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THE 17TH ANNUAL MADISON COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CANTATA joined together at Madison Middle School Sunday, Dec. 12.

Cantata spreads Christmas cheer

Photos and Article By Traci Little

The 17th annual Madison Community Christmas Cantata was held at Madison Middle School on Sunday, Dec. 12 at 3 pm. "The Glory of Christmas" featured four selections from Madison Comprehensive High School's Vocal Jazz Ensemble, All That Jazz, directed by Craig Green.

The Jazz Choir members that sang were Faith Brammer, Brooke Byerly, Liz Enix, Breanna Ford, Emalie Green, Thom Hoagland, Maryellen Hoffman, Logan Hoffman, Aubrey Jeffrey, John Keogh, Kierstyn Laskey, Brett Lucas, Nate Osborne, Petra Osborne, Liam Paxton, Shannon Stapleton, Caden Stewart, Bri Studer and Gage Workman.

The audience participated in a Carol Sign-a-long joining in song to, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," "O Little Town of Bethlehem" and "Silent Night."

Next "The Glory of Christmas" Community Christmas Choir group sang

five different songs, all dressed in their festive Christmas attire. This performance was created by Phil Barfoot and Lari Goss. It was directed by Craig Green, accompanist was Carol Wigal and narrators were Debbie Knee and Annabella Knee, and Pastor Jonathan Stufft.

Soprano singers were Suzanne Allen, Katie Ellington, Alyssa Gray, Rissa Henderson, Fran Hoepfner, Barb Radabough, Sharon Radabough, Pat Reed, Laura Stake, Mary Steude and Lisa Turner.

Alto singers were Summer Adkins, Lu Blankenship, Joyce Boling, Audrey Cook, Jean Huffman Erwin, Mandi Green, Danielle Golab, Ashley Hardy, Sherry Hardy, Beth Harruff, Jen Harvey, Lindsey Hoffman, Cathy Kiley, Jill Laskey, Kari Maglott, Allson McKown, Phyllis McPhern, Chelsea Morgan, Margie Mosier, Bobbi Reid, Jeanie Riley, Kris Stantz, Jan Steward, Hannah Tobias, Jessica Tobias and Carol Wigal.

Tenor singers were Chris Cichanowicz, Katie Danielson, Dave Erwin, Jan Fisher, Courtney Hardy, Tom Kasper, Polly Pahlow and Zoey Parnell.

Bass singers were Bob Burns, Scott LaDuke, Tim Ludwig, Fred McFarland and Barney Mussleman.

The performance was sponsored by St. Timothy Lutheran Church as part of their Outreach Mission. A free-will offering was accepted to off-set future costs. There was a cookie and punch reception at the end of the event.

There will be a candlelight service on Christmas Eve at St. Timothy Lutheran Church at 7 pm. All are welcome.

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Red Cross donors needed to address historically low blood supply

Nearly two years into the pandemic, and as the nation gathers again for celebrations this season, the American Red Cross, which provides 40 percent of the country's blood, is facing historically low blood supply levels.

Busy holiday schedules and breaks from school and winter weather all contribute to a drop in blood and platelet donations this time of year. Those factors, combined with the ongoing challenges of COVID-19, make it vital for donors to make an appointment to give as soon as possible. If more donors don't come forward to give blood, some patients requiring a transfusion may potentially face delays in care.

Donors are urged to schedule an appointment now by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, by visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). There is no blood donation waiting period for those who have received a flu shot or a Moderna, Pfizer or Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine or booster, so long as

they are symptom-free.

To encourage donors to help address the historically low blood supply this holiday season, all who come to give Dec. 17-Jan. 2 will receive an exclusive Red Cross long-sleeved t-shirt, while supplies last.

Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows the standards for safety and infection control and additional precautions — including face masks for donors and staff, regardless of vaccination status — have been implemented to help protect the health of all those in attendance. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive.

Sunday, Dec. 19, 11 am to 4 pm, Richland Mall RSMO, 2209 Richland Mall
Thursday, Dec. 23, 10 am to 4 pm, Richland Mall, 2209 Richland Mall

Sunday, Dec. 26, 11 am to 4 pm, Richland Mall RSMO, 2209 Richland Mall
Wednesday, Dec. 29, 1-7 pm, Richland Mall RSMO, 2209 Richland Mall

Thursday, Dec. 30, 1-6 pm, Crossroads Ontario Campus, 636 Lexington-Springmill Rd. S., Ontario



T-C Staff/Jenna Wolford

CLEAR FORK Alliance Church hosted the Experience Bethlehem event Dec. 10, 11 and 12. Visitors became a part of the live Christmas story as they traveled to Bethlehem. Those attending were walked through the scenes of the Christmas story and then led to register with the census taker to receive a free bag of gold coins. They were then free to spend the coins at Bethlehem's shops by "purchasing" food, beverages, games, crafts and other novelties

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Families invited to Drive-Thru giveaway

The City of Mansfield Parks and Recreation Department will collaborate with community organizations Evolving Through Love (ETL), the North End Community Improvement Collaborative (NECIC), Richland County Children Services (RCCS) and the Mansfield Richland County Public Library to host a Drive-Thru Santa's Workshop at the NECIC Urban Farm, 311 Bowman St.,

Mansfield.

The winter wonderland holiday event is from 4-6 pm, Saturday, Dec. 18.

Families are encouraged to stay in their cars for some holiday cheer and drive through for free gifts, take-home crafts, books and food from A1 Entrees.

For information contact Angel Singleton, City Parks Recreation Coordinator, at 419-522-9801.

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(AN ISSUE WILL STILL BE SENT THE WEEK OF DEC. 20)



The Bar Room Underneath

By Bob Carter

Well, there it was, the basement under the old Minear Hotel on Lexington's East Main Street.

It was an interesting place and very busy on Friday and Saturday nights. Paul Minnear ran the place and a cold beer coupled with many interesting customers and some just outright characters felt relaxed and conversation flowed. It was all kinds of conversation. Sometimes polite, sometimes, rather loud, and, according to the mood of the patrons, well sprinkled with exchanged insults, vulgar language and laughter.

Named the "Rathskaller," regulars often referred to it as "the Rat Cellar" — in a friendly way that is.

Minnear knew how to keep his costumers happy. He collected antiques and some were used to decorate the bar. The stone boulders that protruded as part of the hotel foundation were painted landscape colors and evidently Lexington's house and barn painter drew rural landscape scenes and a few animals on them.

The bar was fairly common except for

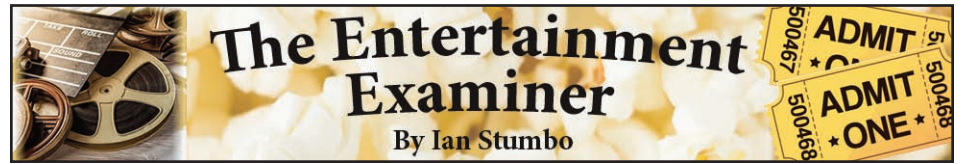
the antiques and lighted beer signs. A mixture of tables and chairs rounded out the decor.

I recall delivering the *News Journal* one hot, cloudless summer day. The brilliant sun shone mercilessly down on the mid afternoon and upon entering the bar, I was amazed to see four old-timers playing cards. With no air conditioning, most of the lights and beer signs had been turned off. After all, they gave out heat. It was like walking into a cave.

The damp, stale beer and wet work shoe odor was memorable. But the old geezers were content. What better place to be on a hot summer day.

In its last days, young people started coming from Mansfield to enjoy the ambience. There was no place like it anywhere. The regular customers and the old geezers didn't always care for the young crowd but to Minnear they were money in the bank.

Sadly after Paul died his son-in-law Denny Dillion ran the place for a few years until the hotel was torn down in 1960.



West Side Story has been remade and reimagined to be more relevant to current day and what a movie this is. Director Steven Spielberg reportedly has always wanted to direct a musical and after seeing this effort, he should have done one sooner.

Tackling such an iconic Broadway show and movie, which won the 1961 Best Picture Oscar, is quite a feat and it's pulled off very well.

Of course the plot revolves around two rival gangs of Americans and Puerto Ricans in New York City, the Jets and the Sharks. As their rivalries become more and more fierce, a Puerto Rican girl named Maria (Rachel Zegler) falls in love at first sight with a Jets member named Tony (Ansel Elgort). As the rivalries heat up, as well as their love, there are unexpected consequences.

With music by Leonard Bernstein and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim who just recently passed away, this music still holds up and is as iconic as ever. Elgort may be a little weak as Tony as his range is limited compared to the other cast members but he holds his own pretty well.

Zegler is wonderful as Maria and Ariana Debose does a terrific job as Anita, the girlfriend of Maria's brother. Rita Moreno (who won an Oscar for playing Anita in the original movie) had a part

written for her by writer Tony Kushner and it's wonderful at 90 years old to see her in such great form. Also worth mentioning is Mike Faist as Riff, he does a terrific job as well.



Spielberg's mastery is in full force here as he and cinematographer Janusz Kaminski take us right in the middle of these songs. The number in the gymnasium when Tony and Maria first see each other is electrifying and there is a shot when the Jets and Sharks meet up for their fight and their shadows converge in the dark. That is awesome.

Spielberg deserves best director consideration for this movie. He has not been nominated since 2012's *Lincoln* and has won twice (Schindler's List and *Saving Private Ryan*). He shows at 74 that he can still bring a terrific movie to the big screen and that is the place to see this movie.

This cast is extremely talented and the direction and writing really make this story feel relevant to the current day while still maintaining that classic story. Spielberg has achieved something rare and that is a terrific remake worth talking about.



Hospice of NCO receives \$1,199 grant

The Firelands Electric Cooperative People's Fund has approved a grant in the amount of \$1,199 to Hospice of North Central Ohio to fund the purchase of two CoaguChek Systems. These test kits will be used by HNCO nurses to monitor patients who are risk of bleeding.

Ralph Tomassi, HNCO Chief Development Officer/Senior Administrator said, "We are indeed grateful to our friends at Firelands who continue to help equip our caregivers with the tools they need to provide the best care to our patients."

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Cooperative People's Fund is the accumulation and disbursement of funds for charitable purposes in the Firelands Rural Electric service area. The program receives its funding from members who allow their bills to be rounded up each month to the next whole dollar amount. These funds are placed in a charitable trust fund. All available funds are then distributed to qualifying charities.

Hospice of NC), 1021 Dauch Dr., Ashland, has served thousands of families with end-of-life and palliative care, bereavement programs and services since 1988.

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News Briefs



Photo by Brandon Chambers

Biblewalk, 500 Tingley Ave., Madison area, will offer free "The Life of Christ" tours, Tuesdays through Saturdays in December, from 10 am to 4 pm.

Trinity United Methodist Church, 1592 Grace St., Mansfield, (Madison area) will host a Christmas Eve service at 7 pm on Friday, Dec. 24.

For information call 419-589-5890 or visit the website at www.trinityumcmansfield.org

Community Bible Church, 1043 Springmill Rd., will host a family friendly Christmas Eve service, Friday, Dec. 24, at 4 pm.

The Lexington Area Senior Center invites those 55 and older to attend meetings the third Wednesday of every month at Der Dutchman Restaurant at 10:30 am.

Each month there are speakers and entertainment and members take several trips throughout the year. Dues are \$5 per year (please note correction). Guests are welcome to attend.

For more information call Darlene Lee at 419-886-4711. A Christmas luncheon will be held this month, venue to be announced.

The Area Agency on Aging Board of Trustees elected to provide three scholarship awards this year to individuals for higher education or classes benefitting the field of aging. Scholarship award amounts for the academic year 2022-'23 are: one \$2,000 for a student attending a 4-year university; one \$1,000 for a student attending a 2-year college or technical school; and one \$1,000 for a student attending any type of higher institute of learning or enrolled in an accredited program for certification.

Applicants must be a high school graduate and reside in Ashland, Crawford, Huron, Knox, Marion, Morrow, Richland, Seneca or Wyandot counties.

Details can be found on the Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. website. The deadline for applications is April 1, 2022.

For more information, contact Susie Danuloff at the Area Agency on Aging at 567-247-7105 or sdanuloff@aaa5ohio.org

A recycling trailer will not be at Ontario United Methodist Church in December.

Rumpke Waste & Recycling Services will partner with Richland County Regional Solid Waste Management Authority (RCRSWMA) in its roadside cleanup effort. Rumpke has been keeping neighborhoods clean and green since 1932 and this year marks the thirteenth consecutive year that Rumpke has partnered with the Richland County Solid Waste Authority.

To aid in RCRSWMA 2022 cleanup efforts, Rumpke will contribute \$15,000 of free disposal to the Solid Waste Authority at the RUMPKE Richland County Recycling & Transfer Facility.

VFW Post 9943, 806 Grace St., Madison area, serves meals from 8 am to 1:30 pm Monday through Friday and from 8-11 am on Saturdays. Call 419-526-1907 for dine-in and pickup. Meals are open to the public.

Upcoming meals are Friday, Dec. 17, meatball sub and chips, \$7; Monday, Dec. 20, hot dog with mac and cheese bites, \$6; Dec. 21, taco bowl, \$7; Dec. 22, salmon patty with fried potatoes, \$7; Dec. 23, BLT and vegetable soup, \$7; Dec. 24, ham with sweet potatoes, corn and roll, \$8; Dec. 27, grilled ham and cheese with fries, \$6; Dec. 28, swedish meatballs over pasta, \$7; Dec. 29, Italian sausage with peppers and onions, \$6; Dec. 30, pizza bake, \$7; and Dec. 31, french dip with onion rings, \$8.

Richland Public Health is open for environmental health business and birth and death certificates, 8 am to 4 pm, Monday-Friday. Both WIC and the public health clinic are open by appointment. RPH will be closed all day Friday, Dec. 24 and will be open Dec. 27-30. RPH is closed all day on Friday, Dec. 31.

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

Deadlines are noon Mondays.

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HOSPICE OF NORTH CENTRAL OHIO hosted its traditional Tree of Lights at the Ashland headquarters, 1021 Dauch Dr., Dec. 7. A ceremony took place to honor and remember loved ones who have died. The celebration included music, readings and luminaries. This tree will remain lit throughout the holiday season, in quiet remembrance of those who are no longer here.



Bellville Bandstand at Christmas

Photo by Audrey Wolford

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 Live stream at <https://www.facebook.com/CommunityBibleChurchMansfield>

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Ontario Christian Church

1029 Lewis Rd., Ontario • 419-529-5684 • ontariochristian.org
 Pastor Steve Broughton
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 Rev. Christine Bell
 10:15 am Sunday Worship • Bible Study: Please check website for current schedule

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1685 Lexington Ave., Mansfield • 419-775-1175 • risensaviormansfield.com
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Christmas at Kingwood continues

Photos and Article By Traci Little

Christmas at Kingwood may be the longest standing tradition at Kingwood Center Gardens. Guests have made their visit to Kingwood a holiday tradition for decades.

The Community Tree Walk (local organizations fill Roost Hall and Carriage House with decorated live trees), live music on the weekends and The Gateway Café and Buehler's Snacks and Sips make for a memorable experience. Perhaps you'll get your last-minute Christmas gifts taken care of at the gift shop.

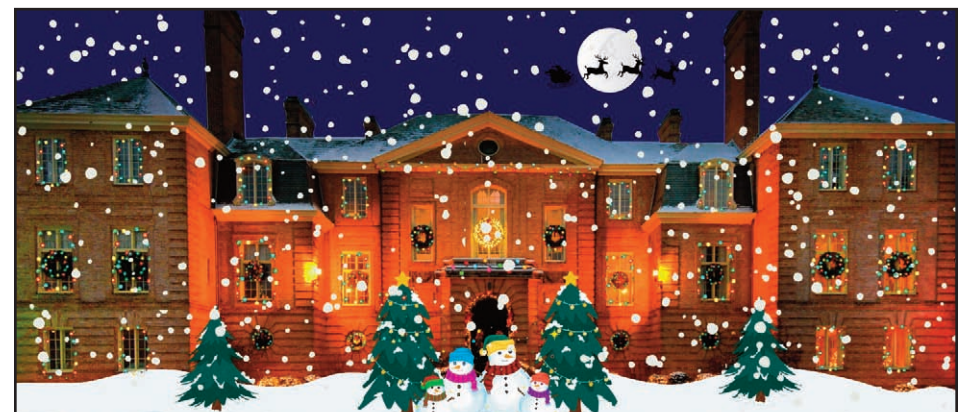
This year the Kingwood Hall mansion is decorated with the theme, "Home for the Holidays". The beautiful mansion is decorated by local garden clubs and volunteers. For the very first time, the third floor's halls will be decked and ready to be seen. Plan to see Mr. and Mrs. King's bedrooms and baths along with the connecting boudoir.

Reindeer will visit from Kleerview Farm on Dec. 16 and 17 from 5-8 pm and a Gingerbread Contest and Display will be held Dec. 26-30.

This one-of-a-kind, walk-through event is one tradition you'll want to make a priority this December.

The Trail of Lights features nearly 200 string light trees ranging in size from 4 to 28 feet high. The grounds of Kingwood Center Gardens are adorned with over 7 linear miles of sparkling lights with new surprises year after year.

Advanced tickets are required and can be purchased online at kingwoodcenter.org. Call 419-522-0211 with any questions. Kingwood Center Gardens is located at 50 N. Trimble Rd., Mansfield. Please note that Kingwood Center is closed to the public on Mondays through Jan. 3. Hours are Tuesdays through Sundays, from 4-9 pm, through Dec. 30.



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Pumpkin Seed offers ambiance of general store with added variety

Photos and Article by Traci Little

Pumpkin Seed Market Co. is a family-owned grocery store and deli operating since 2011. Customers can purchase a variety of local foods at this amazing store right here in Mansfield.

You'll be sure to find affordable and high-quality items at Pumpkin Seed

Market. They have all kinds of unique gifts and foods that are sure to bring smile to everyone on your Christmas list.

They offer everything from candy, coffee and teas to novelties, kitchen gadgets, snacks, health and wellness, Christmas cookies and more. All items are from Amish Country and are absolutely delish. Looking for that Christmas ham or

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Herlihy Christmas House continues tradition

Photos and Article By Jenna Wolford

The Herlihy Christmas House was open the evenings of Dec. 9–12 as part of a continued tradition that began in 1987.

The house, located at 170 W. Second St., Mansfield, was decorated with over 30 trees, figures, nutcrackers, train sets, miniature towns and everything related to Christmas. The Herlihy family began decorating in September and will put everything away at the beginning of the new year.

Decorations come from all over the world and span five generations. Trees are themed and include Disney, Patriotic, USA, showmen, an upside down tree and an entire room dedicated to Santa. A highlight is the massive tree located in the center room. This year, the live tree is 18' tall with 8,100 lights and over 1,000 ornaments.

I remember attending this event with my grandma in the early 90s, and have taken my children multiple times. We were again able to enjoy this as a tradition and plan to visit each year the doors are open.

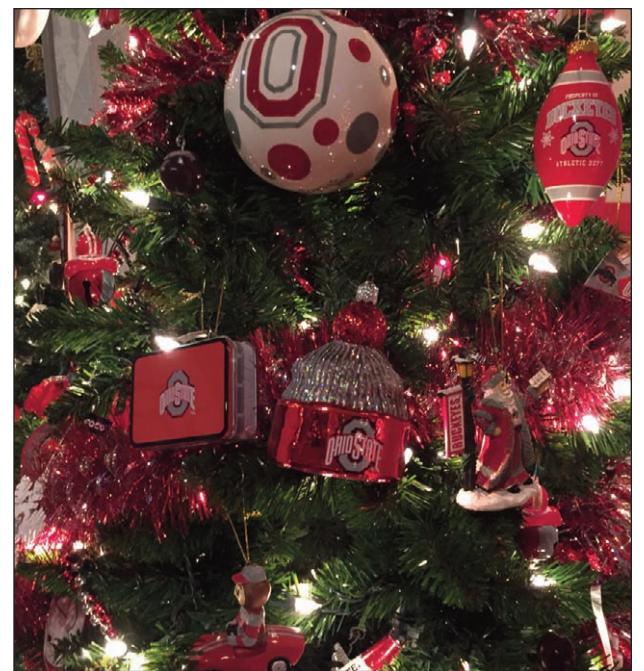
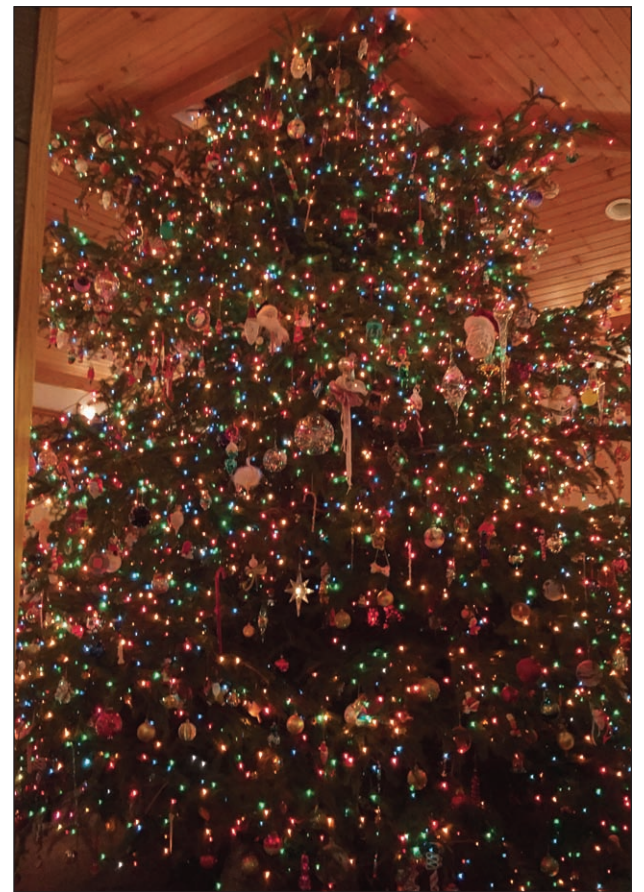
Donations collected from the event were given to local animal shelters and the Miss Ohio Scholarship Program.

The first open house was held in 1987 as part of the Mansfield Symphony Guild's 1987 Home Tour.

Terri Herlihy now owns the home as the tradition continues every other year.

In addition to the open house, memorial services were held Dec. 2 and 7, for family members to honor loved ones who were served by the Herlihy Funeral Home during the past two years. A tree, lit in blue, includes candles with the names of those being remembered.

The next open house is planned for Dec 2023. Visit www.herlihychristmashouse.com or find them on Facebook.



Area Agency on Aging presents awards at annual meeting

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. Annual Meeting was held virtually on Thursday, Dec. 2, on the Area Agency on Aging Facebook page.

Chief Executive Officer, Duana Patton, and President of the Corporate Board of Trustees, Kellie Hartsel, presided over the online event that highlighted accomplishments of the Area Agency on Aging for 2021.

The Area Agency on Aging also presented annual awards. The Project Collaboration Award was presented to V&M Family Restaurant for the local restaurant initiative made possible through CARES Act funds and Richland County Community Block Grant. V&M provides meals to individuals who may be homebound.

The Elected Official of the Year Award was presented to the Knox County Commissioners Teresa Bemiller, Thom Collier and Bill Pursel, as they were recognized for investing a portion of the Knox County Senior Levy funds that would assist vulnerable older adults through Adult

Protective Services.

The Community Partnership Award was presented to the City of Mansfield and the Richland County Land Bank for their collaboration in awarding HOME funds and donating land to make the development of Ritter's Run Senior Housing possible.

The Advocate of the Year Award was presented to Paul Higgins for his advocacy in working with the OSU Extension office and the Knox County Task Force for Older Adults in promoting the Area Agency on Aging's Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program.

The Award of Excellence was presented to Dr. Sarah Redding and the late Dr. Mark Redding.

The Reddings started the Community Health Access Project, also known as CHAP Hub, which has made a positive impact on the communities and those the agency serves.

The Hall of Fame Award was presented to Teresa Cook,

former VP of Administrative Services for the agency. She was recognized for the legacy of programs she helped implement, which benefited the aging population.

During the event, the kickoff of the 2022 Scholarship program was announced.

A portion of the proceeds from annual meeting sponsorships will be designated by the board of trustees for the scholarship program.

Three scholarship awards will be provided to individuals that are within the nine-county region and are pursuing higher education or classes benefiting the field of aging.

The annual meeting can still be viewed on the Agency's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/aaa5ohio/

For additional information concerning Area Agency on Aging services or programs call 419-524-4144 or 800-560-5799.

The 2021 Platinum sponsors are Mechanics Bank, ES Consulting, OPOC.us and CareSource.



MANSFIELD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL presented its elementary Christmas program "Great Joy" on Thursday, Dec. 9. This longstanding tradition of having the first graders recite Luke 2 from memory has been happening for over 55 years.

"Stay Fit to Drive" emphasized by ODOT

As older adults hit the road to join family and friends over the holidays, Governor Mike DeWine, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), the Ohio Department of Public Safety, the Ohio Department of Aging and AAA are reminding Ohio drivers to "Stay Fit to Drive" by following a few basic safety tips.

In conjunction with the American Occupational Therapy Association's (AOTA) Older Driver Safety Awareness Week (Dec. 6-10), the Governor is also unveiling a new web page, transportation.ohio.gov/olderdrivers, with resources specifically created for older drivers, as well as their family, friends and caregivers.

"Although older adults are among the safest drivers on Ohio's roads, their risk of being injured or killed in a crash increases with age," said Governor DeWine. "This new website puts resources for older drivers in one place to help them stay independent longer while reducing risks to themselves and others on the road."

People age 65 and older make up the fastest growing segment of drivers nationally and in Ohio. Between 2010 and 2019, the U.S. population of people age 65 and older grew by 34 percent, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. In recent years, fatal crashes involving this age group have also increased.

Data from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) shows the number of deaths involving older drivers spiked in 2019, when 271 people died in crashes on Ohio roads, representing 23 percent of all traffic deaths statewide. While older driver crash deaths declined in 2020 when many older drivers stayed home, they are rising again this year as vaccinations increase and older adults resume activities.

"Many older Ohioans started driving less in the early months of the pandemic," said Kimberly Schwind with the Ohio Conference of AAA Clubs. "As they hit the road again their driving skills may be a little rusty, or their health or vision may have changed. That's why it's imperative older Ohioans and their families take the time to assess their driving abilities and take the necessary steps to stay safe on the road."

Normal aging may increase common risk factors for roadway crashes, including changes in vision, hearing, strength, visibility, reflexes, and memory. Medical conditions and certain medications also may impact the ability to drive safely. In addition, older drivers may drive older vehicles that no longer fit their needs (e.g., too big or too small; or seats, steering wheel and mirrors do

not adjust sufficiently). Finally, a fear of driving and traffic can increase the risk of a crash.

To help prevent crashes, Ohio has state and local program resources that can help older drivers adopt strategies to stay safe on the road, as well as find alternatives to driving if they can no longer do so safely. These resources can be found on the new website, transportation.ohio.gov/olderdrivers.

In addition, the Ohio Department of Aging has tips and resources for older Ohioans and their families. They help older drivers maintain their driving abilities and independence and understand the factors that affect their ability to stay behind the wheel safely. They also provide advice for discussing the topic with family members and finding transportation resources. Visit aging.ohio.gov/olderdrivers.

Governor DeWine and AAA also offer these tips for older drivers:

- Stay aware of your changing physical, vision and hearing abilities and adjust your driving habits accordingly.
- Ask your doctor or pharmacist if any medical conditions you have or medications you take could make it unsafe to drive.
- Do most of your driving during daylight and in good weather. Avoid busy roadways and rush hours whenever possible.
- Plan your route before you drive and choose routes with well-lit streets, intersections with left turn signals and easy parking.
- Avoid distractions while driving, including talking or texting on a cell phone, eating, or listening to a loud radio.
- Leave plenty of room between you and the vehicle in front of you so you can react if the other driver stops or slows suddenly.
- Do not drive too slowly, as this can be as unsafe as speeding.

HEAP assistance available

Those who need help paying for winter heating bills can apply for assistance from HEAP.

Fill out the application by calling the Ohio District 5 Area Agency at 419-524-4144 or 800-860-5799 Monday through Friday 9 am to 5 pm.

Anyone age 18 and older may apply for this assistance. Those 60 and over can get assistance with filling out the application. All heating types are eligible for energy assistance programs – electric, wood, coal, natural gas, propane and kerosene.

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. is located at 2131 Park Avenue West, Ontario.

Local McDonald's restaurants donate \$760,000 in 2021

McDonald's owner/operators of Northeast Ohio have supported the Northeast Ohio Ronald McDonald House for more than 40 years.

In 1979, they provided startup funding for the Cleveland House, the first in Ohio. Their support continues today, ranging from funding programs and facility expansions, serving as board members, volunteering, and inspiring the involvement of McDonald's suppliers and employees.

It is with this commitment that they will be presenting Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northeast Ohio (RMHC NEO) with a check for more than \$760,000, representing the total amount of funds raised throughout the entire Northeast Ohio region in 2021.

"The financial support we receive from our local McDonald's partners is a significant part of our annual operating budget," according to Craig Wilson, CEO of RMHC NEO. "Without it and the donations of food and supplies from McDonald's and their vendors, we could not serve the number of families to the extent that we do."

These services mean more to families than just a place to stay or a warm shower. It allows them to be together and by their child's side. McDonald's local Owner/Operators donate portions of sale proceeds from Happy Meals®, fries and special promotions, including sales of the classic Shamrock Shake, along with encouraging customers to support RMHC by donating the change from their McDonald's purchases. Customers can put change in RMHC Donation Boxes in restaurants or Round Up for RMHC — rounding their total up to the nearest dollar, no matter how they pay.

"We are excited to offer Round Up for RMHC to our community," said Thomas C. Locke, a McDonald's owner/operator based outside of Akron. "It's a simple act, but it's amazing to see customers' donations quickly add up to thousands of dollars monthly for this great cause."

To learn more about RMHC NEO and how to help support the families in the community visit www.RMHCneo.org.

Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Northeast Ohio, Inc. enhances the health-care experience for families and children through comfort, care and supportive services.



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Experience Bethlehem celebrates 20 years

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The home of Paula & Nick Confalone, Lexington



Sugargrove Tree Farm shares rich heritage

Photos and Article By Traci Little

Sugargrove Tree Farm is a family fun choose-and-cut Christmas Tree farm in north central Ohio. It's over the river and through the woods feel makes it extra nostalgic. Families have been coming to Sugargrove over many generations.

Sugargrove has been providing evergreen trees for Christmas and home landscapes since 1984. The wagon ride, hot chocolate and cookies and farm fresh trees, keep customers coming back year after year to create new memories. Keeping the tradition alive is what families look forward to each Christmas.

Sugargrove has a legacy that dates back to 1823. They have been recognized by the State of Ohio as a Century Farm.

Unfortunately, the farm had to close its doors early this year due to a tree shortage. This will affect things for the next few years, and they are looking into ways to best navigate this hurdle.

Their hope is to continue to source great

quality, pre-cut trees and have them available. An idea for next year is to stand them in the field so that the experience is similar to everything they have always offered.

They urge their customers to stick with them during the lean years and they appreciate the community's support and patience. Sugargrove Tree Farm attracts people to their farm from as far as the Akron, Cleveland and Columbus areas. Located halfway between Cleveland and Columbus, and only 10 minutes off Interstate 71 and Route 30 at Exit 176, makes it a prime location.

This year they brought in 150 beautiful trees from North Carolina to keep up with the demand and accommodate the tree shortage.

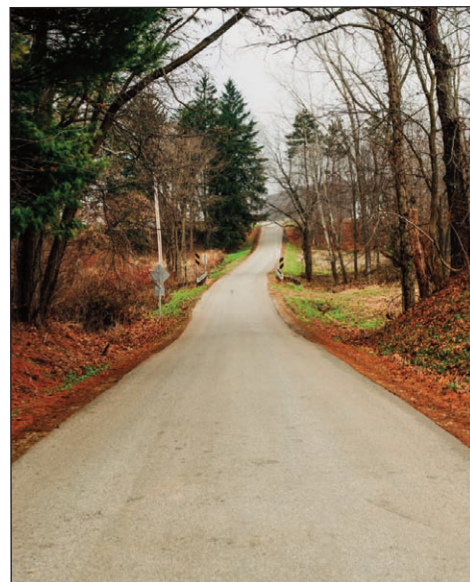
Sandra Sly of Loudonville states, "We have been coming to Sugargrove for over twenty years now! We will continue to visit every year. We are now bringing our grandchildren and they love coming to pick out the tree each year."

She continued, "The grandkids take turns picking out our tree. We will be back next year to get a pre-cut if need be. The experience with the horses or the tractor taking us out to pick the tree and bringing us back for hot chocolate and cookies is the best!"

"It's an all-around wonderful Christmas experience that we always look forward to. We appreciate all that goes into this making it a memorable, family event."

Just like with our own personal growth ventures, there will be lean years and abundant years. Trees also need time to mature and develop. Ben Smith at Sugargrove hopes the great folks of Ohio can hang with them through the next few years and still support the heritage at Sugargrove Tree Farm.

Visit www.sugargrovetreefarm.com and check out all they have to offer. For more information contact them by email at ben@sugargrovetreefarm.com or phone at 419-282-5151. The farm is located at 1619 Township Rd., 1455 Ashland.



Nomination period open for ATHENA Leadership Award

Nominations are being accepted for awards to be presented at the Richland Area Chamber and RCDG's "Evening of Excellence & Annual Meeting", which will take place Feb. 16, at the Mid-Ohio Conference Center.

The ATHENA Leadership Award is awarded nationally and internationally and is a well-known achievement which highlights a woman who is honored for professional excellence, community service and for actively assisting women in their attainment of professional excellence and leadership skills. Nominations for the ATHENA award are due Jan. 5, 2022.

The RCDG Economic Excellence Award and the RYP Business Excellence Awards are an opportunity to highlight businesses, individuals, and organizations that have had significant impact on the growth and development of the local economy. Individuals who have made an economic impact, have an entrepreneurial spirit, or are true community heroes are excellent candidates for these awards. Nominations for the RCDG and RYP awards are due Jan. 14, 2022.

For a link to the online nomination forms, contact Patrick Clinage, Chamber Executive Assistant and Sector Coordinator, at 419-522-3211.

Tickets and sponsorships are also available for the Evening of Excellence & Annual Meeting by calling the Chamber at 419-522-3211 or visiting the event page at richlandareachamber.com

Legacy Estate Gift received by Hospice

A Legacy Estate Gift from the Herbert L. Heyl Trust in the amount of \$131,782.00 will provide immediate support for comfort care and bereavement services at Hospice of North Central Ohio and fund a new \$10,000 HNCO Memorial Endowed fund in Mr. Heyl's name at The Ashland County Community Foundation.

Mr. Heyl, who died in November 2020 was a longtime resident of Ashland. He was a Korean War Veteran and retired public school teacher.

Mr. Heyl was a graduate of Ashland High School and Ashland University.

"Endowing our non-profit organization's core mission programs continues to be an on-going strategic objective at Hospice of North Central Ohio," said Ralph Tomassi, HNCO Chief Development Officer/Senior Administrator. "We are grateful for Mr. Heyl's philanthropic heart and his desire to provide a portion of his estate for HNCO. It's appropriate that we perpetuate his memory in this community where he was well known and respected through an endowed fund at ACCF."

Hospice of North Central Ohio has established and funded 21 new endowment funds since 2015 and now has 32 totaling over \$1.3 million. Funds are managed and administered by community foundations located in HNCO's service areas.

For information on how to establish an endowment call 419-289-4859.

17th annual Madison Community Christmas Cantata



Photos by Traci Little



THE ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL Academic Challenge team competed on Friday, Dec. 10 at Tiffin. Academic Challenge is a team-based competition involving topics ranging from math, science and literature to music and pop culture. The team was also provided some time to investigate some of the local sites.

Food and toy giveaway planned for December 22

Children's Cupboard Outreach, in partnership with Kingdom Grace Fellowship Church Overseer Pastora Renea Collins, Universal Enterprises, Shenandoah Ministries, City of Mansfield Police/Fire Departments, Richland County Children Services (RCCS), We ACT, Faith Temple Church of God in Christ and Restored Visions, will host the Annual Christmas Giveaway drive-thru toy and food giveaway Wednesday, Dec. 22, from 4-6 pm, at 30 N. Diamond St, Mansfield.

"I want to thank all the community partners for their continued support. Universal Enterprises has been a blessing to Children's Cupboard for several years helping us make a difference in the community," said Children's Cupboard Outreach Founder Pam Jones.

During the giveaway, members of the Mansfield Police

Cubicle Hub opens in Ashland

Photo and Article By Traci Little

The first ever, Cubicle Hub, opened its doors on Dec. 7. Customers can check out this family-owned and operated, small business.

With an easy-access location and friendly service, Cubicle Hub can become a favorite new way to ship your packages.

The store offers a unique blend of business solutions that will make shipping a whole lot easier. Shipping anywhere is made simple through their partnerships with FedEx, DHL, USPS and even more freight partners. Choose the best shipping carrier for you, based on price and convenience this holiday season.

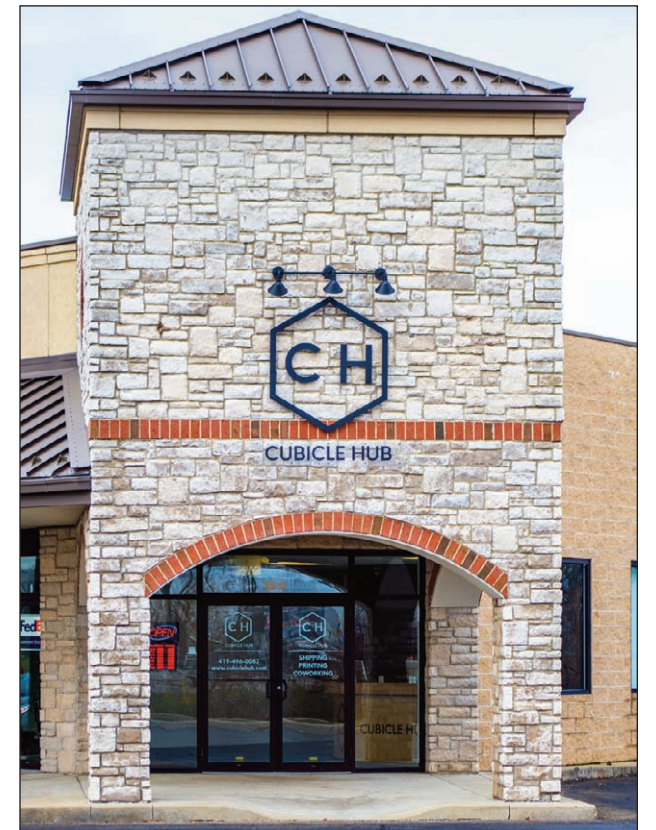
Skip the long lines at the post office and give Cubicle Hub a try. Tell your family and friends and help support this amazing new small business in our area.

Fast and convenient printing, copying, laminating, scanning and faxing are also offered at Cubicle Hub. Save the headache of endless fights with your printer at home.

Coming soon in 2022, is their state-of-the-art cubicle room. With its advanced sound masking technology and custom sound-proof phone booths, it will provide a great coworking experience. Stay tuned for more information on this, that will connect you will all of Cubicle Hub's business services at your fingertips.

Cubicle Hub is located in Ashland next to Walmart at 85 Amberwood Pkwy, Suite H.

The owners at Cubicle Hub can't wait to welcome you into their doors. Visit them online at www.cubiclehub.com



and Fire Departments will be dressed up as elves, joining Santa Claus and members from area community groups to help give out bags of groceries and new toys to 50 families and 124 children referred through 211.

"Richland County Children Services is excited to be working with Children's Cupboard Outreach Founder Pam Jones, Overseer Renea Collins, Mansfield Police Chief Keith Porch, Mansfield Fire Chief Steve Strickling and other community partners on the Annual Christmas Giveaway Project. This is just one more example of community partners coming together building relationships and meeting the needs in our community," said RCCS Community Engagement Specialist Brigitte Coles.

For more information contact Brigitte Coles at 419-774-4168 or brigitte.coles@jfs.ohio.gov

Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

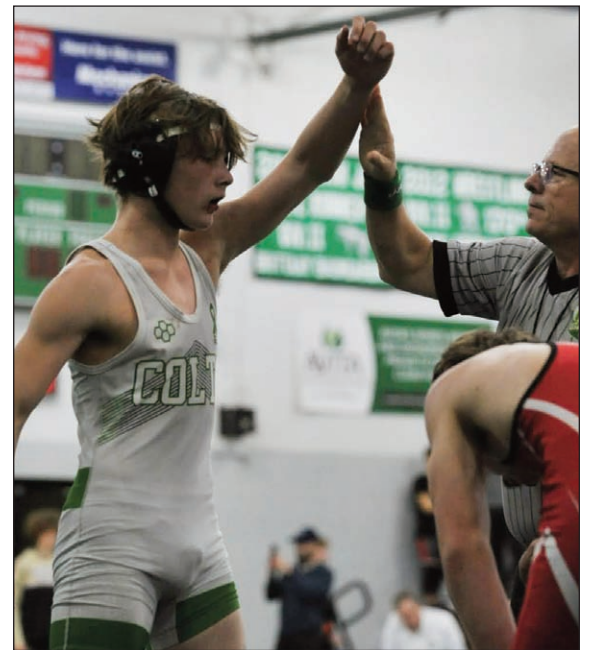
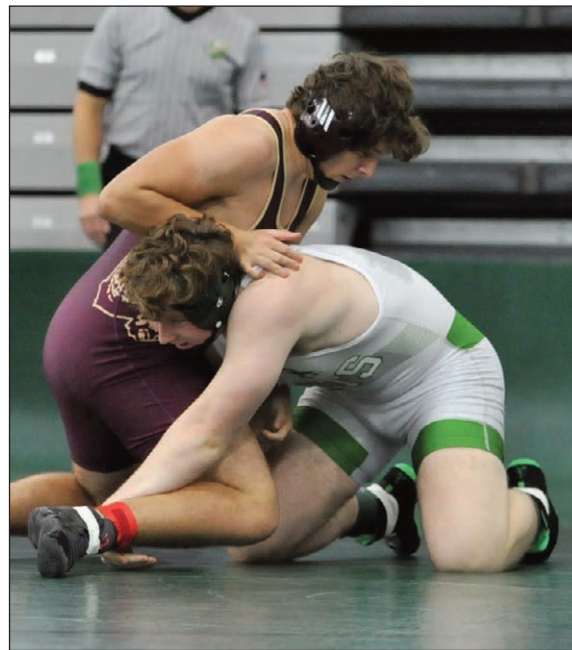
Clear Fork Girls Basketball vs Hillsdale • Dec. 7 • Colts Win 73-29

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Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

Clear Fork Wrestling Invitational • Dec. 11 • Photos by Jeff Hoffer





EASTVIEW ELEMENTARY NOVEMBER CITIZENS OF THE MONTH are front, Jacario Williams, Chazlyn Zehner, Conner Slone, Bexli Burdick, Abigail Miles and Jameson Barney; and back, Royale Smart-El, Hayden Strain, Evan Johnson, Dylan Pucci, Brie Owens, Joseph Reddy and Carter Shenberger.



ONTARIO MIDDLE SCHOOL DECEMBER MVP Annalee Stover was chosen by November's MVP Renee Davis. She said, "Mrs. Stover is someone who truly cares about others. She displays her caring and kindness in many ways. This person uses her position as the advisor for our leadership council to teach students to care for others through their involvement in various events. She connects with her students through fun activities while teaching math."



KNOX COUNTY CAREER CENTER Building Trades Seniors Nathan Cox, Jonathan Hamman and Andrew Workman, earned "BT Elite" status

KCCC students earn Building Trades Elite Status

The Knox County Career Center Building Trades program recognized three students who earned the status of "Building Trades Elite."

"Building Trades Elite" (BT Elite) is a program generated by Colby Clippinger, KCCC Building Trades instructor, and the KCCC Building Trades Advisory Council that began in 2019-'20. The program's criteria centers around attendance, discipline, industry credentialing and extracurricular activities.

A point system is set up where students earn points for attendance, grades, industry credentialing, and extracurricular activities. Students can lose points for being tardy, absent, and for discipline issues. In order to earn "BT Elite" status, students must earn 250 points and must maintain 250 points or higher until graduation to keep the "BT Elite" status.

The "BT Elite" program is completely company-sponsored according to Clippinger. Students who earn "BT Elite" status are awarded a hoodie and an interview shirt. The companies pay for the hoodies and interview shirts. The hoodie has the Building Trades Elite Crest on the back along with the company sponsors. The student's name and "BT Elite" are on the front of the hoodie. The

interview shirt has "BT Elite" and the student's name on the front.

Clippinger commented, "We appreciate the companies who have partnered with us on the "BT Elite" program. The "BT Elite" program creates a well-rounded and ready-to-hire student."

Seniors Jonathan Hamman, Andrew Workman and Nathan Cox earned "BT Elite" status and received their hoodies and interview shirts. Eleven students from the Building Trades program earned "BT Elite" status last year.

"These students have obtained another level. The program has done what it was supposed to do and creates recognizable students that are ready to go into the trades," added Clippinger.

KCCC & the Building Trades program would like to thank the companies who sponsor "BT Elite". Thank you to J & B Acoustical, Ohio Contractors Association, ProTech Basement Solutions, LiUNA! Local 1216, Kokosing, Corna Kokosing, Brennstuhl Construction, Modern Builders, Gray Mechanical, United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America Local 735, and Rietschlin Construction.

Controlling board approves NatureWorks funding for Richland County parks

The state controlling board has approved the release of funds to Richland County as part of the NatureWorks project, State Representative Marilyn John announced.

These projects were among 115 others that were awarded by the State Controlling Board on Monday and they amounted to \$5.2 million in funding.

Since its inception in 1993, the NatureWorks program has helped fund 2300 public parks projects throughout Ohio's 88 counties.

Area projects in the latest round of grants include: Charles Mill Lake Park: The park will receive \$53,749 to remove and replace the existing playground

Seltzer Park: The park will receive \$38,483 for the purpose of rehabilitating two tennis courts

"I am pleased to see this funding being allocated to Richland County which will help to build up our parks benefiting so many in our communities," said John.

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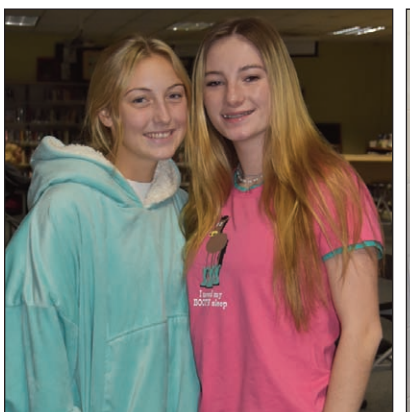
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Ontario High School Christmas PJ Day



Photos With Santa



Stephen Gehrish with Buckeye & Ellie
Chris & Stephanie Gehrish of Lexington



Jackson with Santa
Scott & Mary Haas of Lexington



Bailey & Kirsten with Santa
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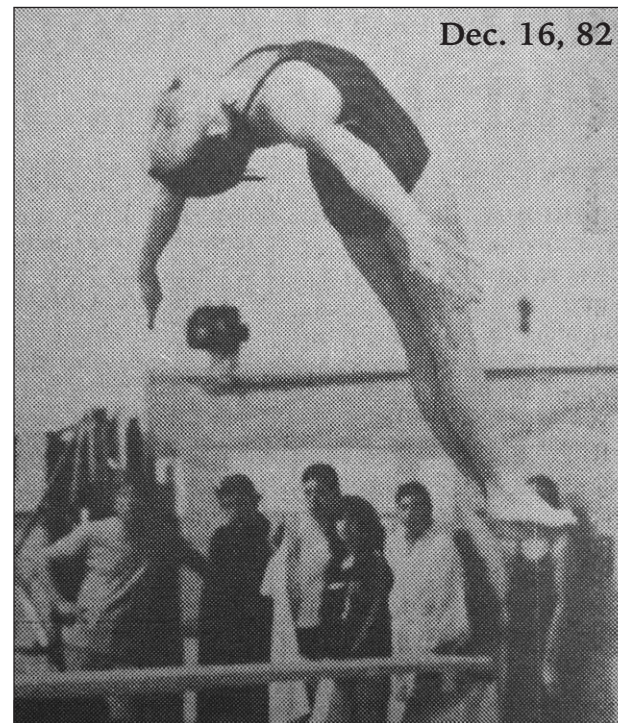


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FRESHMAN Denise Kreutzer of Ontario performs the graceful back dive during last Saturday's meet against Sandusky Perkins and Ayersville. Denise finished first against Ayersville and second against Perkins.

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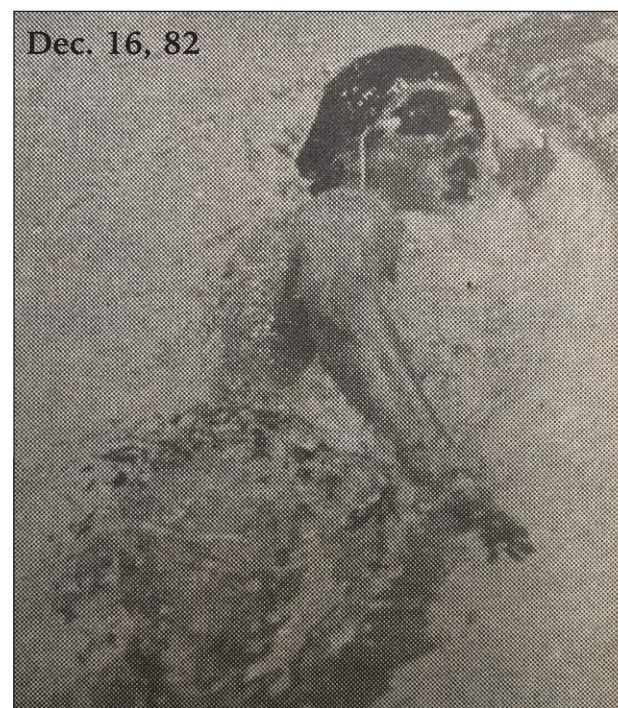


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FRESHMAN Doug Cooper of Ontario completes the 500-yard freestyle in third place against Ayersville and Sandusky Perkins. In addition, Doug set an Ontario freshman record in the event.



Christmas on the Mall

[Second of a Series]

December 16, 1773 — In Boston Harbor, a group of Massachusetts colonists disguised as Mohawk Indians board three British tea ships and dump 342 chests of tea into the harbor. The midnight raid, popularly known as the “Boston Tea Party,” was in protest of the British Parliament’s Tea Act of 1773, a bill designed to save the faltering East India Company by greatly lowering its tea tax and granting it a virtual monopoly on the American tea trade. The low tax allowed the East India Company to undercut even tea smuggled into America by Dutch traders, and many colonists viewed the act as another example of taxation tyranny. When three tea ships, the Dartmouth, the Eleanor, and the Beaver, arrived in Boston Harbor, the colonists demanded that the tea be returned to England. After Massachusetts Governor Thomas Hutchinson refused, Patriot leader Samuel Adams organized the “tea party” with about 60 members of the Sons of Liberty, his underground resistance group. The British tea dumped in Boston Harbor on the night of December 16 was valued at some \$18,000. Parliament, outraged by the blatant destruction of British property, enacted the Coercive Acts, also known as the Intolerable Acts, in 1774. The Coercive Acts closed Boston to merchant shipping, established formal British military rule in Massachusetts, made British officials immune to criminal prosecution in America, and required colonists to quarter British troops. The colonists subsequently called the first Continental Congress to consider a united American resistance to the British. www.history.com

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CITY OF ONTARIO GENERAL LABOR POSITION

The City of Ontario, an Equal Opportunity Employer, currently has an opening for a General Laborer in the Service Department. Duties may require operation of hand and power tools, heavy equipment, capable of lifting 50 pounds or more, working in inclement weather or other unpleasant conditions and call-in on short notice. Overtime is likely. A valid driver's license is required. Starting hourly rate is based on experience. We offer an excellent benefit package. After achieving the minimum passing score of 70% candidates can receive extra consideration for proficiencies in: Backhoe, Front End Loader, Snow Plow, Zero Turn Mower, Bat Wing Mower.

Applications may be picked up at the Ontario Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio, beginning December 20, 2021 and must be returned by January 11, 2022 at 3:00 p.m., in a sealed envelope addressed to the Civil Service Commission-General Labor Position. The Civil Service examination for General Laborer will be held Saturday, January 15, 2022, 9:00 a.m., in the Ontario Municipal Building Community Room, 555 Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio.

Cathy VanAuker
Clerk of Council
City of Ontario, Ohio
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before Council of the City of Ontario, during the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at the Ontario Municipal Building, 555 North Stumbo Road, upon a proposal to amend Section 1143.03 Design Standards, (g) Mini-

Warehouses. All persons interested in this issue are invited to attend and express their views.

Cathy VanAuker
Clerk of Council
City of Ontario, Ohio
(T-C 12-16, 23, '21) 36L

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The City of Ontario will accept separate sealed proposals from Prime Contractors for the Mechanical (Lead Contractor) Trades, until 2:00 P.M. local time on Thursday, January 13nd, 2022. Bids will be received at the City of Ontario Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo Rd. N., Ontario, OH 44906. Proposals will not be accepted afterwards under any circumstances. The bids will be opened and read aloud in the Community Room of the City of Ontario Municipal Building, for furnishing the material and labor for the execution and construction of:

City of Ontario – HVAC & Generator Upgrade

Project Description: The scope of the project consists of replacing seven (7) indoor HVAC fan coil units, outdoor condensing units, associated heating water and refrigerant piping, ductwork modifications, and control system upgrades. Perimeter finned tube heating water control valves will also be replaced. An existing indoor emergency generator will be removed and replaced with a new pad mounted outdoor emergency generator.

A Pre-bid Meeting will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 in the Community Room of the City of Ontario Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo Rd. N., Ontario, OH 44906.

The Bidder must include a Bid Guarantee and Contract Bond for 100% of the amount of his bid or a certified check in the amount of 10% of the total bid. See Section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC). Prevailing Wages and Equal Opportunity requirements are applicable to this project. Bidders are required to be enrolled in, prior to submitting a bid, and be in good standing in a Drug-Free Workplace Program (DFWP) approved by the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (OWBC), and are required to provide on the Bid form certain information relative to their enrollment in such a program; and, if awarded a Contract, shall comply with other DFWP criteria described in the General Conditions Paragraph 20.7 – Drug Free Workplace Program Participation. Domestic Steel use requirements as specified in Section 153.011, ORC applies to this project. Copies may be obtained from the Department of Administrative Services.

Prior to award of Contract, Contractors must complete

and submit to the Contracting Authority the Declaration Regarding Material Assistance/Non-Assistance to a Terrorist Organization (DMA) form(s) published by the Ohio Department of Public Safety. All DMA forms and reference information, including a list of licenses subject to DMA and the Terrorist Exclusion List, can be found on the Ohio Homeland Security Website at www.homelandsecurity.ohio.gov/dma.asp.

Technical questions should be sent to Wright Engineering, (330)-606-2957; eric@wright-engineering.com; or City of Ontario Service Safety Director: Jeffery Wilson; at (419)-529-2495; or www.ontario.ohio.org

Contract documents may be purchased by Bidders at their expense from ARC (formerly eBlueprint) 1915 W. Market Street, Akron, Ohio 44313 (multiple locations), (330) 865-4800. For set cost information, click on the Public Projects link at the following website: www.arc.eblueprint.com. Contractors will be required to purchase the entire set: no partial sets will be issued prior to the receipt of bids and the award of contracts. City of Ontario reserves the right to reject any bid and/or all bids..

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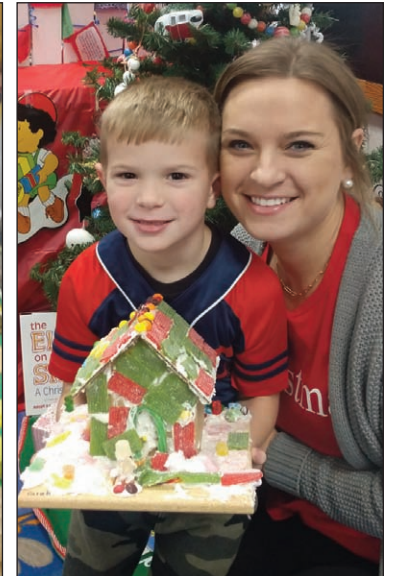
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