug. 13, Concert

Jessica Hannan opening at 6:30 pm

Nashville Crush at 8 pm • \$10 Track

Saturday, Aug. 14, Demolition Derby, 5 pm

\$10 Grandstand • \$15 Pit

Wednesday Kids Day: Special Ride Prices Noon to 4 pm
Special Events & Entertainment

Sunday Gate Admission \$1 (No rides)

Thursday Armed Forces Day, 8 am to closing)

(Free admission with ID to all Veterans & Active Duty)

General Gate Admission \$5 daily (Rides Open Monday 6 pm)

Admission for Children 48" and under is free!

Membership Ticket (7 admissions) \$25

Season Ticket (7 admissions) \$25

richlandcountyfair.com

News Briefs

CACY is hosting a "Parents & Kids Picnic" on Wednesday, July 28 from 5-6:30pm at the Richland County Longview Center, 1495 W. Longview Ave.

Come for a fun evening of games and picnic dinner. A \$10 gas card is available to help with transportation.

Register by July 19 at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdcqWf7ZgsR6lcRSsDwZJfy4bkidsX-6fuA-2QY_KbVhBKEuA/viewform

Mansfield 1st EPC, 399 S. Trimble Rd., (corner of Trimble and Millsboro) will host a rummage sale on Friday, July 16 9 am to 4 pm and Saturday, July 17, 9 am to noon.

There will be clothing, toys, housewares, and much more. Proceeds are used for local missions. For information call 419-756-7066.

A work session for the Madison Board of Education has been scheduled for Thursday, July 22, beginning at 9 am at Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center, 890 W. Fourth St., Mansfield. The meeting is for strategic planning. No action will be taken at this session.

A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, July 24 and 25.

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.

Work dates and times have been scheduled at Liberty Park Garden in Mansfield. They are July 15, 19, 22, 26 and 31, from 6-8 pm.

Under the direction of the Rev. Stanley Wertz, the garden helps meet the needs for fresh produce through the east side's own Catholic Charities Food Pantry.

For more information contact Wertz at 419-378-2503 or 419-892-3539.

Trinity United Methodist Church, 1592 Grace St., Mansfield, will hold "Mystery Island" Vacation Bible School on July 25, July 27 and July 29 from 6-8:30 pm, each night. Registration for kindergarten through 12th grade will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Pre-registration is available at <https://trinity-mansfield.myanswers.com/mystery-island2>.

The Senator Mark Romanchuk and Richland County GOP Golf Scramble will be held Friday, July 16, at Westbrook Country Club, 1098 Springmill St., Mansfield.

Registration begins at 8:30 am with a 9:30 am shotgun start. The event will feature special guest Senate President Matt Huffman. Cost is \$200 for an individual golfer, and \$475 for a foursome. Event sponsorship is available at \$2,500 which includes signage, lunch, tee sponsor and foursome; \$1,500 for signage at registration and foursome; \$575 for foursome and tee sponsor; and \$250 tee sponsor.

For information or to register contact

Amy Kerschner at 614-595-2646 or email amykerschner@outlook.com by July 9.

Paradise Church, 87 N. Illinois Ave., Madison area, will offer Bible stories, crafts, games, skits, snacks and prizes for children age 2 to grade 12.

The Bible school will be held Aug. 9-13, from 6:30-8:30 pm. Registration will be held July 31 and Aug. 7 from 9-11 am at the church.

For more information visit myparadisearchurch.com, Paradise Church on Facebook or call Angie Benedict at 419-512-8377.

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. An individual may also call 567-247-7101 Monday through Friday from 9 am to 5 pm to request an application by mail.

All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church of Bellville, 25 Church St., Bellville, will host speaker Aurelio Diaz on Sunday, July 18, at 10:30 am, who will speak on "Give of Yourself," being a community servant.

This speaker was rescheduled, originally slated for July 4.

For more information visit www.all-soulsuohio.org.

Little Washington Congregational Church is hosting its 16th annual "Cruise-In" on Saturday, Aug. 14, from 4-7 pm.

Home-cooked food will be served along with ice cream and pie.

Cruise-In participants enjoy sharing information about their restored cars, motorcycles and farm equipment. To register call Gary Stone at 419-774-2714 or just stop in on Saturday, Aug. 14 and register. Please arrive by 3 pm.

For information call Ronda Stone at 419-774-2714 or the church at 419-756-9292. The church is located at the corner of Washington South and East Hanley Roads.

The City of Ontario summer concert series is held at the Marshall Park Band Shell from 6-8 pm and concerts are free. Food vendors will be available.

The schedule continues with Thursday, July 8, The Return, progressive classic rock; Thursday, July 22, Red Ball Jets, rock; Aug. 12, Sweet Beats, Beatles tribute; Aug. 26, Departure, Journey tribute; Sept. 9, Oolong Gurus, country/alternative; and Sept. 23, Just Jazz Live, jazz.

Visitors are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy a picnic as they enjoy the music.

To submit a news brief item, email information to news@tribune-courier.com.

Deadlines are noon Mondays.

Memorial Arrangements

Avalon R. (Shumaker) Evans

Avalon R. (Shumaker) Evans of Ontario, passed away Tuesday, December 1, 2020, at Avita Health System-Ontario Hospital at the age of 89. She was born November 10, 1931, in Galion, Ohio, to the late Lewis Leroy and Audrey Edna (Cole) Shumaker.

She grew up in a large family and she married Thomas Evans on December 29, 1952, making a wonderful home for them and their four children. Avalon valued education and was a member of the PTA when her children were young. She was very involved in her children's activities and served as both a Boy Scout and Girl Scout leader. Avalon was incredibly athletic and active, playing competitive volleyball and tennis well into her 60s. Her competitive nature flowed over to two of her favorite activities, playing Euchre and Bridge.

Avalon was a member of Ontario United Methodist Church and was very proud to be the resident piano accompanist for the Men's Group and Children's Group. She was formerly both President and treasurer of the United Methodist Women (UMW) and a Sunday school teacher for over 50 years. Avalon also served on the Board



of the Ontario Senior Center.

She is survived by four children, Richard (Caryl) Evans of Salem, OH, Jill Sharwark of Euclid, OH, Robert (Emily) Evans of Richmond, VA, and Kristen Evans of Wooster, OH; five grandchildren, Amanda Sharwark, Rebecca Shade, Benjamin Evans, Caralyn Evans and Joshua Evans; two great-grandsons, Cooper and Wyatt Shade; and a sister, Joyce Layman of Coshocton, OH. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Edwin Evans on March 28, 2018; two sisters, Viola Reed and Wanda Butler; and three brothers, Carl Shumaker, Lawrence Shumaker and Lowell Shumaker.

A gathering of family and friends will be held from 3-4 pm on Monday, July 19, at the Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, Ontario. A service will follow thereafter beginning at 4 pm. with Pastor Christine Bell officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Ontario United Methodist Church. The Ontario Home of Wappner Funeral Directors is honored to serve the family.

Words of comfort may be expressed to the family at www.wappner.com



David Baumann



Philip McClenathan



Gregory Mumea

Mechanics Bank announces promotions

Mechanics Bank has announced the following promotions:

David Baumann has been promoted to Senior Vice President. Dave joined Mechanics in 2010 as Manager of Human Resources and now serves as the Branch Sales & Service, Human Resources & Facilities Manager. Dave has a bachelor's degree from Franklin University and a master's degree in Business Administration from Ashland University. Additionally, Dave is a graduate of the Ohio Bankers League Bank Management School and is currently attending the Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Philip McClenathan has been promoted to Senior Vice President. Phil joined Mechanics in 2000, serving numerous roles in the past 21 years, many focused within the consumer and commercial

lending departments. Phil now serves as the Senior Credit Officer and Commercial Loan Manager. Phil has a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Mt. Vernon Nazarene University. He is a graduate of the Ohio Bankers League (OBL) Bank Management School, OBL Bank Leadership Institute, Graduate School of Banking (GSB) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and GSB's Financial Management School.

Gregory Mumea has been promoted to Senior Vice President. Greg joined Mechanics in 2005 as a residential mortgage loan officer and now serves as the Residential Mortgage and Consumer Loan Manager. Greg holds a bachelor's degree from The Ohio State University.

Mechanics Bank is Richland County's only independent, community bank with nine locations in Richland County.

RRLC ice cream social fundraiser is July 24

The Richland Rural Life Center, 969 E. Crall Rd., Mansfield (Madison area), will host its ice cream social on Saturday, July 24, from 4-6 pm.

All items are À la Carte priced and the menu includes pulled pork, shredded chicken, sloppy joe, hot dogs, coneys, potato salad, cole slaw, baked beans, desserts, drinks and homemade vanilla ice cream

The Mid-Ohio Community Band will give a free performance from 4:30-5:30 pm.

The facility, located between Stewart Rd. and Rt. 545, offers grounds for use by Boy Scouts, 4-H and other service groups.

Building rentals are also available. Proceeds from the dinner help to maintain the facility. For more information call 567-307-4220.

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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
Saturday Worship, 4 pm and Sunday Worship 11 am
Tuesday Worship 5:30 pm and Friday Worship 9 am
Faith Instruction & Bible Study on Sunday Mornings
www.mansfieldstmarys.org

Mayflower Congregational Church

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

Lexington Presbyterian Church

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

Risen Savior Lutheran Church

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

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Pastor Jonathan Stuftt
Sunday Worship 9 am
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All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church

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



This Week's Outdoor Space

This Week's Space:
Ed and Teresa Vore
of Lexington

Send your outdoor space photos to news@tribune-courier.com

Lifestyle Inspiration



By Mátiece Thomas

Today, I have two topics for you — the health benefits of CLA as a supplement for your supplemental tool box and the importance of relying on measurements rather than the scale.

CLA (Conjugated Linoleic Acid) is a group of chemicals found in the fatty acid call linoleic acid. It is a type of fatty acid we MUST obtain in our diets. You probably hear “fatty” acid and think unhealthy, right? Not in this case. There are a lot of health benefits to CLA. A few benefits that led me to take this daily are:

- Weight loss
 - Blocks storage of body fat
 - Enhances lean muscle growth and strength
 - Helps normalize blood sugar levels
 - Reverses atherosclerosis (hardening of the arteries)
- There are more benefits, but this list spoke volumes to me for total wellness!

I previously took CLA in a pill form, but now I have found a clinical strength liquid that also contains my collagen — a win win! Below I will put my link for all my readers to get \$10 off.

Now, let's talk measurements. So many people rely on the scale to tell them if they are successful or not on their journey to getting healthier and fit. The scale is not always truthful, especially for women.

I like to take measurements, body composition is as important as the number on the scale — maybe even more important.

For example, I measure my clients the first week of every month and we weigh in weekly. Recently, one of my new client's scale only went down a couple pounds in a month. But when we measured, she was down 6 1/2 inches!

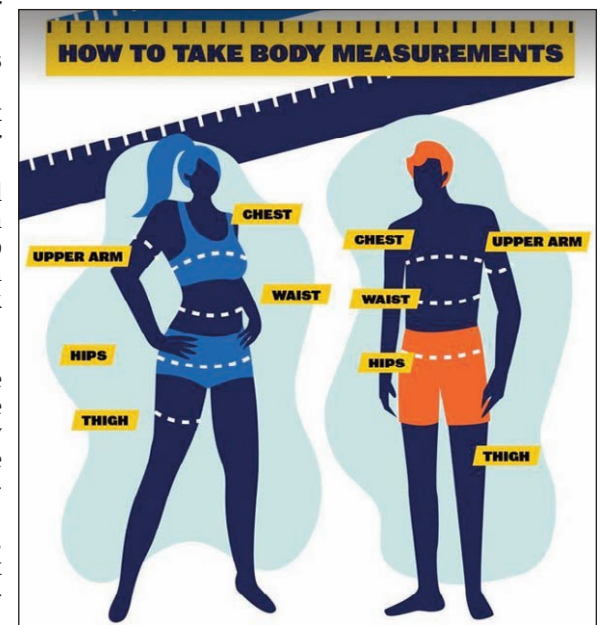
She accomplished this by taking my CLA product that helps build lean muscle and reduce body fat and we trained for the same benefits. She is exchanging fat for lean muscle and the scale will not always show that. Her inches went down because she has more lean muscle and less fat which made her get smaller. So think of it this way — would you prefer getting smaller and healthier or bragging about a number on the scale?

This is why I always encourage using a tape measure to check success. The scale can be a bully and bring you down, don't let it!

In my next article I am going to share some great tips on exercise. You do not have to lift heavy to see success.

My special discount link for my readers for the CLA collagen product is Modere.com/1066074. Look for the product called Trim. It is the best form of CLA plus collagen I have found.

Follow me at Instagram-5ptsfitness_trainergirl for nutrition and workout tips.



kimmyscucina

By Kim Sterry

Salad with Grilled Manchego Croutons & Fig Dressing

Ingredients

- Bread — a good hearty loaf, you will be slicing it really thin. I would say 10–16 slices
- Manchego cheese, 20–30 thin slices and some for grating on top of salad
- 4–6 Tbsp. butter, softened
- Bibb or butter lettuce, 2–3 bunches
- 4–5 sundried figs
- 1/2–1 cup coarsley chopped walnuts
- 1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1Tbsp. white wine vinegar
- 3Tbsp. water

Instructions

To make grilled cheese croutons: Heat a griddle or pan. Lay out slices of bread and put 1–2 slices of cheese on 1/2, put other piece of bread on cheese layer and butter both sides, grill on both sides until crispy. Slice in strips or cubes and set aside.

In a blender combine the dressing ingredients: 2 figs, oil, vinegars and water, salt & pepper. Blend well. Set aside in bowl.

Clean and chop lettuce and place in serving bowl or platter, add chopped walnuts and the rest of the figs (chopped). Drizzle with the dressing and place croutons on top. We did finish it off with some grated manchego.

**If you want to add some meat to this salad some grilled chicken would go well.



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Seneca Caverns, a short drive to adventure

Photos and Article
By Jenna Wolford

If you have followed me on trips in the past, you may remember how I like to find family-friendly destinations to explore and write about.

My first trip of this summer season was just under an hour away to Seneca Caverns in Bellevue, Ohio.

Now celebrating its 88th anniversary, the caverns, often known as “The Earth Crack,” are the only fracture cave in the United States that are open to the public.

As we embarked on our one-hour underground tour, I quickly realized this cavern would be a little different than previous caves I have visited.

The cave and its pathways have been preserved close to their original natural state. Instead of large pathways, this tour offers more for the adventure-lover in me as we climbed down natural rock staircases and crouched to travel through the passageway.

Touted as the “The Caviest Cave” it is the area’s largest underground cavern.

Experts have stated that Seneca Caverns may be the only cave of its kind open for public visitation. It has earned the official designation as a Registered Natural Landmark by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

Our tour guide, Maddie, gave a wonderful presentation about the history of the caverns and the various natural wonders found in the cave including fossils, mineral formations and stalactites.

We were taken down six levels to where the Ole Mist’ry River stops travelers from descending further. The crystal clear river is a stream which is part of the vast ground-water system which underlies the surrounding region. In drier seasons when the water level is lower, visitors can sometimes make it to the seventh level of the cave.

Seneca Caverns was discovered in June 1872 by Peter Rutan and Henry Komer of Flat Rock, OH, while hunting rabbits with their dog. The dog chased a rabbit to a brush pile, where the dog and rabbit then disappeared.

The boys dug around the brush pile and

discovered an opening, a natural sinkhole. The boys fell through the opening, landing in the first level of the cave.

After climbing out, the boys told of their discovery, starting many years of cavern history.

The caverns were first called Good’s Cave, for Mr. Emmanuel Good, the owner of the farm on which the cave was located.

In 1929, Don and Fannie Bell moved to Bellevue and, taking a great interest in caves, Mr. Bell discovered a series of passageways and rooms not previously known to exist which led to an underground river in 1931.

With this discovery, Bell thought the cave was large enough to develop commercially and after two and a half year’s of improvement, Seneca Caverns was opened to the public on May 14, 1933.

The Bells purchased the property prior to opening in 1933 and the caverns are still owned by the Bell Family today.

In addition to the one-hour guided tour, visitors can mine for gems in the sluice, enjoy a packed lunch at the picnic area and visit the gift shop.

The gift shop offers many unique items including carved rocks, t-shirts and other novelties. With the unique offerings, I was able to get some of my Christmas shopping done in July.

I found Seneca Caves to be a fun and enjoyable mini-adventure close to home. Although myself and children, ages 9 and 13, had no problems with handling the terrain, take consideration before embarking. As the website warns, “since there is considerable walking and numerous steps are involved, some elderly people and those with medical problems may find the tour too strenuous. The cave is not wheelchair or stroller accessible.”

The caverns are open seven days a week, 9 am to 7 pm, through Labor Day with the last tour departing at 6 pm. Reduced hours begin through mid-October and the caverns are closed November through April.

Reservations are not required but information can be found at senecacavernsohio.com/ or by calling 419-483-6711. The caverns are located at 15248 E. Township Road 178, Bellevue, OH.



A FEW AREAS of the cave offer a bit of a challenge for taller guests.



THE TOUR DESCENDS down natural stone “steps” as visitors make their way through the six levels of the Seneca Caverns.





“Bellville After the Rain” — Photo by Mark Shutt

Grandstand events return to Richland County Fair

The Richland County Fair will open Aug. 8–14 with a full schedule of events and entertainment.

The fair will officially open Sunday, Aug. 8, with \$1 gate admission and harness racing at 5:30 pm at the grandstands at no extra charge. There are no rides on Sunday; rides open at 6 pm Monday.

Harness racing will continue at 5:30 pm on Monday. Wednesday is Kids Day and features special ride prices from noon to 4 pm and special events and entertainment including a petting zoo.

On Wednesday, the rodeo is at 7 pm. Grandstand admission is \$5.

The OSTPA and county tractor pull is scheduled for Thursday at 7 pm. Admission is \$10 for the grandstand, \$20 for the pit and \$20 for the back gate.

Thursday is also Armed Forces Day from 8 am to closing. Fair gate admission is free with ID to all veterans and active duty.

On Friday, Aug. 13, Jessica Hannan will open at 6:30 pm before Nashville Crush takes the stage at 8 pm. Tickets are \$10 for track seating. Visit the www.richland-countyfair.com for tickets.

The demolition derby will be held at 5 pm. Tickets are \$10 for grandstand and \$15 for pit.

Throughout the week, general gate admission is \$5 daily and admission for children 48” and under is free.

Membership tickets (seven admissions) are \$25 and a season ticket (seven admissions) is also \$25.

For a full schedule visit richlandcountyfair.com.

Kingwood brings back summer concert series

Kingwood Center Gardens is announcing the return of its annual summer concert series, Live on the Lawn. Live on the Lawn features free concerts on select Thursday evenings in July from 7–9 pm.

The concert line-up is: July 15, Oolong Gurus; July 22, Crazy Gringos; and July 29, Paul Martin’s Jazz Quintet.

Free admission will begin at 6 pm at the new Garden Gateway visitor center with the concerts beginning around 7 pm at new location —the Quad near the duck pond. Visitors should bring their own lawn chair or blanket. Seating will not be provided. Buehler’s Food Truck, Ferris, and their Snacks & Sips will offer a variety of food and beverage options available for purchase.

Visitors should park in the Trimble Road parking lot at the Garden Gateway visitor center.

Kingwood is grateful to Modern Woodman of America for being this year’s presenting sponsor and media sponsor, North Central Ohio Media Group.

As a reminder, you must be 21 or older to consume alcohol and all alcohol must be purchased and consumed on the grounds. For information, including inclement weather location visit www.KingwoodCenter.org.



Photo by Sue Hoffer

A YELLOW WARBLER is spotted at Magee Marsh near Oak Harbor, OH.

Reading program continues at parks

Richland County Children Services (RCCS), the City of Mansfield Parks and Recreation and United Way of Richland County are helping youths become future leaders through the “Being A Reader Makes You A Leader” reading program.

The program is part of the Community Nature Day Camp that runs until Aug. 6 at Johns Park and North Lake Park from 9–3 pm for ages 5–12 years old.

Community leaders were invited to come and read a book to the youths participating in the camp and talk about their careers. The program kicked-off on Tuesday, July 6. Community leaders will read from 1–2 pm on the scheduled dates listed.

The goal of the program is to inspire youths to read, and help build their reading skills. Most importantly the youths have an opportunity to meet our community leaders our local heroes and learn how they became leaders.

July 13: Johns Park, Mycheala Holley (Senator Sherrod Brown’s office Regional Representative) (1–2 pm) and North Lake Park from 2–3 pm

July 15: Johns Park, Mayor Tim Theaker (Mansfield Mayor) and North Lake Park, Dr. Norman Jones

July 20: Johns Park, Jodie Perry, President & CEO, Richland Area Chamber of Commerce) and North Lake Park, Annabelle Coffman (NAMI Richland County)

July 22: Johns Park, Crystal Weese (Recruitment Coordinator, NECIC) and North Lake Park, Gary Bishop (Richland County Prosecutor)

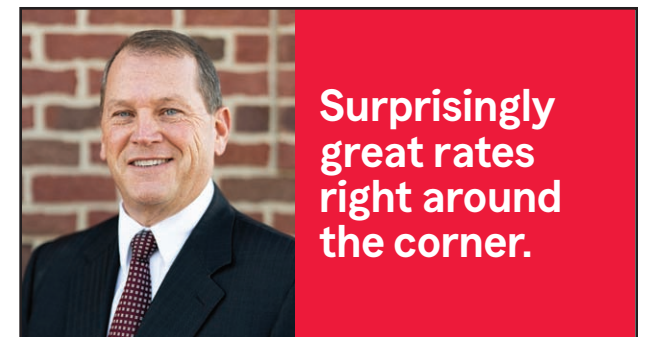
July 26: Johns Park, Duana Patton (CEO, Area Agency on Aging) and Susie Danuloff (Area Agency on Aging)

July 27: Johns Park - Winston Greene (District Test Coordinator, Mansfield City Schools) and North Lake Park- Josh Steffen (Executive Director, Kingwood Center)

Aug. 3: Johns Park, Reed Richmond (Health Education and Communications Specialist, Richland Public Health) and North Lake Park, Chief Steve Strickling (Mansfield Fire Department)

Aug. 5: Johns Park, Brenda Nelson (Development Director, Kingwood Center) and North Lake Park, Dr. Donna Hight

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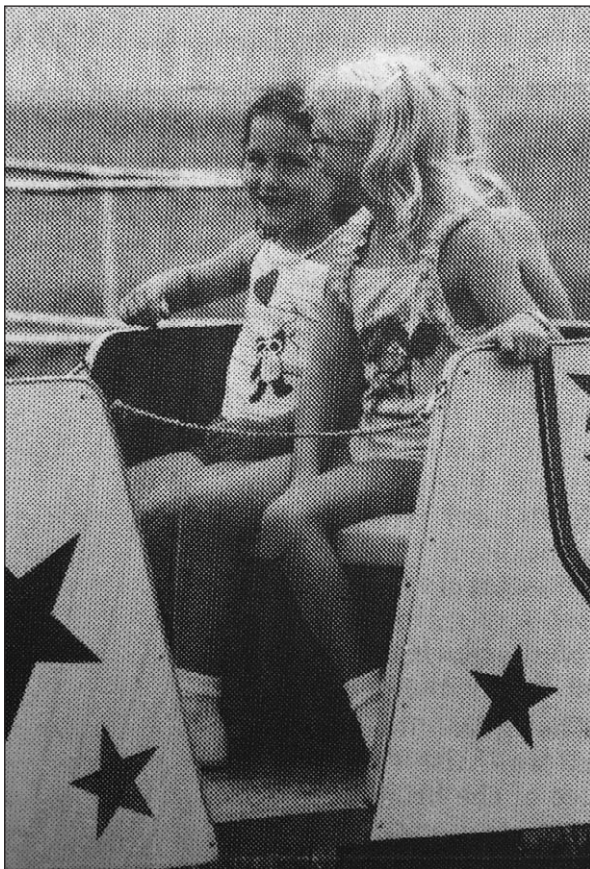
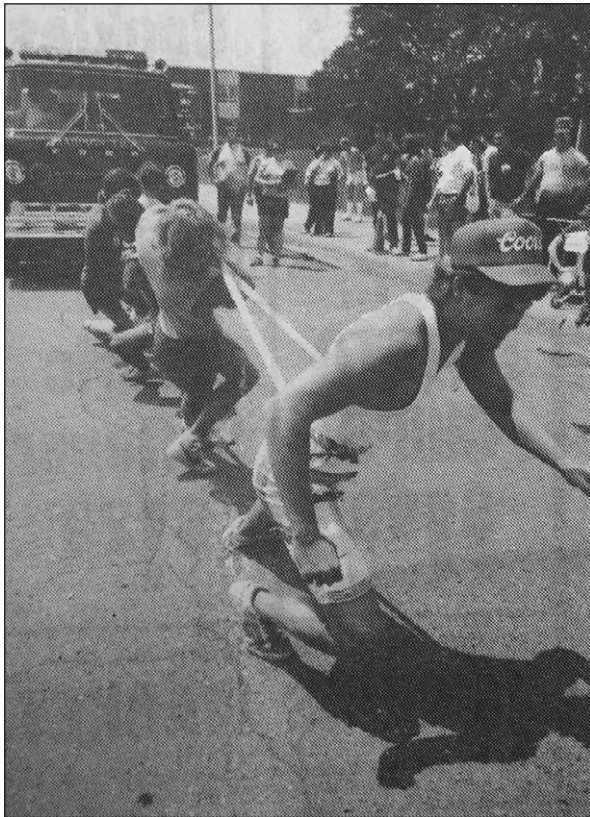
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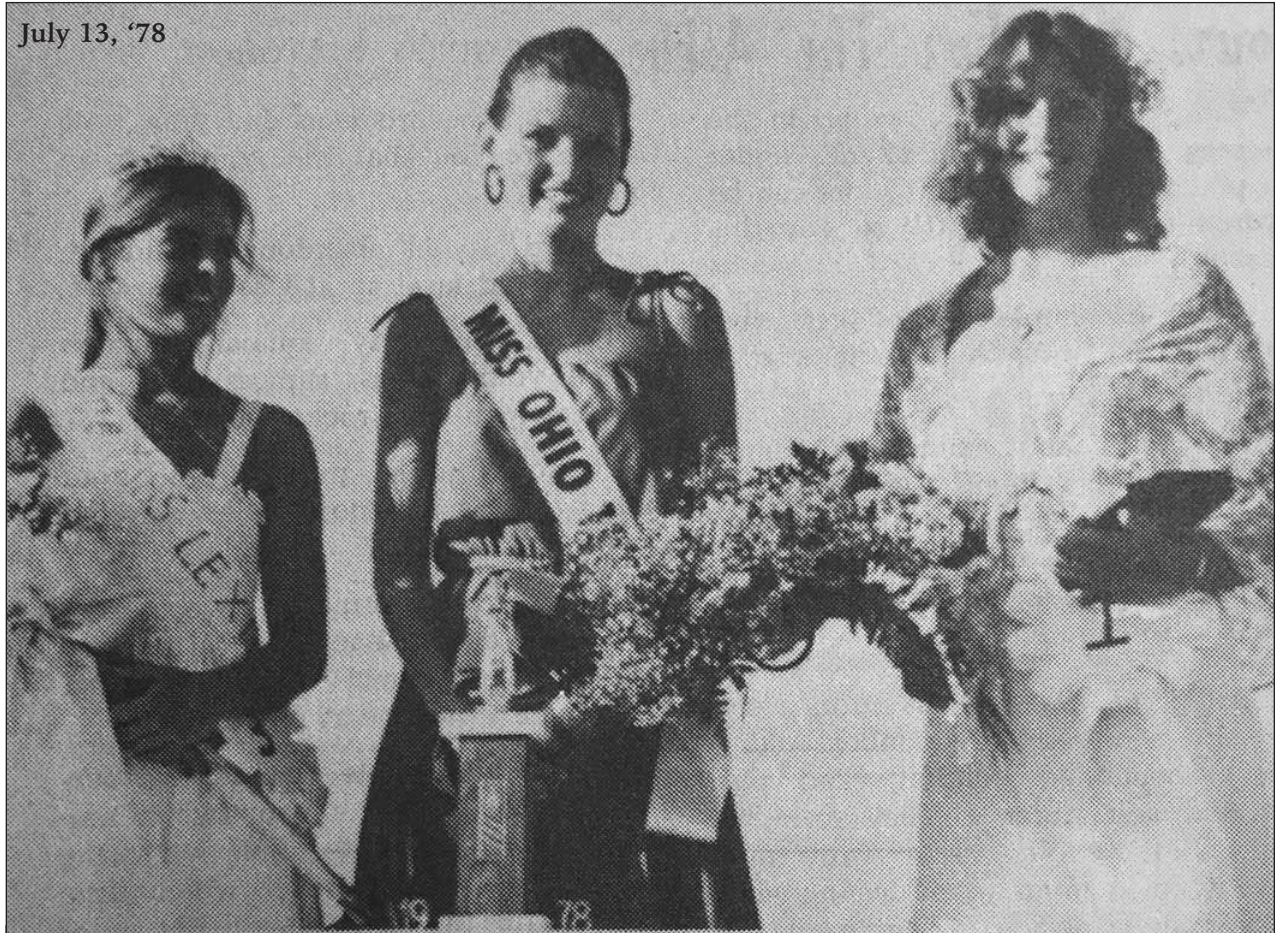
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LOOKING BACK: This Week in Tribune-Courier History

Madison 4th of July & 175th Anniversary of Madison Township July 12, 1985



July 13, '78



THE NEW MISS OHIO, Sher Lynnette Patrick (center), crowned Miss Debbie Timberlake (left) as Miss Lexington at the 13th annual Lexington Summer Festival Saturday. To the right is runner-up Shelly Hoffman. The annual three-day fair is staged by the Lexington Athletic Boosters to help fund Lexington athletic programs. It was estimated nearly 20,000 attended during the three days.

Photo by Christopher Smith

July 13, '78



Assistant fire chief Bill Schwartz of the Springfield Township Volunteer Firefighters presents Chief Wayne Danals with a gold watch. Also receiving watches were captains Bob Armstrong (center) and Bob Krauss (not pictured).

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Madison Township Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2021, at the Madison Town Hall, 817 Expressview Dr., rear entrance. The requested hearing is as follows:

APPLICATION #03/21 Variance
Legal Description — Parcel # 0250916403000, 14450 Park Avenue East, Mansfield, OH 44905.

Single family residence located at 1445 Park Avenue East, seeking variance to place shed in front of residence and waive distance from property line.

At this hearing, all persons shall be given ample opportunity to speak "for or against" the application. The purpose of this hearing is to determine whether the applicants will be granted their request.

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Springfield Township continues fire hydrant flushing

The Springfield Township Fire Department, in cooperation with the Ontario Water Department, continues flushing fire hydrants. Annual hydrant flushing is critical to ensure the continued reliability of the city's hydrants.

The flushing will normally be done Monday-Friday between the hours of 8 am and 3:30 pm. Some discoloration of water may occur. This is due to sediments and particulates in the water remains that are riled during flushing.

Residents are strongly advised not to do laundry during these hours as this could lead to discoloration of clothing. However, the water is safe for drinking. The water department has special detergent available to remove rust stains from clothing if they are inadvertently soiled.

Residents are asked not to plant shrubs or trees within five feet of a fire hydrant as this can make it extremely difficult for firefighters to locate or operate. Residents with hydrants that are obscured will be asked to trim or remove foliage. For more information call 419-

529-3815.

Week of July 12, Rock Rd. N. and S., Beverly Ln., Allen Dr., Erla Dr., Pondarosa, Hemlock, Lewis Rd. (all) and Mabee Rd. (all)

Week of July 19, Beer Rd., Yeager Dr., Fulwell Dr., W. Ferguson Rd. and Stumbo Rd. (all)

Week of July 26, finish with W. Ferguson Rd., Jaqueline Ct., Whitney, Crestfield St., Bedford Blvd., E. Ferguson and Guest Ct.

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Week of Aug. 1, Willowood allotment (all) (Lex-Springmill to Home Rd.)

Week of Aug. 9, finish Willowood, Lindaire Ln., N. Lindaire Ln. and W. Fourth St. (all) (Rt. 314 to Home Rd.)

Week of Aug. 16, Rt. 314 (Fourth St. to Park Avenue West) and Park Avenue West (all) (Rt. 314 to Home Rd.)

Week of Aug. 23, Home Rd. (all) and Spring

Village Allotment (all)

Week of Aug. 30, make up or repair any outstanding, Nussbaum Pkwy., Friday Ln., Oxford St., Brookside Dr., Willodell Dr., Warren, Westland N. Ireland Blvd. and N. Sunset Blvd.

Week of Sept. 6, make up or repairs, August Dr., Hazel Dr., Briggs Dr., Glenview Dr. and Lex-Springmill (all)

Week of Sept. 13, Walker Lake Rd. and Spring Village Allotment (all)

Week of Sept. 20, Lynn Dr., Woodbine Dr., Maple Ln., Bethel Ln., Scotland Blvd., S. Ireland Blvd., Grace Ave., Stanley Dr., Esther Dr., S. Sunset Blvd. and Creston Rd.

Week of Oct. 4, Kingston St., Mercer Ave., Homewood Dr., Vivian Ave., Frazier Rd., Geary Rd., Clare Rd., Hilltop Rd., Harding Heights, Sloboda Ave. and Chambers Rd.

Week of Oct. 11, Chambers Allotment (all) and Millsboro Rd.

Week of Oct. 18, make-up or repairs. End of season.



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RIDGEWAY CHURCH OF GOD hosted a Friday night dinner at the church, corner of McElroy Rd. and Rt. 430, Madison area, July 9. William Sanders, Ashton Taylor, Carol Moore and Pastor John Dodds kept the grill full of hot dogs and hamburgers. Guests were treated to a hot dog or hamburger, macaroni salad, chips, drink and dessert.



Photo by Jeff Hoffer

THE VILLAGE OF BELLVILLE held its Annual Street Mart on July 10 in the center of town. Vendors set up tables and canopies to display treasures for local shoppers.

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THE ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2021 dressed to represent their E (Enlistment, Enrollment, Employment) before graduation by wearing shirts displaying their futures. Those who were undecided wore blue.

Balance workshop hosted over ZOOM beginning July 22

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. is offering a free Matter of Balance workshop to the public over ZOOM, every Thursday from July 22 through Sept. 9, from 10 am to noon.

Matter of Balance is an award-winning program designed to manage

falls and increase activity levels. The program emphasizes practical strategies to manage falls. Class participants will learn to view falls as controllable, set goals for increasing activity, make changes to reduce fall risks at home and exercise to increase strength and balance.

This class is for anyone concerned about falls, interested in improving balance, flexibility and strength or who has fallen in the past and those who have restricted activities because of falling concerns.

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REHEARSAL — Terrence Williams Jr., Nykera Gardner and The Cool Kids practice for their performance in *Hairspray* at the Renaissance Theatre.

Hairspray coming to Renaissance for live theater performances

Rehearsals are well underway and live theatre is finally back at the Renaissance Theatre. The hit Broadway musical, *Hairspray*, will help bring back live theater performances at the Renaissance July 31 and Aug. 7 at 8 pm and Aug. 1 and 8 at 2:30 pm.

The show is set in Baltimore in 1962, and plus-sized teen, Tracy Turnblad, is delighted to find herself as the newest dance sensation on the local rock and roll dance program, *The Corny Collins Show*. But when Tracy discovers that the show is segregated, she finds herself on the front lines of the battle for equality and acceptance.

Leading the cast is Izzi Robles as Tracy Turnblad. A recent graduate of Savannah College of Art and Design in Georgia, Izzi most recently performed at the Ren as Anita in the Mansfield Symphony concert version of *West Side Story*.

As Tracy's larger-than-life mother, Edna, Robert Hardin-Leeth steps into the role made famous by Harvey Fierstein and Divine. A favorite with Columbus audiences, Mr. Leeth is better known as his alter ego, Stella, the 2018 Miss Comic winner, who has raised thousands of dollars for charity.

Sharing the spotlight is Mansfield's Condrea Webber. The star of last season's sold-out smash hit, *At Last: An Evening with Etta James*, Webber takes the stage as the unstoppable Motormouth Maybelle.

Terrence Williams Jr. makes his first appearance at the Ren as the irrepressible Seaweed. A Florida native, Williams will graduate next year with a BFA degree in performing arts from the Savannah College of Art and Design. A Renaissance veteran,

Beau Roberts, returns to the role of Wilbur Turnblad, having played the same role in the Ren's 2011 version of *Hairspray*.

Other members of the cast include Akron's Samantha Woodill as Penny, Ryan Shreve as Corny Collins, Otterbein University's Daniel Keener as Link, Leah Gesouras as Prudy Pingleton, Kera Gardner as Little Inez and Bob Gardner as Mr. Pinky.

The show also features not one, but two former Miss Ohio's: 2018's Matti-Lynn Chrisman and 2019-'20's Caroline Grace Williams as the mother/daughter team of Velma and Amber Von Tussle.

Rounding out the cast are performers from all over the state of Ohio: Logan Kittaka, George Swarn, McKenna Stoffer, Justice Gardner, Ethan Chapman, Desi Hunt, Torre Webber, Jami Mayfield, Zakari Ramos, Jenna Krivosh, David Arvidson, BreeOnna Springer, Tonne Webber, Christopher Hartman, Kelly Sorgenfrei, Kristin Kaufman, Dee Jones, Gavin Hull, Emily Bare, Jake Sustersic, Xavier Alterio, Stephanie Hayslip, Grayden Pierce, Payne Schwartz and Cassandra Kurek.

Directed by Renaissance Artist Director, Michael Thomas, the creative team of *Hairspray* also includes musical director Kelly Knowlton, choreographer Caroline Grace Williams, technical director/sound & lighting designer Aaron James Nicolas, set designer Jason Kaufman, costume designer Linda Turske, production manager Abe Swanger and assistant tech. director Nik Demers.

For tickets and more information visit <https://bit.ly/HairsprayPR>. The Renaissance Theatre is a performing arts theater located at 138 Park Avenue West, Mansfield.

•RPH resumes community health screenings

(Continued from Front Page)

Richland Public Health, 555 Lexington Ave, Mansfield, 9-10:30 am (third Tuesdays of the month (Aug. 17, Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16)

Shiloh Senior Center, 18 Main St., W. Shiloh, 9-10:30 am (Sept. 2, Nov 4)

Area Agency on Aging, 2131 Park Ave W., Suite 300, Mansfield, 10:30-11:30 am (Aug. 3, Oct. 5)

Yes We Can Senior Center, 271 Hedges St., Mansfield, 12:30-1:30 pm (Aug. 19, Oct. 21)

Lexington Senior Civic Center, 67 E. Main St., Lexington, 10:30-11:30 am (Sept 7)

St. Peter's announces AugustFest

St. Peter's School announced that tickets are now on sale for St. Peter's AugustFest, a night of fellowship, live music and games for adults 21 and older. The event is on Saturday, Aug. 7, from 4-9 pm at Spartan Fields.

AugustFest will feature live music from Mansfield's own Ohio Express as the headline entertainment. Presale tickets are \$10 per person and attendees will receive ten food and beverage tickets for use during the event. Tickets at the door will be \$15 per person with ten food and drink tickets.

In addition to the live music, AugustFest will feature several varieties of beer and wine, food, casino games, a cornhole tournament and a closest to the pin contest. Proceeds from the event will go to support

St. Peter's School.

"We were working on introducing a new fundraising event for the school in 2020 before the pandemic hit," said event chair Justin Berry. "Our committee was ready to go to get this event off the ground as soon as COVID-19 restrictions were lifted."

Ohio Express formed in 1967, at the height of the bubblegum rock craze of the late 60s. Two of their singles, "Yummy Yummy Yummy" and "Chewy Chewy," reached the top of the charts. Opening for The Ohio Express is Blue Universe, a bluegrass band. Live music is being presented by Hamilton Insurance Group.

Presale tickets and reserved VIP tables can be purchased at www.mansfieldstpeters.org/august.

Mosquito spraying continues this week

Richland Public Health will be conducting mosquito spraying, weather permitting:

July 14, South of Amoy-Pavonia Rd., North of Windsor Rd., East of Pavonia Rd., West of Cotter Rd., Weller Township. Rain date July 15.

July 14, South of Windsor Rd., North of Hale Rd., East of Beal Rd., West of Bowen Rd., Mifflin Township. Rain date July 15.

July 14, South of Amoy-Pavonia Rd., North of Osburn Rd., East of Beal Rd., West of Cotter Rd., Weller Township. Rain date July 15.

July 14, South of Windsor Rd., North of Hale Rd., East of Beal Rd., West of Bowen Rd., Mifflin Township. Rain date July 15.

July 14, South of Myers Rd., North of Stiving Rd., East of Rock Rd., West of Kline Rd., Jackson Township. Rain date July 15.

July 14, South of Myers Rd., North of Cairns Rd., East of OH-39, West of Kline Rd., Jackson Township. Rain date July 15.

For more information visit <https://richlandhealth.org/our-community/mosquitoes>.



Photo by Jeff Hoffer

AMERICA'S BIRTHDAY was celebrated with fireworks around the area during the weekend of July 3 and 4.

NAMI hosting free seminar July 27

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Family & Friends will host a free 2-hour seminar that informs attendees who have loved ones with a mental health condition how to best support them. It's also an opportunity to meet other people in similar situations and gain community support.

The seminar is led by trained people with experience of supporting a family member with a mental health condition. They will walk you through the following topics:

- Understanding diagnoses, treatment and recovery
- Effective communication strategies
- The importance of self-care
- Crisis preparation strategies
- NAMI and community resources

The seminar will be held Tuesday, July 27, from 6:30-8:30 pm at Richland County Mental Health Board, 87 E. First St., Mansfield.

Call NAMI Richland County to RSVP or to request a virtual option at 419-522-6264 or email NAMI at families@namirc.org.



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JERRY FRANCL, Digital Resources Lab and Operation Director at the Mansfield Art Center, works with the new equipment in the newly opened Digital Resources Lab which includes 3-D printers.



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THE PRINCESSES of the Royal Princess Party (Anna and Elsa from *Frozen*) took photos with children during Saturday's grand opening at the Mansfield Art Center.



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A STATUE OF ART greets visitors to the Mansfield Art Center.

Ohio Humanities to award \$1.3 million in American Rescue Plan Funds to nonprofits

With support from Congress through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and the National Endowment for the Humanities' (NEH) Sustaining the Humanities through the American Rescue Plan (SHARP) program, Ohio Humanities will award over \$1 million in direct support to public humanities organizations across the state that have been challenged by the pandemic and the resulting economic crisis.

"Last year, Ohio Humanities distributed over \$750,000 in CARES Act funding to cultural organizations across the state," said Ohio Humanities Executive Director Rebecca Brown Asmo. "Ohio's public libraries, museums, historical societies, and

other cultural organizations are the cornerstones of many of our communities, places where we can once again come together as our state reopens. Through the SHARP program, we will continue to provide critical support to these local organizations."

The American Rescue Plan Act allocated \$51.6 million in emergency funding to the National Endowment for the Humanities to be distributed locally by the 56 state and jurisdictional humanities councils. The funding will support humanities organizations, programs, and professionals at the local level, advancing economic recovery within a cultural sector devastated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Eligible projects may include humanities programming,

general operating costs, strategic planning and pandemic recovery efforts, and digital or accessible program development.

"With so many of our nation's cultural and educational institutions reeling from the economic fallout of the pandemic, NEH's state and jurisdictional humanities partners are on the front lines of the crisis, adapting and responding to urgent needs within their states and communities to shore up the humanities organizations and resources that enrich the lives of so many citizens," said NEH Acting Chairman Adam Wolfson. "NEH is grateful to our state and jurisdictional partners for joining us in this effort to quickly distribute American Rescue Plan relief funding to where it is most needed."

To be eligible for an Ohio Humanities SHARP grant, applicants must be not-for-profit organizations with a public human-

ities mission located in the state of Ohio that have experienced financial hardship because of the COVID-19 pandemic, including reduction, loss or furlough of staff, or loss of annual operating revenue. SHARP grants are not available to individuals, for-profit organizations, political or advocacy organizations, or for activities supported by non-NEH federal funding.

Applications are now accessible on Monday, July 12, with an application deadline of Monday, Aug. 2. Additional deadlines may be announced pending the availability of funds.

To learn more about the program guidelines and for more information about Ohio Humanities' grant opportunities visit <https://www.ohiohumanities.org/grants/sharp-grants/>. For assistance navigating the application process contact <https://ohiohumanities.formstack.com/forms/sharp>.



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WORK CONTINUES on the blacksmith shop in South Park as Kevin Wappner levels the ground prior to Dennis Spangler laying brick.



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MADISON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES chair Jim Houser and trustee Cathy Swank listen to comments from the audience during the public comment portion of their special meeting July 12. During the meeting, the trustees took a close look at the bids to pave a list of roads. After much discussion, it was voted to remove Mayer Dr. (\$8,400), Evergreen (\$18,600) and Burgraff (\$2,550), saving the township nearly \$30,000. The project will be re-bid at a later date. Trustee Dan Fletcher was absent from the meeting. The Kokosing bid came in at \$185,200.50 which included \$165,955.50 for 1,710 ton of asphalt at \$97.05 per ton, 3,025 gallons of tack coat a \$5,747.50, pavement planning of 450 square yards for a total of \$1,192.50 and \$535 for 12 manholes and 11 catch basins for a total of \$12,305.



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MEMBERS OF EAGLE MARK 4 truck operation attended the Autism Awareness Benefit to help The Silver Lining Group. Pictured are Jeanne Hartman, Sarah Maness, Marlene Hallack, Alex Gombosch, Jeff Covert, Dick Hartman, Ryan Patterson, Chad Rogers, John Cantrell, Josh Meyer and Gary Bennett. Sarah Maness said, "We will have raised over \$3,500 through our silent auction. Next year we hope to add golf to our outing." The event was held at Deer Ridge Golf Club in Bellville.



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NATE DEAN, 15, provides entertainment during the First Annual Autism Awareness Benefit held at Deer Creek Golf course.



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AN EAGLE MARK 4 TRUCK is painted to promote the Autism Awareness Benefit held at Deer Creek Golf Course in Bellville. Eagle Mark 4 sponsored the fundraiser which raised over \$3,500 to benefit The Silver Lining Group.

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