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**A BALD EAGLE** has made a home near Bellville. The idea for using the bald eagle to symbolize America was proposed in 1782, when a drawing of the eagle was presented to the newly-formed Congress, according to the U.S. National Archives. It was immediately accepted, and soon an olive branch and arrows (representing peace and war, respectively) were included in the eagle's talons. The bald eagle was officially adopted as the emblem of the United States five years later, in 1787.

## Voters must be registered by October 4

The deadline to register to vote or change an address and/or name in the voter registration database for the Nov. 2, 2021, General Election is Monday, Oct. 4. The Board of Elections office will be open that evening until 9 pm.

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

Qualifications for registering include:

- must be either a native U. S. citizen, or a naturalized citizen of the U.S.
- must be a resident of Richland County and Ohio 30 days prior to an election
- must be a minimum of 18 years of age on or before the date of the General Election on Nov. 2, 2021

Registered voters who have moved or changed their name must notify the board office in writing or in person. Voters who are currently registered in Ohio may change their address online at [VoteOhio.gov](http://VoteOhio.gov) but must do it by the Oct. 4 deadline. Online registration is also now available at [VoteOhio.gov](http://VoteOhio.gov)

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

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

•All area high school offices

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

Local issues on the ballot will include a tax levy replacement for the Village of Bellville (4 mills, 5 years streets and bridges); a tax levy renewal for Village of Lexington (1 mill, 5 years, parks & rec); Jefferson Township — excluding Village of Bellville (2 mills, roads and bridges, 5 years); Local Option, Jefferson Township, Wishmaker House B&B; and Local Option, Ontario, Aldi.

Ontario Local Schools, Madison Local Schools, Lexington Local Schools and Clear Fork Valley Local Schools will all have candidates running for school board.

Richland County will have candidates for Mid Ohio Educational Service Center for members of the Governing Board, Richland County District.

Washington Township will have an election for trustees as will Troy Township, Springfield Township, Jefferson Township and Madison Township.

Candidates will also run for trustee in Perry Township and Mifflin Township. Madison Township will have a candidate for fiscal officer.

The Village of Lexington and the Village of Bellville will have candidates for member of council.

The City of Ontario will have candidates for mayor, president of council, auditor, treasurer, director of law and council at large.

## September 11, 2001 — A day not easily forgotten

By Jenna Wolford

As we approach the 20th anniversary since the horrific events that took place on Sept. 11, 2001, we want to remember the 2,977 who were killed during one of the country's darkest days.

Those old enough to recognize what was happening on that fateful day, will likely never be able to forget the way they felt as America's freedom was under threat. What began as a regular Tuesday morning turned into days and weeks filled with uncertainty.

I was a senior at Madison Comprehensive High School that September, and as news of the attacks spread, many teachers had tuned into the live broadcast in their classrooms. I remember walking the hallways not quite comprehending what was happening.

The library was also showing live coverage, and I remember the discussion at our lunch table was far from the usual banter. I even recall us wondering to each other if there would be another military draft.

As the events of the day unfolded, and new information

was released, Americans stared at their televisions and listened to their radios in disbelief.

Looking back, I remember the days following the tragedy and how Americans seemed to be joined together in solidarity. Even at the local grocery stores, people were kind — opening doors, greeting each other — we were all Americans and we were all going through this together.

Even though we weren't close in proximity to NYC and Washington D.C., our thoughts were there constantly.

Although it has been 20 years this Saturday, some of the things I remember are small changes in day-to-day life. Our house was in an airzone frequented by commercial airplanes. I remember walking outside and looking up and hearing nothing but silence as the country was put under a no-fly order.

As we look back, we want to not only remember those who were lost, but those who put their lives in danger to help those in need. May we NEVER FORGET.

Those who would like to share about their experiences during the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, can email to [news@tribune-courier.com](mailto:news@tribune-courier.com).



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# Senate Bill 2571 gives the families of Flying Tiger Line Flight 739 a new hope

Very little is known about what happened to Flying Tiger Line Flight 739, a military mission plane that went missing on March 16, 1962, with 93 U.S. Army Soldiers on board and 11 crew members.

Due to the complexities surrounding the mission, the names of all those who have been lost have not yet been added to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C. However, just recently, the families of those lost received the good news that U.S. Senator Gary Peters introduced a bill to allow those who served onboard Flying Tiger Line Flight (FTLF) 739 to finally have their names placed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C.

When Flying Tiger, Flight 739 went missing in March of 1962, 93 U.S. Army Rangers and their flight crew perished without a trace. Friends and family never recovered from that catastrophic event. The federal government wouldn't provide any information about the mission these men had been called upon to carry out in Vietnam. Every attempt to get the names on the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C. has been met with the response, "they weren't in combat operations or a combat zone."

This bill introduction stems from a kind gesture by Wreaths Across America Founder Morrill Worcester. On May 15, 2021, Worcester donated land from his property known as "The Tip-land" in Columbia Falls, ME. The Tip-land is where balsam trees are sustainably managed and pruned once every three years to make veterans' remembrance wreaths to be placed on the headstones of our nation's heroes on Wreaths Across America Day. On the land he donated, a monument to FTLF 739 was erected and all known living family and descendants of the ill-fated flight were invited to attend its unveiling in May.

This simple gesture became a media sensation, as almost 2,000 articles, reaching over 2 billion people around the world. The media helped connect over 30 new families associated with the history of FTLF 739. Some of these new families shared their history and included stories such as a woman who was married just two weeks before the flight left and awaited her newly wed husband for a honeymoon she never had; and one of Bob Hope's USO tour pilots and the inspiration for his granddaughter to become a pilot

A. Phillip Waite, Chief, Strategic Engagement, The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration stated at the unveiling of the FTLF 739 monument "This monument is a first-step, there are many to come."

Many in attendance at the unveiling were surprised and delighted to hear that this was not the last-leg of their journey. Although prior attempts to have families recognized have either failed or stalled (Senate bill 1891), the introduction of this new Senate bill, 2571 gives hope to the families that their loved ones contributions and sacrifice will be recognized federally ahead of the 60th anniversary.

Wreaths Across America is the non-profit organization best known for placing wreaths on veteran's headstones at Arlington National Cemetery. However, in 2020, the organization placed more than 1.7 million sponsored veterans' wreaths at 2,557 participating locations nationwide.

To sponsor a veteran's wreath anytime for \$15 visit [www.wreathacrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathacrossamerica.org). Each sponsorship goes toward a live, balsam wreath that will be placed on the headstone of an American hero as the organization deavors to honor all veterans laid to rest at noon on Saturday, Dec. 18, 2021, as part of National Wreaths across America Day.



T-C Staff/Bud Motter

**VOLUNTEERS WORK TOGETHER** to build a storage building next to the blacksmith/workshop in South Park, Mansfield. The building will store garden equipment. Helping are Kevin Wappner, Bill Hale, Denny Spangler, Bob Roberts and Cheryl Rettig.



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**BILL HALE** shows off one of the new doors on the blacksmith/woodshop building in South Park. Equipment may now be put in their finished place, ready to be used.

## Free classes return for senior citizens

Senior 60+ classes are back at Richland Academy this fall. Every year, Richland Academy offers free classes for those 60+ to keep the mind young, the body active and all generations engaged in the arts. The Academy's 60+ Program is sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging. Free upcoming classes for seniors include:

- Senior Guitar/Ukulele Mondays, 11 am to noon

- Senior Keyboarding, Mondays 1-3 pm
- Senior Stretch, Thursdays, 11-11:45 am
- Senior University, Thursdays, noon to 1 pm
- Senior Tap (STRUT Your Stuff), Thursdays 2:30-3:30 pm
- Alternate Mediums: Senior Art, Fridays 11 am to 1 pm

Seniors can register for these classes at 419-522-8224 or [www.richlandacademy.com](http://www.richlandacademy.com).

## St. Baldrick's event on September 25 will raise funds for cancer research

The St. Baldrick's Head Shaving event to help fund research for a cure for pediatric cancer will be held at The Phoenix Brewery in downtown Mansfield on Sept. 25, from 3-6 pm. The link to the event page is <https://www.stbaldricks.org/events/mypage/4228/2021>. This link can be used to volunteer and donate.

The head-shaving event at The Phoenix Brewing Company is replacing the local event held previously at Legends Sports Grille and Pub in Shelby. The change in venue and time of year allows us to plan an outdoor event.

Locally, the event has raised over \$275,000 over 13 years due to the generous support of local communities. Many volunteers have been willing to have their heads shaved to collect on pledges from sponsors.

St. Baldrick's shaves raise money for research by shaving in solidarity with children fighting cancer at St. Baldrick's

signature head-shaving events. But there are other ways to raise funds to support the cause such as casual days in the office, bake sales, fun runs and more.

There are over a dozen major types of childhood cancers, and countless subtypes. Most are different from adult cancers and require unique treatment. Before the age of 20, about 1 in 285 children in the U.S. will have cancer.

While 90 percent of children now survive one type of cancer, the outlook is far worse for those fighting most other types. For some childhood cancers, there is no cure at all. Research is a child's best hope for a cure.

St. Baldrick's nationwide has raised over \$306 million for childhood cancer research since 2005. The foundation is the largest private funder of childhood cancer research grants, second only to the U.S. government.

For more information call 419-563-5794 or email [judywithstbaldricks@gmail.com](mailto:judywithstbaldricks@gmail.com).

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Sept. 14 —Matiece Thomas





**OUTSTANDING SENIORS** — During a recent ceremony, Ben and Theresa Williams were recognized by the Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging as Richland County Outstanding Senior Citizen Award recipients for 2021. At the ceremony were corporate board vice president Jana Mulherin; 2021 Richland County Outstanding Senior Awardees, Theresa and Ben Williams; advisory council chair, Marcia Rice; and VP of outreach and development, Nicole Williams.

## Ben and Theresa Williams honored as 2021 Outstanding Senior Citizens

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging Inc. has announced that Ben and Theresa Williams have been selected as the 2021 Richland County Outstanding Senior Citizen Award recipients.

They were honored on Thursday, Sept. 2, at 2131 Park Avenue West in Ontario, surrounded by Area Agency on Aging staff and friends.

Representative Marilyn John presented the Williamses with a commendation and personally thanked them for their selfless contribution to their community. Board of Trustees Richland Representative, Jana Mulherin, and Advisory Council Chair, Marcia Rice were also in attendance.

Nominated by their lifelong friends, Brenda and Lester Clancy, the Williamses' acts of altruism benefit individuals throughout Mansfield. In memory of their daughter,

Candice, they have founded the Candice Williams Foundation, which provides free Thanksgiving dinner to their community each year. They open their hearts and their home for anyone in need. Samaritans of the community, the Williamses transport, cook, clean and mow lawns for the elderly.

Each year the Area Agency on Aging honors senior citizens who are making a difference in their communities and present a positive image of aging. There is one award recipient for each county in the Agency's service area (Ashland, Crawford, Huron, Knox, Marion, Morrow, Richland, Seneca, and Wyandot.) Awardees are selected by the Agency based on the impact of their contributions and accomplishments within the community made after reaching age 60. The Ohio District 5 Area Agency can be reached at 419-524-4144.

## Art workshops promote mental health

Certified Art Instructor and Therapist, Jacy Warrick, will be introducing several new and returning art workshops during the fall semester at Richland Academy.

The Teen Self-Esteem Workshop is meant to give teens an avenue through which they can express themselves while creating a unique self-portrait. This class for ages 11-17 will run on Wednesdays from 5-6 pm.

A new "Narrative Walking Stick Workshop" is being introduced this fall at Richland Academy. Students in this class will be using walking sticks as the base to create a depiction of one's life story by using paints, ribbons, cloth and various other media to decorate the walking stick with a timeline. This workshop is for ages 16+ and will run on Oct. 9, from 10-3 pm.

Also coming to Richland Academy is a collage workshop, where students will be guided through the process of creating a

collage from start to finish.

Students will use mixed mediums to create their collage to depict an important part of their life. This workshop is for ages 16+ and will run on Nov. 6, from 10 am to 3 pm.

Instructor Jacy Warrick earned her Bachelor of Arts in Visual Communications at the Savannah college of Art and Design. She also earned her Masters in Counseling and Art Therapy from Ursuline College.

Jacy's passion is to bring education and art therapy opportunities to new spaces and share her love of art and people with others.

Fall classes began on Sept. 7. For more information on registering for classes, call Richland Academy at 419-522-8224 or visit the academy's website at [www.richlandacademy.com](http://www.richlandacademy.com).

Richland Academy is located at the corner of 4th and Walnut St., in downtown Mansfield. It was founded in 1991 and is supported by the Ohio Arts Council.



Jacy Warrick

# News Briefs

The Clear Fork Valley Local Schools Board of Education has changed the date of the regularly scheduled September Board meeting that originally was to be held on Thursday, Sept. 16, to now be held on Monday, Sept. 20, at 6:30 pm in the Bellville Elementary Cafeteria, 195 School St., Bellville.

Ridgeway Church of God, 1380 Park Avenue East, Madison Township, will host a summer grill dinner on Friday, Sept. 10, from 4:30-6 pm in the fellowship hall. The menu will include hamburgers and hotdogs on the grill, a side dish, chips, dessert and a beverage. Cost is a freewill donation. All proceeds will benefit the church. For information call 419-589-5385.

A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, Sept. 25 and 26.

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 Sept. 9, 16, 25 and 30 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 information call 419-378-2503.

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 next concert is Thursday, Sept. 9, Oolong Gurus, country/alternative; and Sept. 23, Just Jazz Live, jazz. Visitors are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets and a picnic.

Trinity United Methodist Church, 1592 Grace St., Madison area, will hold its annual rummage sale, coordinated by Mary Reynolds, for four days in September. Hours and times are Wednesday, Sept.

22, 3-7 pm; Thursday, Sept. 23, 9 am to 6 pm; Friday, Sept. 24, 9 am to 5 pm; and Saturday, Sept. 25, 9 am to noon.

Food will be available for purchase. All proceeds will go to missions.

The Richland Rural Life Center will host its annual chicken BBQ on Saturday, Oct. 2, from 4-6 pm. The meal features a half chicken cooked over an open pit and served with a choice of buttered parsley potatoes or au gratin potatoes, old fashioned cole slaw or applesauce, a roll, beverage and homemade vanilla ice cream.

Cost is \$11 for adults and \$6 for a quarter chicken for seniors and children 10 and under. Carry-out meals will be available. Quarts of ice cream will be available for \$3.50.

The RRLC is a non-profit organization that supports 4-H and Boy/Cub Scout troops. Proceeds help maintain the center's land and facilities. For more information call 567-307-4220.

All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church of Bellville, 25 Church St., Bellville, will host speaker Kathryn Reed on Sunday, Sept. 12, at 10:30 am. She will speak on "Leaning into the Growing Edge: The Creation of the National Society of Black Physician Assistants (NSBPA)."

She will discuss her path to the physician assistant career, the creation of the NSBPA, and the importance of humanity-driven healthcare, culturally competent providers, and self care. For more information visit [www.allsoulsuohio.org](http://www.allsoulsuohio.org).

The Mansfield NAACP 3190 is sponsoring a free program with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) to help employers avoid discriminating practices and help workers understand how to file a workplace discrimination complaint.

Marcel Baldwin, from the Cleveland office of the EEOC, will present the virtual program on Zoom on Thursday, Sept. 23, from 1-2:30 pm. To register send name, email address, position title and name of organization to [marcel.baldwin@eoc.gov](mailto:marcel.baldwin@eoc.gov).

Registration will close at 4 pm on Wednesday Sept. 22.



Photo by Brandon Chambers



# Ruth Lindsey named Hospice Volunteer of the Year

The Ohio Council for Home Care and Hospice has selected Ruth Lindsey with the 2021 Hospice Volunteer of the Year Award. The award will be presented during a pre-recorded video zoom call for the 2021 Virtual Annual Conference and Trade Show. Ruth was nominated by HNCO Chief Development Officer/Senior Administrator, Ralph Tomassi, who stated: "Ruth Lindsey is a highly respected, much beloved member of the HNCO family and our community". Throughout her professional career and in retirement, she has unselfishly given her time, resources and heart & soul to hospice. Despite being retired for over 12 years, she is still considered the 'Face' of Hospice of North Central Ohio.

"I can't think of anyone more deserving of this recognition". Bill Kahl, HNCO Executive Director Added: "Hospice of North Central Ohio would not be in existence today if it were not for Ruth Lindsey".

As founder of HNCO in 1988, Ruth Lindsey has dedicated the majority of her professional life advancing HNCO and it's special mission. Since her retirement in 2009, Ruth has continued to be engaged at HNCO as an Emeritus member of the board of directors as well as a tireless volunteer. Her legacy at HNCO is perpetuated

through The Ruth Lindsey Memorial Gardens & Walkway, The Ruth Lindsey Annual Charity Golf Outing, and The Ruth Lindsey HNCO Endowment fund which she created and funded at The Ashland County Community Foundation. In addition to her board of director responsibilities, Ruth continues to volunteer at HNCO's What Goes 'Round Thrift Shoppe in downtown Mansfield and assists with administrative tasks at HNCO's Richland County office. In 2018, Ruth was the recipient of The Sandra J. Rule Dauch HNCO Volunteer-of-the-Year award.

As the area's oldest and largest non-profit hospice organization, Hospice of North Central Ohio has served thousands of families with compassionate end-of-life and Palliative care, bereavement programs and services since 1988. Headquartered at 1021 Dauch Drive in Ashland, Hospice of North Central Ohio serves more than 200 patients daily in Ashland, Crawford, Huron, Knox, Morrow, and Richland counties who are living with chronic and terminal illnesses.

Free continuous bereavement services are provided for hundreds of families of hospice patients and to anyone in the community experiencing grief. HNCO also operates the What Goes 'Round Thrift Shoppe in Mansfield.



Ralph Tomassi and Ruth Lindsey



ONTARIO STUDENTS were eager to return to the classroom as a new school year began. Pictured are (top) Jenasis Wilson, Serenity Wilson and Nylah Wilson and (bottom) Maycee.

*Black Cat Primitives & Friends*  
**Fall & Christmas Gathering**  
**Saturday, Sept. 10**  
**9 am to 4 pm**  
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 419-347-3726  
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 Cupboards, Quilts, Benches, Chairs,  
 Wooden Wares, Vintage, Home Decor



PRINCIPAL KIMBERLY JOHNSON reads to Mrs. Brinegar's preschoolers at Ontario.

## VFW hosts scholarship contests

Veteran of Foreign Wars Post 9943, 806 Grace St., Madison area, is participating in essay scholarship competitions. Patriot's Pen is open to 6th-8th grade students. The theme is "How Can I Be A Good American."

Voice of Democracy is open to 9th-12th grade students and the theme is "America: Where Do We Go From Here?" Young American Creative Patriotic Art is open to 9th-12th grade.

Applications and rules are available at VFW Post 9943, 806 Grace St. Mansfield. Deadline to enter is Oct. 31.

Contact Beth Baldrige at 419-545-2297 for more information or visit [youthscholarshio@vfw.org](mailto:youthscholarshio@vfw.org).

# Church Directory

**Bunkerhill Baptist Church**

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

**Hillside First Church of God**

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

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

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

**Mayflower Congregational Church**

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

**Lexington Presbyterian Church**

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

**Risen Savior Lutheran Church**

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

**Ontario United Methodist Church**

3540 Park Avenue West, Ontario • 419-529-4345  
 Rev. Christine Bell  
 Sunday Worship 10:15 am  
 Bible Study: Please check the website for current schedule  
[ontarioumc.com](http://ontarioumc.com)

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[www.stpaulmansfield.org](http://www.stpaulmansfield.org)

**All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church**

25 Church St., Bellville  
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## Rapid-result COVID-19 tests available at local libraries

Ohioans who are concerned about possibly contracting COVID-19 after a recent exposure can get free, rapid COVID-19 tests at many local libraries around the state. During August, 246 library locations provided more than 53,000 tests statewide.

Earlier this year, the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) purchased 2 million rapid at-home tests with the intention of making the tests publicly accessible statewide. The state has partnered with local partners, including the Ohio Library Council and many of its member libraries, to make the tests available to anyone for any reason. Since February, the state has made nearly 160,000 tests available for libraries to provide to their communities.

"As the Delta variant spreads across the state and our students and teachers head back to school, there has been renewed interest in testing for COVID-19," said Governor Mike DeWine. "These tests – and Ohio's amazing network of public libraries – make it easier than ever for Ohioans to get tested and to ensure that we are limiting the spread of the Delta variant."

The Abbott BinaxNOW Home Test can be provided to individuals for at-home use and is packaged with a telehealth session to oversee test administration and result reporting. Individuals who want to be tested will need to create an account using the NAVICA smartphone app or at [www.mynavica.abbott](http://www.mynavica.abbott). A person with a test should go to [ohio.emed.com](http://ohio.emed.com) to start a testing session.

"Our mission is to be a community resource and providing these tests is a great fit," said Michelle Francis executive director of the Ohio Library Council. "Just about everyone knows where their local library

is and it's a trusted and welcoming place. Ohioans are accustomed to going to libraries for much more than books and we're proud to make these available."

Testing has been a critical part of Ohio's response to COVID. Since purchasing the rapid at-home tests, Governor DeWine and ODH have been creating an infrastructure for rapid testing, including through many local health departments, schools, libraries, community health centers, and other community partners. Testing is now easier to access in Ohio than at any point during the pandemic, and unlike some of the uncomfortable tests that were available at the beginning of the pandemic, these tests are painless and can be conducted from the comfort of home.

"Until more people are vaccinated, testing will be an important tool, and we are committed to making it easy to access," said Dr. Bruce Vanderhoff, director of ODH. "Our partnerships with libraries to make the at-home rapid tests accessible and convenient are a real breakthrough in our ability to get as many Ohioans tested as possible."

To find available tests visit <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/dashboards/other-resources/testing-ch-centers>. Please keep in mind that demand for testing is very high, so please call ahead to make sure a test is available.

COVID-19 vaccines are widely available throughout the state. Many providers offer walk-in appointments or Ohioans can schedule an appointment at [gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov](http://gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov). Ohioans who want to learn more about the safety, efficacy, and side effects of COVID-19 vaccines should talk to their doctor, nurse, or pharmacist or visit [coronavirus.ohio.gov/vaccine](http://coronavirus.ohio.gov/vaccine).

## AARP cancels all in-person events

AARP Driver Safety has canceled all in-person AARP Senior Driver Safety events and activities until Jan. 1, 2022, as a precaution against the COVID-19 coronavirus. That cancellation will include the Nov. 16 class scheduled at Richland Public Health.

"We have not had an AARP Driver's refresher class since Nov. 13, 2019 due to the COVID-19 pandemic," said course teacher Reed Richmond, Health Educator at Richland Public Health. "Both the

classes we had scheduled for this year have been canceled. At this point, we do not know if in-person classes will be offered through Richland Public Health in the Spring of 2022. We encourage those interested to take the online AARP Class."

The Senior Driving Class is available online through AARP as well as the discount on car insurance by select companies.

The online course is available at <https://campaigns.aarp.org/smartdriver-online/>

## This Week's Outdoor Space



From the home of Lee & Margie Tasseff

## Richland Soil and Water Conservation District sponsors bus trip to Farm Science Review

The Farm Science Review located at The Molly Caren Agricultural Center (MCAC) near London and hosted by The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences is Sept. 21–23.

OSU states the Review will have more than 100 educational sessions, 600 exhibits; the most comprehensive field crop demonstration in the United States; a career exploration fair; and immersive virtual reality videos of agricultural activities.

In addition to agriculture, visitors can learn about a variety of conservation topics at the Gwynne Conservation Area.

The Richland Soil and Water

Conservation District, in partnership with OSU Extension Richland County, will host a chartered bus to Farm Science Review on Wednesday, Sept. 22.

The bus will depart the Longview Center, 1495 W. Longview Ave., Mansfield, at 7 am and departs from the Farm Science Review for the Longview Center at 5 pm. Cost is \$20 per person and includes the bus ride and a ticket for Farm Science Review.

Reservations may be made by visiting <https://bit.ly/3kKV7dv> or calling 419-747-8686. Payment is requested at time of reservation. The trip is underwritten by an Ohio Farm Bureau grant.

## Programs offered to foster parents, grandparents

A support program for grandparents raising grandchildren and foster families raising children will be hosted by Ontario Local Schools and Ontario United Methodist Church on Thursday, Oct. 14, from 6–7:30 pm, at Ontario UMC, 3540 Park Avenue West, Ontario.

A light dinner will be served and kids

will be offered their own breakout session.

The event is hosted by Cathleen Johnson, Substance Abuse Coordinator/Counselor, Ontario Local Schools and Jim Shum and Pastor Chris Bell of Ontario UMC.

RSVP the number of family members attending to [Ontariomethodist@gmail.com](mailto:Ontariomethodist@gmail.com) or call the church at 419-529-4345.

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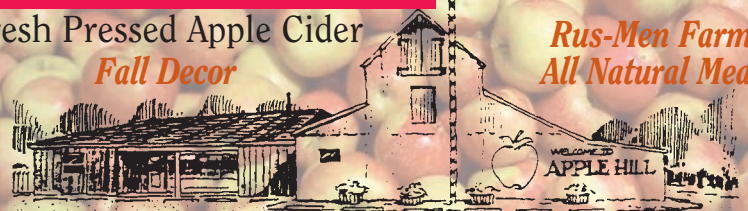
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# Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights



**MADISON COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY VOLLEYBALL** team members are front, Olivia Barley, Layne Stone, Lyndsee Young and Cielo Jacobus; and back, Ally Wigton, Brookelyn Coulter, Brooke Mooney, Faith Kuhn, Kayla Pitney, Hope Barrett and Vivian Lampert.

Robin Barrett Photography



**MADISON COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL JV VOLLEYBALL** team members are front, Paige Payton, Megan Workman, Olivia Barley and Karsyn Blust; and back, Layla Crase, Alisha Hill, Neveah Stevey, Addison Ferris, Brookelyn Coulter, Bre Shaum and Sara Hoffer.

Robin Barrett Photography

## Lex girls golf season underway

The Lexington Girls golf team has had good results from recent meets.

On Aug. 26, they travelled to Oak Tree and Lainey Kathrein beat the school record for nine holes with a 34. Varsity won the dual match against Crestview with a school record of 167 and JV had 252. Crestview had 272.

On Aug. 31, the tri match was a win against the Clear Fork Colts and the Freddies. Hannah Smith led the way with a 37.

The varsity Wooster tri match was going well but the teams were unable to finish the last three holes at Mohican Hills on Sept. 1.

The JV team won against Clear Fork on Sept. 2 with a score of 177.

Saturday, Sept. 4, was a good day for the Lex girls golf team when they visited The Colonial Golfers Club. The team score was 355 and they placed fifth out of 14 teams. Lainey was third overall with a score of 79 and Trynity Wolfe shot an 88. *(Submitted by Traci Wolfe)*



Hannah Smith



Lainey Kathrein



Maddy Hager



Maddy Hager



Hannah Whitney



Darcie Reinhart

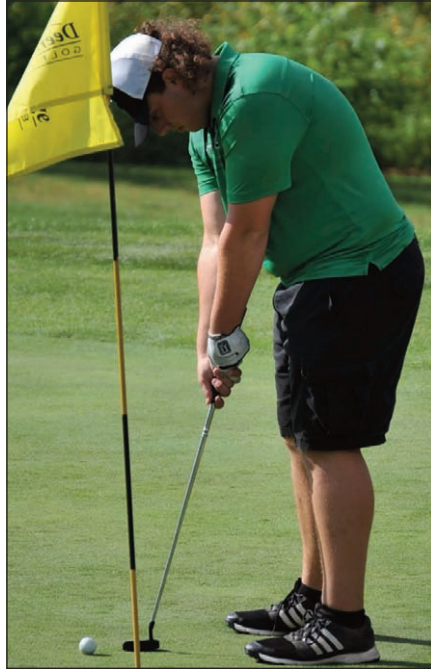


Trynity Wolfe



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Clear Fork Golf vs. River Valley • Sept. 1 • Photos by Jeff Hoffer



Ontario High School Girls Tennis Team

Clear Fork Girls Soccer vs. River Valley • Sept. 1 • Photos by Jeff Hoffer





# Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights



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**CLEAR FORK** came to Lexington to play against the Minutemen Sept. 3.

**THE 2021 LEXINGTON MINUTEMEN** varsity football team takes the field on their home turf.



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**CLEAR FORK JUNIOR** Victor Skoog (20) looks for someone to pass the ball to late in the first period of the Clear Fork Colts vs. Lexington Minutemen game. Lexington senior Karson Berry put the Minutemen on the scoreboard to give them a 6-0 early lead. Clear Fork took the 35-28 win in overtime.



T-C Staff/Bud Motter

**THE CLEAR FORK COLTS** take the field at Lexington.

## Remembering Payton Jones



Payton Jones was a 2021 Lexington High School graduate. She was honored at the Lexington vs. Clear Fork varsity football game on Sept. 3 after being fatally injured in a car accident Aug. 28.



Photos By Brandi Neuenschwander



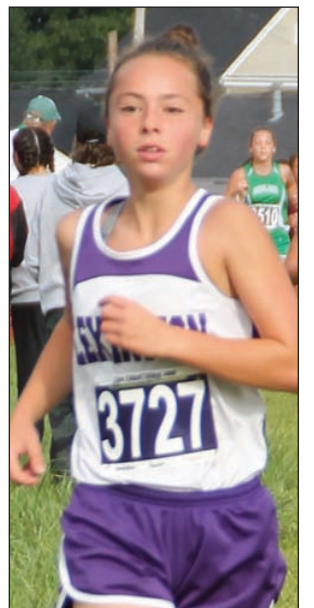


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**Clear Fork Soccer vs. Mansfield Christian Scrimmage • Aug. 24 • Photos by Jeff Hoffer**



**Ashland Cross Country Invitational • Freer Field • Sept. 4 • Photos by Jenna Wolford**



**Ontario Cross Country at Bucyrus Elks Invitational • Sept. 4**



Ellie Maurer placed first (20:23.40) for the high school girls team and Miles Meisse took fourth place honors (17:47.80) for the high school boys.



# Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights



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**MCS BOYS SOCCER** — Despite scoring in the first six minutes, the Mansfield Christian Flames fell to the much older boys soccer team from Mt. Vernon 9-1. The young Flames played with eight freshman, seven sophomores, four juniors and three seniors and were no match for Mt. Vernon. The Yellow Jackets team consists of two freshmen, five sophomores, two juniors and twelve seniors. Sophomore Luke Zerby (16) handles the ball for MCS.



T-C Staff/Bud Motter

**MANSFIELD CHRISTIAN** sophomore Tristan Johnson (14) tries to keep the soccer ball in bounds during the MCS Boys Varsity Soccer game against Mt. Vernon in the season opener for the Flames. The Flames scored first only to lose the contest 9-1. Freshman Everett Martin connected for a score just six minutes into the contest. Defending for Mt. Vernon is Ashton Lasater (2).

## Ontario Varsity Football vs. Smithville • Sept. 3 • OHS win 21-14



T-C Staff/Bud Motter

**MADISON SENIOR** Chetenne Polen serves to Galion senior Lydia McCaber during the Madison girls tennis match held at Madison.

## Truck show to benefit TFC Global

The 29th annual Truck Show to benefit TFC Global, a ministry to the trucking industry, will be held Friday, Oct. 1. This year's event will be one day instead of two days, as it has been in the past.

Drivers will gather in Kidron from 2:30-5 pm. Concessions will be available.

The Parade of Lights will begin at 6 pm and drivers will arrive about 8 pm at the Mt. Hope Event Center, 8076 Ohio 241, Millersburg, where there will be food and live musical entertainment.

There will be a chicken BBQ carry-out at 4 pm. The public is invited. The link to online donations and an online auction is <https://e.givesmart.com/events/n13/>

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**SATURDAY MORNING CLEAN UP** — The seniors in the Warrior Leadership Council at Ontario High School came to the stadium bright and early Saturday morning to clean up after the Friday night win against Smithville.

## Ford to speak at fundrasier

Richland Pregnancy Services has announced that its Annual Fundraising Gala will be Tuesday, Sept. 14 at 6 pm at Crossroads Church in Mansfield. This year's featured speaker will be Amy Ford, co-founder and president of Embrace Grace.

Ford will share her story of going through an unplanned pregnancy in her teens, which was one of the hardest times in her life. She remembers so well how lonely and ashamed she felt.

Looking back on those nine months of brokenness, fueled the passion and desire to change things for young women with unplanned pregnancies. Amy and her friend Salina, started a small group within their church that met weekly with girls in that same situation providing support, friendship, guidance and love.

A few years later in 2012, Embrace Grace, a national nonprofit to equip churches all around the nation to have a pro-love focus and help women be brave and choose life, was launched. Since then,

thousands of women have gone through the program and were put back on a path towards Jesus.

Serving in Embrace Grace, Amy has seen first-hand how women have felt empowered to choose life for their babies because of the impact of the pregnancy centers in their community and knowing she has the community of a local church.

Pregnancy centers are the first response team and the church is the hospital. The heart of Embrace Grace is to make the church one of the first places a young woman runs to instead of the last because of shame and guilt.

The fundraising event, featuring Ford, will be held at Crossroads Church, 1188 Park Avenue West, Mansfield. There is no cost to attend, however reservations are required and may be secured by visiting [www.friendsofrichlandpregnancy.com](http://www.friendsofrichlandpregnancy.com).

For more information contact Amy Kahl at 419-522-8863, ext. 203 or [amy@richlandpregnancy.com](mailto:amy@richlandpregnancy.com).

## Kingwood plans Pumpkin Glow

Kingwood Center Gardens will once again be aglow with the lights of jack-o'-lanterns this fall at the Great Pumpkin Glow. Now entering its ninth year, the glow is back for two weekends in October.

The event is open from 5-10 pm on Saturdays and 5-9 pm on Sundays, Oct. 16-17 and 23-24.

Timed tickets to this all-weather event are available at [kingwoodcenter.org](http://kingwoodcenter.org) for \$10 or \$8 for members. Children six and younger are admitted free.

With the addition of Kingwood's new Garden Gateway visitor center and garden features, visitors can stroll Kingwood's 47 acres decked with displays of glowing pumpkins as they enjoy live music, local food trucks, Greenhouse Glow, Lil' Carvers Carnival, fall market, a Scarecrow Row

walking path and more.

Parking is at nearby Mansfield Senior High School parking lots with event entry through the Linden Rd. gate only. Attendees should plan on arriving at least 15 minutes prior to their ticket time to allow for walking to the admission gate. Limited shuttles will be available for handicap parking. Kingwood will be open 5-10 pm during Pumpkin Glow and will close on Mondays, Oct. 18 and 25.

In the days prior to the glow, guests can carve pumpkins on site at a community pumpkin carving, Oct. 14-15 and 21-22, noon to 6 pm. Participants can carve pumpkins that will become part of the lit pumpkin pathway. Carvers receive free admission to the gardens and all materials are provided.

## Library branches will once again be open on Sundays

Beginning Sunday, Sept. 12, the main library and the Ontario Branch of the Mansfield/Richland County Public Library will again be open on Sundays from 1-5 pm. These hours are in addition to the

regular operating hours.

In addition, curbside pick up service remains available. First Call 211 is always available 24/7 by dialing 2-1-1.

For details and hours visit [mrcpl.org](http://mrcpl.org).

## Drive-thru baby shower returns for community members

The Community Drive-Thru Baby Shower is returning this year for Ashland and Richland County Expectant Mothers.

Help Me Grow Regional Outreach Specialist Marissa Runo is working with a number of agencies who traditionally work with pregnant women and young children to present this wonderful event.

The drive-thru baby shower will be held at Crossroads Church, 1188 Park Avenue West, on Thursday, Sept. 23, from 9:30-12:30 pm. Expectant mothers are encouraged to register for the baby shower and a chance to win door prizes.

Last year's door prizes included cribs and mattress, pack and play, baby monitoring system, highchair, strollers, car seats and baby swings.

Participants must be pre-registered in order to be eligible for a door prize.

Sign up for the shower by emailing Marissa Runo at [m.runo@mrcog.org](mailto:m.runo@mrcog.org) or visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094DA8AA22A0F85-community1>

## Polling location changes announced for general election

The Richland County Board of Elections announced changes in two voting locations for the Nov. 2 General Election which will continue for all future elections.

The first change was made in Shelby 4-A & 4-B precincts during the General Election of 2020, and has now been finalized as a permanent change: old location: Kehoe Center, 175 Mansfield Ave., Shelby 44875; new location: Awake Church, 3616 St. Rt. 39, Shelby 44875.

The next change affects the voters in the Worthington Township A & B precincts: old location: Storvise Church/River of Life Church 111 W. Elm St., Butler 44822; new location: Three Crosses Church, 12 Cleveland St., Butler 44822.

The reason for this change is Storvise Church could not commit to the November Election date or future Election dates.

Voters in these precincts have been notified by mail of their new polling location name and address. The board does not expect to make any other revisions unless an emergency situation would arise.

Voters are encouraged to take advantage of Ohio's ample early voting opportunities.

The deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail for the Nov. 2 election is noon on Saturday, Oct. 30.

Absentee ballots must be postmarked by the day before the election in order to be counted, or they can be dropped off at the Richland County Board of Elections, 1495 W. Longview Ave., suite 101, Mansfield, or place it in the locked and secure dropbox located in the rear, lower level parking area of the Longview Center.

Voters who desire to vote by mail should not wait until the last minute. Early in-person voting starts on Oct. 5, at 1495 W. Longview Ave. lower level, and that is also the date absentee/mail ballots will start to be mailed out.

The polls will be open on Election Day, Nov. 2, from 6:30 am until 7:30 pm. For information contact the Richland County Board of Elections at 419-774-5530.

For information on the election, visit <https://www.richlandcountyoh.gov> and click on Board of Elections under popular pages.



**LAST WEEK** new students to Ontario had lunch with Mr. Strickler. Students got to know each other better as well as Mr. Strickler as they ate pizza out at the pavilion. Pictured are new eighth graders.



LOOKING BACK: This Week in Tribune-Courier History



Sept. 4, '80

Photo by Gerald Hudson

**THE JUNIOR VARSITY CHEERLEADERS** won a blue ribbon and two red ones for their achievements at the training camp they attended for three days at Lake Erie College in Painesville. They are (front) Jill Haymond and Jan Glowski; (center) Karla Rupp; (back) Teresa Jordan and Michele Welsh. Karen Rohm attended camp but was absent when the picture was taken.



Sept. 4, '80

Photo by Gerald Hudson

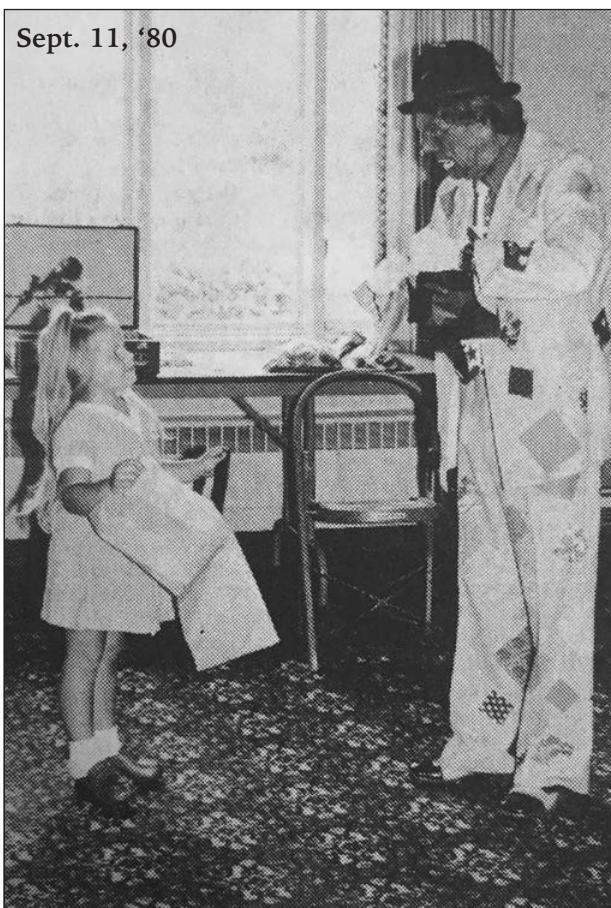
**ONTARIO'S SIX VARSITY CHEERLEADERS** pose with the Grand Champion trophy they won at Cheer Ohio Camp at Kenyon College recently. They also earned three blue ribbons for superior rating and three red ribbons for excellent ratings. The Varsity Cheerleaders are (front) Amy Poth, Lori McBride and Kelly Zahn; (back) Kristen Rohm, Michelle Rohal and Cathy Shrader, the captain.



Sept. 10, '92

Marc Stumbo

**LABOR DAY PARADE** — Miss Lexington Beth Ann Popa waves to the crowd as the annual Lexington Labor Day Parade proceeded down Plymouth St. to Lexington Community Park. See a photo feature about the parade and the Holiday in Lexington Festival on page eight of this issue.



Sept. 11, '80

Photo by Betty Stumbo

**BIRTHDAY PARTY** — Little Michelle Orewiler is helping Buddy the Clown perform magic with paper at her fifth birthday party held Monday at Ontario United Methodist Church. Attending Michelle's celebration were the kinderkamp pupils of Mrs. Puckett and Mrs. Weaver.



Sept. 4, '80

Photo by Gerald Hudson

**JILL HAYMOND** (front) featured twirler with the Ontario High School Majorettes, won two blue and one gold ribbon during the recent training camp at Ashland College. As a group, the Majorettes won two red and one gold ribbon. Standing are Judy Branson, a senior; Linda DeWalt, a junior; and Shelly Sherer, a freshman.

**SEPT. 9, 1956** — Elvis Presley appears on *The Ed Sullivan Show* for the first time. After earning big ratings for *The Steve Allen Show*, the Dorsey Brothers *Stage Show* and *The Milton Berle Show*, Sullivan reneged on his Presley ban, signing the controversial singing star to an unprecedented \$50,000 contract for three appearances. With 60 million viewers — 82.6 percent of TV viewers — the appearance garnered the show's best ratings in two years and became the most-watched TV broadcast of the 1950s. Although the show was filmed in New York, Presley performed remotely from CBS's Los Angeles studio (he was filming his first movie, *Love Me Tender*, in California). At the time, his first album, *Elvis Presley* had already debuted and "Heartbreak Hotel" was a hit single.



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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 August 23, 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. 21-29 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-30 – AN

ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 21-06 KNOWN AS THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR 2021 BY MAKING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND, THE ENTERPRISE FUND, THE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND AND THE BOND RETIREMENT FUND.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-31 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR OR HIS DESIGNEE (CHIEF OF POLICE) TO DONATE SIX (6) UNNEEDED KEVLAR VESTS TO AVITA HEALTH SYSTEM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-32 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITION AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF ONTARIO, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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## RPH offers car seat checks

The goal of Child Passenger Safety Week (September 19–25) is to make sure all children are secured properly in appropriate seats – every trip, every time.

Parents and caregivers are urged to make sure their child safety seats and booster seats are properly installed and used in their vehicles.

“Motor vehicle crashes are a leading killer of children,” said Reed Richmond, Health Educator and certified Child Passenger Safety Technician at Richland Public Health. “Using car seats that are age- and size-appropriate and installed correctly is the best way to keep your child safe.”

RPH conducts child car seat checks on a call-in basis. Call 419-774-3541 to schedule an appointment. For more information on Child Passenger Safety see the car seat information at [richlandhealth.org](http://richlandhealth.org) (type “Child Car Seat” in the search box for fastest access) or call Ria Rodriguea at 419-774-3541.

Parents and caregivers can view more information on car seat safety and locate other certified technicians at [www.safercar.gov/parents](http://www.safercar.gov/parents). Booster Seats are required from ages 5–8 years old or under 4’9” tall.

## Larry Obhof earns national recognition

Former Ohio Senate President Larry Obhof announced that he has received the Award for Conservative Excellence in the 2020 State Legislative Ratings of the American Conservative Union (ACU) Foundation. Obhof was tied in the ratings as the most conservative legislator in Ohio. This was the tenth consecutive year that Obhof was ranked among the most conservative members of the Ohio legislature.

The ACU Foundation is one of America’s leading conservative groups and annually hosts the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC), the nation’s largest gathering of conservatives. Its ratings are based on legislators’ actual voting records.

The ratings focus on key issues such as supporting sound fiscal and economic policies, fighting for lower taxes and less regulation, promoting individual liberty, and protecting unborn life.

“It is an honor to be recognized again by the American Conservative Union,” said Obhof, who left office at the beginning of 2021 due to term limits.

“During my tenure as Senate President, the Ohio Senate led the way in defending conservative values and ideals, at a time when many other policymakers lost their way.

In 2020, we fought to protect unborn life, get rid of government red tape and regulation, expand school choice, and protect the Second Amendment’s right to bear arms.”

As Senate President in 2020, Obhof led the Ohio Senate Republican Caucus to an average score of 86%— the third-highest average score so far for any state senate caucus in the nation. For 2020, Obhof was the only one of Ohio’s four legislative caucus leaders to receive the Award for Conservative Excellence.

The ACU Foundation considered 29 key votes, including bills to increase government transparency, defend religious freedom, protect unborn life, and protect the citizens’ Second Amendment right to self defense.

The key votes included five bills or resolutions co-sponsored by Obhof to limit the government’s authority during pandemics. This includes laws which now prevent any public official from cancelling or moving an election date or issuing a statewide closure of churches and other houses of worship (HB 272).

“We held firm to our core values,” said Obhof. “These principles were even more important in 2020. Some legislators were long on rhetoric but short on real solutions, but in the Senate we pushed back against administrative overreach and fought to reopen our economy.”

For more information on the rankings, visit <http://ratings.conservative.org/states/OH>.

Larry Obhof represented Ohio’s 22nd Senate District (consisting of Medina, Ashland and Richland Counties, as well as portions of Holmes County) from 2011–’20. He served as Ohio Senate President from 2017–’20.



**RYLEN FROST** is working on a project for Mr. Buker’s Laser Design Class at Ontario High School.

## Haunted trail returning to Ontario this October

The City of Ontario Recreation Department’s annual Haunted Hollow Trail will be held in Ontario’s Marshall Park on Saturday, Oct. 30. The Haunted Hollow Trail will start with a family friendly time from 5–6:30 pm and then the scarier trail will be from 7:30–9:30 pm.

The Ontario Recreation Department is looking for local companies or non-profit organizations that might want to have a scene on the trail.

A scene will need decorations and volunteers to help, including with set up and clean up. Companies wanting to participate will get free advertisement on fliers, social media and school newsletters. This is a great fundraising opportunity, for non-profit organization as a portion of the proceeds will go towards those organizations. The department is always looking for volunteers, so if a company or organization would like to volunteer to help with the trail, contact the Ontario Recreation Department.

To create a scene on the trail or volunteer in any way, contact the Ontario Recreation Department Director at 419-529-2588 ext 3202. The deadline to sign up is Sept. 1. The director can also be emailed at [recreationdept@ontarioohio.org](mailto:recreationdept@ontarioohio.org).

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**DEVON HEACOCK** of Cardington prepares to carve up a 210-pound hog at the annual hog roast at Mansfield Christian School prior to the boys and girls soccer games with Hiland.

## NAMI resources available

September 5-11 is National Suicide Prevention Week. The National Alliance on Mental Health (NAMI) offers resources on how community members and civic leaders can raise awareness through events, programs that people can get involved in, and organizations that provide help to people in need.

Contact NAMI locally at 419-522-6264.

Suicide is preventable. Reducing the stigma associated with depression, anxiety, addiction and other mental health issues can, and will, save lives.

## Madison luncheon cancelled

The senior citizen luncheon scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 9, at Madison Comprehensive High School has been cancelled.



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## National Falls Prevention Awareness Month recognized

September 22 not only marks the start of the fall season, but it is also National Falls Prevention Awareness Day. Throughout the month, the Ohio Department of Aging's STEADY U Ohio initiative, and its partner organizations, are drawing attention to the epidemic of falls among older adults, with a simple message: Most falls can be prevented!

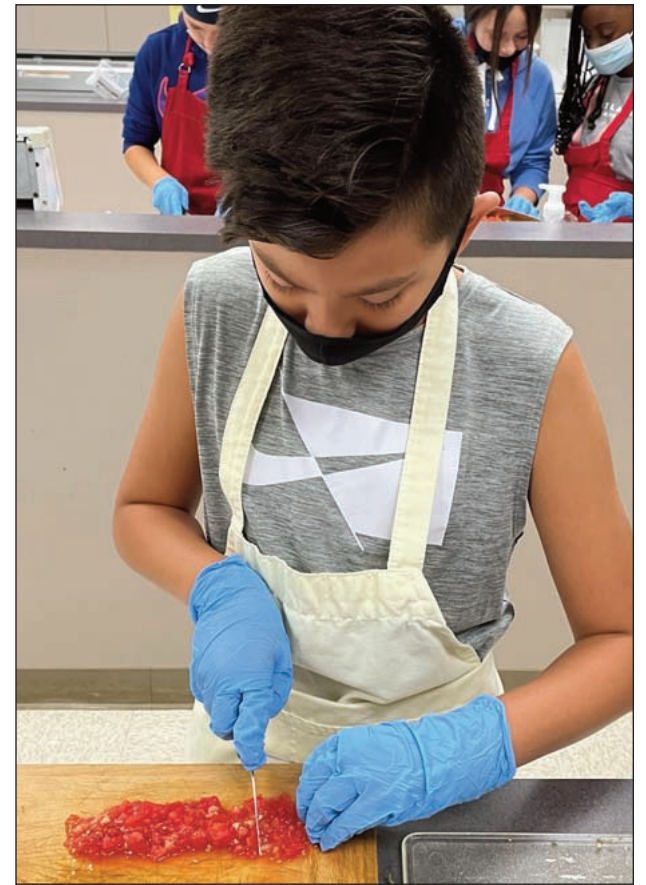
According to the Ohio Department of Health, an older Ohioan falls every minute on average, resulting in an injury every five minutes, nine emergency department visits every hour, two hospitalizations each hour, and three deaths each day. The number of fatal falls among older Ohioans has increased more than 74 percent since 2007.

Some people mistakenly believe that falls are a normal part of the aging process. It is true that our risk for falls increases as we age due mainly to body changes. But there are many things we can do to keep those changes in check or compensate for them.

- Walk at least 15 minutes daily to build muscle strength and improve balance.
  - Take a program like Tai Chi or "A Matter of Balance" to give you tools to build balance, strength, and flexibility.
  - Talk to your doctor and ask for a falls risk assessment. Talk about the medicines you take and your history of falls.
  - Get your vision and hearing checked at least one time each year.
  - Drink plenty of fluids and eat a well-balanced diet.
- Visit [www.steadyu.gov](http://www.steadyu.gov) and follow along on Facebook and Twitter for tips and resources to help prevent falls



**MRS. ZAHN** was named the school year's first Ontario Middle School Staff MVP. Zahn was chosen by Mrs. Sorensen, a newly retired teacher who made a recent return to the school as a substitute teacher. According to Sorensen, "Zahn is a kind and considerate person who does far more than the majority of us realize. Her responsibilities are many and at times she seems to be a 'Jack of all trades' handling her many responsibilities while also dealing with and helping students, parents and staff on a daily basis. She was a rockstar keeping track of and dealing with covid absences and quarantines and especially the complex schedule of returns and absences, helping teachers better track students' work and due dates. She is the first smiling and welcoming face seen when entering the office. I appreciate all the ways she helps so many of us while staying on top of all she needs to do in the office."



**THE FCS 7 CLASSES** at Ontario Middle School learned and practiced their cutting skills to make salsa. The students were very successful. Some enjoyed fresh salsa, while others tried mango and pineapple variations. Their knife skills will come in handy throughout the semester of cooking. Students are (top) Leo Barragan (middle) Ryleigh Ames and (bottom) Le Phoung.



## September is National Preparedness Month

National Preparedness Month (NPM) is recognized each September to promote family and community disaster and emergency planning now and throughout the year. It's an opportunity to remind us that we all must prepare ourselves and our families for when an emergency happens. The 2021 theme is "Prepare to Protect. Preparing for disasters is protecting everyone you love."

The goal of NPM is to increase the overall number of individuals, families, and communities that engage in preparedness actions at home, work, business, school and place of worship. All individuals should take time to learn lifesaving skills such as CPR and first aid, and check insurance policies and coverage for the hazards you may face, such as flood, earthquakes, and tornadoes. Make sure to consider the costs associated with disasters and save for an emergency. Also, know how to take practical safety steps like shutting off water and gas.

The current pandemic, the recent Hurricane Ida, and the wildfires of this and the past two years have reminded the nation of the importance of preparing for disasters. Often, we will be the first ones in our com-

munities to take action after a disaster strikes and before first responders arrive, so it is important to prepare in advance to help yourself and your community.

The website [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) is a tool for preparedness information with information and links to additional resources. There you'll find information on how to make a disaster or emergency plan and how to make your own emergency kit or "bug-out bag."

Richland Public Health also has local disaster information at our emergency preparedness page. It's located under the "Your Home" link at [richlandhealth.org](http://richlandhealth.org): An alphabetical listing of 60 downloadable PDF documents from the American Public Health Association (APHA) covering a variety of Emergency Preparedness issues can be found there.

Also, on that site you will find a link to the Richland Public Health Emergency Response Plan, created along with the Shelby City Health Department. This plan was approved by the Ohio Department of Health as part of Ohio's Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP).

Weekly Themes for 2021: Each week in September, the campaign will focus on a

different aspect of preparedness for individuals, families and communities.

**Week 1, Make A Plan:** Talk to your friends and family about how you will communicate before, during, and after a disaster. Make sure to update your plan based on the Centers for Disease Control recommendations due to the coronavirus.

**Week 2, Build A Kit:** Gather supplies that will last for several days after a disaster for everyone living in your home. Don't forget to consider the unique needs each person or pet may have in case you have to evacuate quickly. Update your kits and supplies based on recommendations by the Centers for Disease Control.

**Week 3, Low-Cost, No-Cost Preparedness:** Limit the impacts that disasters have on you and your family. Know the risk of disasters in your area. Learn how to make your home stronger in the face of storms and other common hazards. Check insurance coverage to make sure it is up-to-date.

**Week 4, Teach Youth About Preparedness:** Talk to kids about preparing for emergencies and what to do in case you are separated. Reassure them by providing information about how they can get involved.

## Flu immunization clinics begin in October at RPH

Richland Public Health will begin its annual flu immunization clinics in October, reports Amy Schmidt, Director of Nursing.

"We would like to see you get your annual flu shot before flu starts spreading in our community. Since it takes about 2 weeks to develop the antibodies, you should get the flu vaccine before the end of October. This timing is best for protection during the flu season which typically peaks between December and March," Schmidt said.

How flu shot clinics will be handled by Richland Public Health is still in the planning process, but safety protocols will be in place for getting flu shots during the COVID-19 pandemic. More details will be available at [richlandhealth.org](http://richlandhealth.org) when finalized.

The CDC believes it's likely that flu viruses and the virus that causes COVID-19 will both be spreading. In this context, getting a flu vaccine will be very important, not only to reduce your risk from flu but also to help conserve potentially scarce health care resources. CDC recommends that all people 6 months and older get a yearly flu vaccine.

It is possible to contract flu and COVID-19 at the same time. Getting a flu vaccine will not protect against COVID-19. However, flu vaccination offers other benefits.

Flu vaccines have been shown to reduce the risk of flu illness, hospitalization and death.

## Summer Crisis program can help Ohioans

The 2021 Summer Crisis Program (SCP) will provide eligible households with a one-time benefit to assist with electric utility bills, central air conditioning repairs, and air conditioning unit and/or fan purchases. Household income must be at or below 175% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines and household's must have at least one additional eligibility criteria listed below:

- A household member who is age 60 +
- A household member has a documented medical condition verified by a licensed medical professional who is qualified under Ohio law to write prescriptions.
- A household member that was diagnosed with COVID-19 in the last 12 months. May provide a written statement as proof of medical diagnosis.

•Percentage of Income Payment Plan Plus (PIPP) customers are eligible for assistance towards their default PIPP payment, first PIPP payment, central air conditioning repairs, or may receive an air conditioning unit and/or fan.

•A household's electric utility has a disconnect notice, has been shut off, or new electric service is being established for the household. These households may also receive an air conditioning unit and/or fan or central air conditioning repairs if the household can maintain electric service for 30 days.

This year the program will be open July 1-September 30, 2021. The maximum benefit amounts for the 2021 program are: \$500 for customers of regulated utilities and \$800 for customers of unregulated

utilities (municipal utilities or cooperatives). Air conditioning units and/or fans may only be provided to eligible customers who have not received an air conditioning unit or fan in the last three years.

The utility assistance benefit is separate from the additional benefit. Households may receive the maximum utility assistance benefit towards their electric bill and still receive an additional benefit (i.e., central air conditioner repair, air conditioner unit, and/or fan). SCP appointments should be scheduled with the local energy assistance provider.

More information is available at 419-524-4144 or 800-860-5799 Monday-Friday 9 am to 5 pm. The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. is located at 2131 Park Avenue West in Ontario.

## 5K coming to Marshall Park Oct. 2

The Warriors Leave Your Demons Behind 5K Run/Walk will be held Saturday, Oct. 2, at Marshall park n Ontario.

This is a walk dedicated to raising awareness and support for the community and the many challenges community members face including bullying, addiction and recovery, domestic violence and animal abuse, suicide prevention and mental health. This event will also support our military.

Early registration through Sept. 30, is \$15 and race day is \$20. Children 12 and under are \$5 and 13-17 are \$10.

Those who sign-up early will receive t-shirts and payments can be made by cash, check, cash app or Venmo. Transportation can be provided to and from the event if needed.

The race will be held at 9 am with registration beginning at 8 am. There will be snacks, refreshments and raffle and door prizes. Course may be a challenging to some due to hills and wooded trails.

The Net proceeds will be donated to a charity selected by participant vote at the end of the race.

For more information, to register or volunteer, contact Sunnee Ball by email at [sisco0034@gmail.com](mailto:sisco0034@gmail.com) or call 567-307-2360.

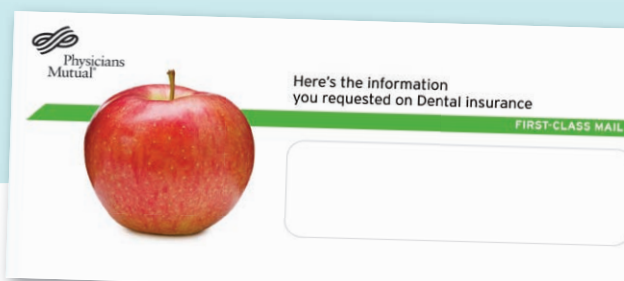
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