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MARTY AND JOANN GOTTSCHLING and their daughter Adriana took a mission trip to Zambia earlier this year. (Left photo) Joann Gottschling meets with children in Zambia. (Right photo) Adriana Gottschling was able to see turtles during her visit, some were over 100 years old.

## Local families return from Lifesong for Orphans mission trip to Zambia

By Traci Little

I had the wonderful privilege of speaking with Joann and Marty Gottschling of Lexington about their family's mission trip to Zambia. Joann, her husband Marty, and one of their six children, Adriana, went on a mission trip organized by a group of Apostolic Christian Church members and Lifesong for Orphans. As an eighteen-year-old, Adriana especially appreciated how thankful and grateful the people of Zambia truly are.

Paul and Tonya Getz, of Mansfield also went on the trip. Paul and Tonya own Getz Builders in Mansfield.

Lifesong for Orphans is a nonprofit organization that oversees the Lifesong Harmony School in the city of Kitwe. Marty Gottschling is a local chiropractor and also a member of the Lexington Local Schools Board of Education.

Most of the team spent two weeks at Lifesong Harmony School in Zambia. The flight took over 20 hours total to arrive at their destination. A week was spent in South Africa before visiting Zambia. Speaking with Joann about the trip, it was though her heart overflowed with humble gratefulness for all God did. Her excitement was contagious!

"Going to Zambia, I was blessed far above what I was able to give. These precious people radiate so much joy and yet they have so little! We, as Americans, have such an entitled mentality. We think we deserve so much and are never satisfied," said Joann.

Raising thankful children in the United States takes a lot of prayer and wisdom. How do we raise children that are truly grateful and thankful, especially around Christmas time?

Joann states, "It takes evaluating how we model the Christian life before them as parents. How do we talk about and treat material things versus the eternal? Do we simply hand over new things to them constantly or do we allow them to appreciate the little things and get the opportunity to serve others?"

"Sending money to the Lifesong for Orphans nonprofit

organization is what we did for years," Marty Gottschling states. "We would sponsor children and do things locally in our community. For many years I thought this was the way our funds would go to better use instead of actually making the trip and spending the extra money on flights, and our time there."

"Until you actually take the leap of faith and go, you'll never know how lifechanging it really is! I wish we would have gone sooner. It took our family eight years to get there, but it was so worth the trip!"

Through generous donations, Lifesong provides two meals a day, books and supplies, medical care, wages for teachers and staff, and operating expenses for the school.

If you could speak to Marty, Joann and their daughter, Adriana, they would urge you to go on a mission's trip. Meeting and hugging these people face to face can never replace sending a check. Joann understands that not everyone can go. Joann would encourage others to look into local ways they can bless and give to their own community. There are still great needs right across the street. Will we take the time to open our hearts and seek out those we might give to?

At Christmas time, and all year long, it is important to remember that this was the example of Jesus, our Savior. He came to this earth to serve, and not to be served. Shouldn't we follow his example in our day to day lives?

In Mark 10:45 in the Bible it states, "For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Joann recalls how spiritually mature the people of Zambia were. Even as small children, they would express that they were praying for her. When all you have is Christ and his Word, it is easier to live a joy-filled existence.

Joann goes onto say, "We are so spoiled here in America! We are to be the hands and feet of Jesus. How are we occupying our time until he comes again? As Christians, we are to look different than the world. Instead, more and more, we are mimicking what the

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## Ontario BOE prepares for calendar change with new hirings

The Ontario Local Schools Board of Education met Tuesday, Dec. 14.

Ontario Superintendent Lisa Carmichael and Dan Varn, Executive Director of the Richland County United Way, opened the meeting by giving a special presentation to seventh grade student Zachery White.

The board approved a Resolution declaring it necessary to provide for the renewal of two emergency tax levies in excess of the tenmill limitation.

Resignations for the purpose of retirement were accepted from Rielk Jacox, high school science teacher; and Brenda Address, high school intervention specialist, both effective May 31, 2022.

Tara Sanders resigned as a permanent substitute bus driver, effective Nov. 22, 2021.

Stacy Hohman was employed as a Stingel Elementary Playground Aide, effective Nov. 15, \$3,036.

Extracurricular/supplemental contracts for the 2021-'22 school year were awarded to Tracey Baxter, girls varsity assistant basketball coach, \$3,715; Lisa Ferguson, volunteer gymnastics coach for student-athlete MeKenna Gorbett-\$0; and Taylor Komives, varsity assistant wrestling coach, \$1,857.50

Employment was approved for temporary substitute teachers for the 2021-'22 school year including Kimberly Bell, Stingel Elementary; Jessica Fields, Stingel Elementary/Middle School; Whitney Busby, Stingel Elementary/Middle School/High School; Katelyn Lamp, Stingel Elementary; Katherine Boutell, Stingel Elementary; Rachel Grayson, Stingel Elementary/Middle School; Trevor Ritz - Stingel Elementary/Middle School/High School; Jennifer Schroeder, Stingel Elementary/Middle School; (Continued on Page 3)

## Christmas Blessings

May this Christmas be filled with blessings from our wonderful Father above.

May it be filled with His presence and the wonderful gift of His Love.

May the blessing of His Son who was born on this special day, fill your heart with joy

and lead you along the way.

May we treasure these Christmas blessings and share them with family and friends.

Sharing the blessing of Jesus Whose love for us never ends.

Thank You Lord, for these blessings that can come from only You.

Thank You for the blessing of Jesus Who always sees us through.

By Charlotte M Wilson  
Christmas 2021

## Ontario High School Red & Green Day



## H.B. 169 gives allocation to nursing homes

AARP Ohio State Director Holly Holtzen, issued the following statement in response to H.B. 169 provisions directing funding to nursing homes:

“We are pleased that the Ohio Senate passed H.B. 169 with funding to bolster long-term care services. However, we are disappointed that such a large allocation of public resources for nursing homes, and HCBS has zero transparency in how that funding will be used. Ohio nursing home residents, their families and Ohio taxpayers deserve better.

“Accountability for public funding that goes to these facilities is critical to ensure that Ohio nursing homes adequately use these funds to improve the lives of nursing home residents and the staff who work to keep them safe. The pandemic exposed chronic, ongoing issues in nursing homes

and other long-term care facilities, emphasizing the urgent need for reform and the importance of providing high-quality, safe care for residents. Nationwide 186,000 lives were lost in long-term care facilities, including more than 8,000 lives lost here in Ohio facilities.

“AARP Ohio will continue to urge action to combat the national tragedy occurring in Ohio’s nursing homes, make sure it does not happen again, and ensure that public funds provided to nursing homes and other long-term care facilities are going to direct patient care for the health and safety of residents. More than a year and a half into the pandemic, nursing homes continue to face chronic problems that leave residents and staff vulnerable to COVID-19 and other infectious disease outbreaks.”

## READERS' FORUM

Although I am no longer in the state legislature, I am proud of my former colleagues' recent work to protect local businesses and their employees. The Ohio legislature's recent passage of the “Business Fairness Act” corrects one of the government's biggest missteps during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Nearly all sectors of the economy were harmed by the pandemic and the government's response to it. From shutdowns to curfews to new regulations on how businesses could operate, employers across the country faced a series of hurdles unlike anything they have seen in decades.

This affected everyone, of course, but small businesses — our local “mom and pop shops” — were disproportionately harmed by such measures. In the spring of 2020, it was common to see large national chains remain open because they were deemed “essential” by governors and health departments, while smaller local retailers and other businesses were forced to close their doors.

This situation was inherently unfair to small business owners and their employees. Here in Ohio, more than nine-out-of-ten businesses are small businesses. They employ roughly 2.2 million people across our state, making up more than 45 percent of the private workforce. They are the backbone of our state's economy. More importantly, they are our family, friends, and neighbors.

And it almost goes without saying that every job is “essential” to the person who holds it and to the family that he or she supports. Every business is essential to the people it employs, to those who rely on its goods or services, and to the local entrepreneurs who have invested their time and their life's savings.

That is why I worked late last year to protect Ohio's small businesses. As one of my last legislative acts (I left office due to term limits on December 31), I sponsored an amendment to House Bill 609 that would have prohibited such unequal treatment of our local businesses in the future.

The amendment made clear that Ohio's health director could not issue any statewide orders that would impose different duties or requirements on small businesses than they would impose on large business providing similar products or services. The point was simple: if Target and Walmart can stay open, then so can the local stores in your town square. In December 2020, the State Senate adopted this language unanimously, with broad support on both sides of the political aisle. Unfortunately, the legislation did not receive a final vote in the other chamber before the end of the year.

Kudos to the current General Assembly, however, for guiding a similar bill through to passage this year. House Bill 215, which the sponsors named the Business Fairness Act, makes clear that in the event of an attempted shutdown order, small businesses will remain open if they comply with the same rules as their larger competitors. While this is not the same language that the Senate passed in 2020, it accomplishes the same purpose and will protect small businesses moving forward. It will stop the government from picking winners and losers and it could go a long way toward preventing any future shutdowns from occurring.

The legislature passed the Business Fairness Act last month and the governor has now signed it into law. It will go into effect in March.

Larry Obhof, former Ohio Senate Presidency  
*Obhpf is an attorney. He represented Ohio's 22nd Senate District from 2011-'20, and served as Ohio Senate President from 2017-'20.*

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- December 16 – Mark Shutt, Bellville
- December 24 — Becky Metzger, Ontario
- December 29 — Bob Carter, Lexington

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*Wishing You a Merry Christmas  
as we reflect on the birth of the Savior*





Photo by Brandon Chambers

## Lexington board ends year with light agenda

The Lexington Board of Education met Wednesday, Dec. 15 and opened the meeting with a report presentation by Evan Matney, student representative to the board. The high school, school resource office and athletics administrative reports followed.

The treasurer's report was given and the board gave approval to the Message Logix invoice in the amount of \$3,625 for K12 Alert Services.

Employment was granted to Carla Pasheilich, academic mentor for student on homebound instruction, beginning Dec. 6 through the end of the school year, not to exceed 10 hours weekly, \$20 per hour; and Lori Hoyt, long-term sub at Eastern, from approximately Dec. 10, 2021–Feb. 28, 2022.

A resignation was accepted from

Amanda Addington as a two-hour employee in food service, effective Nov. 2.

The board approved employment for Abbie Goodman, educational aide, effective Nov. 23, contract for the remainder of the current school year; Dustin Horn, substitute bus driver, Dec. 7; Doug Noblet, substitute bus driver, Dec. 7; and Richard Wuchich, substitute van driver, Dec. 8

Mike Moore was approved as a volunteer assistant junior high and high school wrestling coach for the 2021–'22 season.

The board set the 2022 dates and times for the organizational and regular January Board of Education meetings.

The board approved to join OSBA for calendar year 2022 and all approved the revised Lexington substitute list for Nov. 18, 2021, as presented by MOESC.

## •Ontario prepares for calendar change

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School/High School; and Seth Roy, Stingel Elementary/Middle School.

Childcare Professional Development was approved for Carissa Whitmer, substitute teacher, to secure a preschool license at \$22.50 per hour with a maximum of 20 hours.

Substitute classified staff personnel approved for the 2021–'22 school year are Katie Studer, custodian; Jessica Kegley, cook, secretary, secretary aide; Jenna Kiser and custodian.

The board accepted a \$600 donation from Denny and Ashley Nelson for the girls tennis program.

A \$1,000 grant was received from Toshiba America Foundation, James Willis.

The board approved facility requests and reviewed and discussed 2021–'22 COVID-19 Protocols.

Heidi Zimmerman appointed herself as President Pro Tem for the January Organizational Meeting which will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 11, at 7 pm in the Ontario High School Library.

## News Briefs

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.

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

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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. Guests are welcome to attend.

For more information call Darlene Lee at 419-886-4711.

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

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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](mailto:sdanuloff@aaa5ohio.org)

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

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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 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.

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All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, 25 Church St., Bellville, will hold a Christmas Eve candle lighting service at 6 pm on Dec. 24 with Rev. Will Humphrey.

Happy Holidays

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filled with health and harmony.



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 Rev. Matt Merendino • Rev. Mike Stine, Associate Pastor  
 9 am Sunday School • 10 am Sunday Worship  
 Wednesday evenings: 6 pm Prayer Meeting • 6:30 pm TeamKID and Youth Group

## Community Bible Church

1043 Springmill St., Mansfield • 567-560-8011 • [www.DiscoverCommunity.org](http://www.DiscoverCommunity.org)  
 Pastor Sam Belsterling • 10:30 am Sunday Worship  
 Live stream at <https://www.facebook.com/CommunityBibleChurchMansfield>

## Lexington Presbyterian Church

35 Church St. West, Lexington • 419-884-1330  
 Rev. James Randas • 10:30 am Sunday Worship  
<https://www.facebook.com/Lexington-Presbyterian-Church-117768414915815>

## McElroy Road Church of Christ

297 N. McElroy Rd., Mansfield (Madison area) • 419-589-2661 • [mcelroyroad.org](http://mcelroyroad.org)  
 Minister Dean Jackson  
 9:30 am Sunday School • 10:30 am Sunday Worship • 6 pm Sunday Night • 7 pm Wednesday  
[www.facebook.com/mrccgrace](http://www.facebook.com/mrccgrace)

## Ontario Christian Church

1029 Lewis Rd., Ontario • 419-529-5684 • [ontariochristian.org](http://ontariochristian.org)  
 Pastor Steve Broughton  
 9 am Sunday School • 10 am Sunday Worship

## Ontario United Methodist Church

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

## Ridgeway Church of God

1380 Park Avenue East, Mansfield • 419-589-5385 • [www.ridgewaycog.cgcc.org/](http://www.ridgewaycog.cgcc.org/)  
 Pastor John Dodds • Associate Pastor Billy Saunders  
 9:30 am Sunday School • 6 pm Sunday Family Events  
 10:40 am Sunday Worship with live stream at [www.facebook.com/ridgewaycog](http://www.facebook.com/ridgewaycog)  
 2 pm Wednesday Bible Study • 9 am Men's Breakfast 2nd & 4th Sunday

## Risen Savior Lutheran Church

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

## St. Mary of the Snows Catholic Church

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

## St. Paul Lutheran

2010 Park Avenue West • 419-529-4351 • [www.stpaulmansfield.org](http://www.stpaulmansfield.org)  
 Pastor Jonathan Stufft  
 9 am Sunday Worship • 10:15 am Monday Weekly Bible Study

## St. Timothy Lutheran Church

1262 Ashland Rd., Mansfield (Madison area) • 419-589-5252 • [sttimmansfield.org](http://sttimmansfield.org)  
 Pastor Jonathan Stufft  
 10:45 am Sunday Worship • 10:15 am Monday Bible Study  
 Email: [secretary@sttimmansfield.org](mailto:secretary@sttimmansfield.org)

## Trinity United Methodist Church

1592 Grace St., Mansfield (Madison area) • 419-589-5890 • [trinityumcmansfield.org](http://trinityumcmansfield.org)  
 Pastor Micahel W. Mack • 9:30 am Sunday Worship



**ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL'S KEY CLUB** sponsored a food drive for local families during the week of December 6-10. 3,543 items were collected and class winners were Mr. Kreger (1,007 items, 41.66/student); first runner up, Mr. Henige (796 items, 29.48/student); and second runner up, Ms. Willeke (448 items, 21.33/student).

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**Tomato Basil Soup**

**Ingredients**

- 1 Onion
- 3 Tbsp. Olive oil
- 1 can crushed tomatoes
- 1 can tomato puree
- 1 32 ounce chicken broth
- ½ cup whipping cream  
*(or if you want it "lighter" use milk or ½ and ½)*
- 2 Tbsp. chopped basil



**Instructions**

Heat olive oil in soup pot. Add chopped onion and sauté until onions are soft and done "sweating." Add tomatoes and broth and bring to boil. Reduce heat to low and add basil. With an immersion blender blend until smooth (if you like chunks of tomatoes you don't have to do this step. Add whipping cream (or substitute...or don't add any dairy if you don't want to...again no rules)

A great variation to this recipe is to throw in some small raviolis or even tortellini.

*If you don't want to make the baked "crouton" with this you can make some grilled cheese sandwiches to have with this delicious soup.*

**Baked Bread Crouton**

**Ingredients**

- Loaf of bread sliced
- Olive oil
- 1 stick butter
- 2 tsp. minced shallot
- Kosher Salt and Pepper
- Blue cheese

**Instructions**

Add butter and shallot in food processor and combine to a paste. You can also do this in a bowl and mix well. (Depending on how soft your butter is will depend on how easy this is to mix.) Brush slices of bread with olive oil and put on cookie sheet. Sprinkle with kosher salt and pepper and put in oven on 325 for 10 minutes turning to make sure they are browned on both sides. Spread the butter/shallot mixture onto the bread slices and then top with blue cheese. Put back on cookie sheet and put in oven until blue cheese melts.

*If you are not a blue cheese fan you can substitute with whatever cheese you may want. Again NO RULES.* LIKE Kimmys Cucina on Facebook & Instagram



**By Mátiece Thomas**

Merry Christmas everyone, my wish for you is a season of peace and joy! As December closes out our year, we dream of all the things we want to accomplish in the new year.

That's right, I am talking about New Year's Resolutions. January 1st is the perfect time for a fresh start.

Do you know that most New Year's Resolutions fail by Jan. 15? Sometimes it is because the goals are too big or you might be trying to change too many things all at once. I have found the main reason that people with fitness resolutions fail is because there is no plan, just a dream.

It is so important when you have a goal, to first make a plan on how you will reach that goal. Also, take steps to reach your goal and do not expect to change everything all at once just because it is the "magical" January 1st.

For example If you need to exercise more, don't just write it down, sign up for some classes to try to see what you like. Meet with a personal trainer for a consult to see if they would be a good fit for you. The very least you can do is get a workout app or buy an at-home exercise video.

Now, if you need to change everything, nutrition and add exercise are easy to get overwhelmed with and give up. So take baby steps. My suggestion would be to break down your month with goals. For example, the first week of January, cut out the junk food and drink more water and take a walk every day or find a class to go to.

During the second week, dial in your macros, eat more protein and slow carbs like veggies and less fast carbs like bread and pasta. Take time to go to a workout class or meet with your trainer. Once you get your nutrition on a good path, then you can up your workouts. You will want the minimum of 3x per week.

So many give up on the new goals because they mess up, but we are human — of course we will slip up. The important thing is to never give up!

I hope these tips have helped you on your journey into the new year.

If you have any questions or need help from this Trainer Girl feel free to email me @ Mfitness13@gmail.com

Follow me at Instagram-5ptsfitness\_trainergirl for nutrition and workout tips.



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**THE MANSFIELD CHRISTIAN SENIOR CLASS** had the opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus by serving at Crossroads Church on Dec. 13. They wrapped hundreds of gifts for local children in the community, cleaned and organized Christmas decorations available to the community and prayed over every package they wrapped.



**Herlihy House 2021, Mansfield**  
Photos by Jenna Wolford

## RPH gives 12 health tips for the holidays

Richland Public Health is sharing Holiday Health Tips from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

There are 12 recommended tips for self-care this season to help keep yourself and your loved ones safe and healthy and ready to enjoy the holidays and have a healthy new year.

1. Wash hands often to help prevent the possibility of spreading germs and getting sick. Wash your hands with

soap and clean running water for at least 20 seconds.

2. Bundle up to stay dry and warm. Wear appropriate outdoor clothing: light, warm layers, mittens, hats, scarves and waterproof boots.

3. Manage stress. Give yourself a break if you feel stressed out. Find support, connect socially, and get plenty of sleep.

4. Don't drink and drive or let others drink and drive. Whenever anyone drives drunk, they put everyone on the road in danger.

5. Be smoke-free. Avoid smoking and secondhand smoke. It's common knowledge that smokers have greater health risks because of their tobacco use, but non-smokers also are at risk when exposed to tobacco smoke, also referred to as secondhand smoke.

6. Fasten seat belts while driving or riding in a motor vehicle. Always buckle your children in the car using a child safety seat, booster seat, or seat belt according to their height, weight, and age. Use seat belts on every trip, no matter how short the trip. Back seat passengers, too!

7. Get exams and screenings. Ask your health care provider what exams you need and when to get them. Update your personal and family history.

8. Get your vaccinations that help prevent various diseases and save lives. Everyone 6 months and older should get a flu vaccine each year. Vaccination is especially important for people who are at high risk for complications from flu, and for people who live with or care for someone who is at high risk.

9. Monitor the children. Keep potentially dangerous toys, food, drinks, household items, and other objects out of children's reach. Dress your children warmly for outdoor activities. Develop family rules on safe behavior — on using electronic media, for instance.

10. Practice fire safety. Most residential fires occur during the winter months, so don't leave fireplaces, space heaters, stoves, or candles unattended. Have an emergency plan and practice it regularly.

11. Prepare food safely. Remember these simple steps: Wash hands and surfaces often, avoid cross-contamination, cook foods to proper temperatures and refrigerate them promptly.

12. Eat healthy, stay active. Eat fruits and vegetables, which pack plenty of nutrients and help lower the risk for certain diseases. Limit your portion sizes and foods high in fat, salt, and sugar. Also, be active for at least 2½ hours a week and help kids and teens be active for at least one hour a day.

## Merry Christmas, neighbors.

We wish all our neighbors peace, joy and love this Christmas season and beyond. We are blessed to be part of such a wonderful community.

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# TCS choirs host Christmas concert

The Temple Christian Christmas concert was held Dec. 14, at the school, 752 N. Stewart Rd., Madison area.

The program "He Shall Reign Forevermore" included the speech class performing a gloved hand performance to the song "Truth Be Told." The elementary girls performed "How Many More Kings."

The junior and senior high choir sang "He Shall Reign Forevermore," "Meekness and Majesty," "Gifts Fit for a King" and "A King Has Come."

"In The First Light" featured soloist Evan Carroll of the high school mixed ensemble and the high school girls ensemble sang "One King."

"Joy (He Shall Reign)" featured soloists Lydia Shumer, Esther Houser, Amos Ingram and Kynsten Dean. Soloist Alivia Carr performed in "The King Is Born In Bethlehem." "Angels We Have Heard On High" and

"Come Adore the King" featured soloists Kavian Hively and Velvet Humble and the elementary choir sang "A Song of Joy."

The choirs all combined to sing "Is He Worthy" with soloists Logan Nicol, Halina Humble and Abigail Gibson.

A message was given by Pastor Rob Kurtz.



Halina Humble



Photos by Traci Little



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# MECLC hosts Holiday Festival for families

The Madison Early Childhood Learning Center (MECLC) held its first annual Holiday Festival on Dec. 13, in the evening for all early childhood families.

MECLC is a 5-Star rated SUTQ Ohio Department of Education licensed preschool and childcare program for children ages 6 weeks to 12 years old in the Madison Local School District.

The Holiday Festival was a free event for all of the children that attend the MECLC program including all of their family members.

There were over 200 parents and children that attended the evening full of fun activities.

Families participated in a variety of activities including carnival games with prizes, making ornaments, cookie decorating, visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Claus and a bouncy house. A dinner was provided in the cafeteria.

MECLC partners with many community members for a variety of services, and a few of them were at the event to share information about their services to the families. Community partners that attended the festival included Anne Vermillion from Catalyst, Robyn McNulty and Crystal McMillen from Madison Adult Ed. and Elizabeth Donaldson from the Madison Library Branch.

MECLC hopes to provide the festival every year.



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## Foundation approves \$268,512 in grants

The Richland County Foundation Board of Trustees approved \$268,512 in grants during its December meeting.

The board of trustees approved a COVID-19 pandemic grant to North Central State College Foundation to create a modified licensed practical nurse (LPN) program to increase the number of nurses.

The pandemic created a nursing shortage locally and across the country. The new program will last six months instead of 10. The grant will support tuition, uniforms, transportation, and daycare to students in need. Since the start of the pandemic, the Foundation Board of Trustees directed resources to meet emerging needs.

Downtown Mansfield Inc. received two Mansfield Rising grants. One grant will fund a third round of new benches and trash cans. The other grant is to support the second year of the façade improvement program which has approved thirteen projects for funding.

Two career technical education scholarships were approved during the meeting. The scholarship committee implemented a rolling deadline for CTE scholarships to meet various enrollment deadlines.

In aligning with Ohio's Attainment Goal, the Foundation wants to help fill the

gap between job openings and certified employees as well as lead the way to support workforce development through CTE scholarships.

The Board of Trustees also approved donor-advised fund grants to meet emerging needs to the following organizations: 33 Forever, Akron Children's Hospital, Altrusa Club of Mansfield, Catalyst Life Services, City of Mansfield, Discovery School, Domestic Violence Shelter, EdChoice Inc., Friendly House, Harmony House, Heartwood Inc., Highlands Nature Sanctuary, Killbuck Watershed Land Trust, Knox County Career Center, Lucas Local Schools, Madison Adult Education, Mansfield Area Y, Mansfield Christian School, Mansfield City Schools, Mansfield Playhouse, North Central Ohio Industrial Museum, North Central Ohio Land Conservancy, Ohio Bird Sanctuary, Ohio Environmental Council, The Ohio State University Foundation, Raemelon Therapeutic Equestrian Center, Richland Community Development Group, Renaissance Theatre, Richland Academy of the Arts, Richland County Commissioners, Salvation Army, Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Museum, St. Peter's School, The New Store and United Way of Richland County.



**THE MANSFIELD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL CLASS OF 2023** held a food drive for the local Friendly House families. In total, 746 total items were donated. MCS would like to thank all the students and families who donated.

## More than \$1 million awarded for the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction

U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH) announced that the U.S. Department of Justice's (DOJ) Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) has awarded a \$1,072,000 grant to the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC) through its Second Chance Act Pay for Success Initiative to fund the Returning Home Ohio (RHO) Expansion and Enhancement project. This project will support a partnership between ODRC and the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) to help Ohioans returning from incarceration find housing and avoid reoffending upon release. This funding will help expand the successful RHO program into Knox, Muskingum and Richland counties.

"Transitioning back to civilian life can be a jarring and costly experience that strains mental health and may even result in reimprisonment if returning citizens aren't met with proper support," said Brown. "This much needed investment will help ensure those reintegrating into communities have the tools and resources

they need to find housing and be successful."

Support through this grant will allow ODRC and CSH to expand its outreach throughout Knox, Muskingum and Richland counties. By increasing its capacity and outreach in the state, grant funding will allow the project to target higher risk offenders and reduce recidivism for individuals returning from incarceration.

Funding for the program is provided by BJA's Second Chance Act Community-Based Reentry Program. Funding will allow for implementation or expansion of reentry programs that demonstrate strong partnerships with corrections, parole, probation, and other reentry service providers. Grants made under this program may be used for: mentoring adult offenders during incarceration, through transition back to the community; transitional services to assist the reintegration of offenders into the community; and training regarding offender and victims' issues.

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**PARKER METZGER AND KALINN AU** of Ontario visited Santa at the Ohio Bird Sanctuary's Christmas with the Birds on Dec. 11. Children could visit Santa and his reindeer, decorate a cookie, make a craft and see some of the birds up-close.

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**THE ONTARIO SCIENCE CLUB** learned how to test soil. It was a cold day but the ground wasn't frozen yet, so students learned how to sample the soil and learn about it's properties. Students compared wetland hydric soils to well drained field samples. Soil color, texture, moisture, and horizon were identified. Mr. Nikiforow is the Science Club instructor.



**MADISON MIDDLE SCHOOL NOVEMBER R.A.M.S.** (Respectful, Accountable, Motivated, Successful) students of the month are fifth grade students, Andrew Kippenberger, Gavin Faith, Tanner Bishop and Madelynn Carpenter; sixth grade students, Jarrod Cyrus, Kaley Bowman, Adalynn Jordan and Phillip Wiggins; seventh grade students, Dorian Utt, Lariah Coble, Christopher Manley and Natalie Mosier; and eighth grade students, Raygen Reiter, Nicholas Maglott, Elias White and Lillian Delong.

## Mifflin PTO gives donation for tables, supplies

The Madison Local Board of Education met for its regular meeting at Madison Middle School, Wednesday, Dec. 15.

Board president Tim Wigton gave a call to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A donation of \$940.31 was presented to Mifflin

Elementary from Mifflin PTO to be used towards the purchase of tables for classrooms and teachers' school supplies.

Jonathan Muro, Madison Middle School Principal, gave a presentation and treasurer Robin Klenk gave her report. Resignations were accepted from Trae Coopwood, assistant varsity wrestling coach, effective Nov. 16; and Dave Stupka, head varsity football coach, effective Nov. 17.

Supplemental positions awarded for the 2021-'22 school year were Troy Schulz, Online Academy Teacher – second semester; Justin Hunt, winter fitness coordinator; Ian Harter, half assistant varsity wrestling coach; and Kyle Conkle, half assistant varsity wrestling coach. These are dependent on proper certification, paperwork and background checks.

Madison Adult Education positions were awarded to Diane Schmidt, Beginning Sign Language; Joe Curatti, Industrial Electrical Maintenance; Gary McKenzie, Industrial Electrical Maintenance; Jesse Plushnik, Industrial Electrical Maintenance; and Jeremy Wachtel, Industrial Electrical Maintenance.

Substitute teachers hired on an "on-call" basis, as needed for the 2021-'22 school year are Kathreen Cunningham, Susan Distl, Sidney Foltz, Jenny Jones, Hayden Messer, Ray Stone, Peter Lehman Laura Rickert, Angella Foster, Hollie Brenner, Jared Stern, Grayce Stone, Shanna Eith and Brian Lowe. Substitute employees hired on an "on-call" basis were Kilie Justice, special education aide; William McLain, bus driver; and Bridget Bradford, special education aide.

The board approved Geoffrey Eckenwiler as a volunteer for varsity boys' basketball.

Felicia Maurer was hired as an assistant MECLC teacher, effective Nov. 19. Stephanie Peckham was hired as a 2-hour cook at Madison South, effective Dec. 6.

Michelle Windsor has been awarded the position of Special Education 1-1 Aide at the high school, a new position created by student enrollment.

Amy Childs has been awarded the position of Special Education 1-1 Aide at Mifflin Elementary, replacing Prezlie Paxson who resigned.

All hirings are pending proper/applicable certification, paperwork, and BCI/FBI checks.

The use of a sick bank for an additional six days for David Brown, high school custodian, for medical reasons, was approved.

The board approved the purchase of a three-year digital signage subscription and hardware from DRM Productions for Eastview, Mifflin, Madison South and Madison Middle School in the amount of \$30,330.00 to be paid with ESSER III funds.

The purchase of Air Quality Monitoring devices (Vape Detectors) will be purchased from Schmidt Security for Madison High School in the amount of \$30,697.62 to be

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**PIONEER PRESCHOOL AND ECE** student teachers had the opportunity to either have breakfast or lunch with Santa recently. The children and high school teachers really enjoyed the event.



**TRAVELING TO ZAMBIA** were front, Victoria Andrej from Arizona, Max Sabo (California), Adriana Gotzchling (Lexington) Oliver Cikos (California) and Norbert Namenyi (California); middle, Paul and Tanya Getz (Mansfield), Marty and Joann Gottschling (Lexington), John and Corrine Gearhardt (Arizona); and back, Joshua Namenyi (California), and Jacob and his mom Marie Pantelic (Arizona). Norbert was the master solar panel installer.



## •Mifflin PTO gives donation

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paid with ESSER III funds. This price includes all equipment, system integration, training and customer support.

The purchase of Air Quality Monitoring devices (Vape Detectors) from Schmidt Security was also approved for Madison Middle School in the amount of \$19,069.00 to be paid with ESSER III funds. This price includes all equipment, system integration, training and customer support.

An overnight trip Jan. 17-22, 2022 for SkillsUSA regional officers to attend officer training in Washington, D.C., was given approval.

The board determined that it is necessary to levy the renewal of a tax outside of the tenmill limitation for the purpose of

current expenses of the school district at a rate not to exceed six and nine-tenths (6.9) mills as authorized by R.C. 5705.21.

The board will request that the Auditor of Richland County, Ohio, certify to the board the total current tax valuation of this school district, the dollar amount of revenue which will be generated per year by the levy of a renewal of a tax of six and nine-tenths (6.9) mills for current expenses, and for a special election to be held on May 3, 2022.

A second reading of polices were approved.

The board will hold an organizational meeting on Thursday, Jan. 6, at 4:30 pm. The next regular meeting will be announced.

## •Families return from Zambia

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world looks like, with a little bit of Jesus sprinkled in. This should not be the case!”

“When we walk in humility, we experience an unexplainable joy and peace. We are to live as the bible talks about, a well that never runs dry.”

This is how Joann explained her own father living his life. Joann has a passion for living a life like Jesus because it was shown to her by her dad. She now seeks to pass the same legacy down to her own children. Her father was from former Yugoslavia and didn't have much growing up.

He lived in a small village with his ten siblings and was so blessed to flee the communist country. He always encourages people to serve and give until the Lord calls us home.

The administrators at Lifesong Harmony School, Dennis and Jasmine Delic, and their two daughters, Faith, 18, and Grace, 14, have been serving in Africa for over eight years now. They were originally from Toronto, Canada. When Dennis's profitable electric company unexpectedly closed, the Lord called them to Africa. They followed in obedience and left everything behind to serve the Lord across the world.

Lifesong's overhead is met by other donors so that 100% of the funds donors send are earmarked for Harmony student sponsorship. Donors can be confident that all of the money will go to a sponsored child's needs.

There is a school-owned compound near the school where the neediest live and are cared for. They have to be discerning on who to pick (they would love to take them all, but they just can't). These kids are the ones that have been abused and neglected the most. Currently, 25 girls are living there.

One day on their trip, Joann recalls a heartbreaking moment at the local market.

“There were boys as small as seven and eight who were asking for money. Some adults have preyed upon these young ones and got them addicted to drugs. They give them drugs to sniff, and their hair is now an orange, rust color because they are so severely malnourished and addicted to drugs.”

A really amazing story gives a glimpse of the heart of Dennis Delic and his family. A young teenage girl named Mary was totally bedridden. Her mother was struggling to provide for her needs. This ended in an amazing redemptive story because they also found a woman who was making moonshine in her home to make money. There is a huge amount of witchcraft in the country and Dennis came to her and preached the gospel to her and she got saved. He offered her money to take care of the little handicapped girl and her mother and give them a secure home to live in if she stopped making moonshine, and she agreed. The compassion of Dennis and his family is humbling.

Lifesong Harmony School began as a school for orphans. They started with 200 students and the projected number for 2024 is almost 1,000!

Students can learn vocational skills like sewing, auto mechanics, carpentry, masonry, and food preparation.

“They come out with not only a diploma, but a useable skill,” Marty said.

On the wall in the cafeteria it reads, “There are two educations. One should teach us how to make a living and the other how to live. – John Adams”

Schools in Zambia are keeping God in their schools, while here in America, in many places, we are sadly removing God from our educational system.

While the Gottschling family was there, Marty helped with rough wiring a new school building and Joann with painting and helping the kids. Others installed solar panels, as well as assisted in teaching student's classes. In food preparation, students learned to bake American pies and decorate cupcakes. The solar panels provide for all of the school's power. The sun powers the school 100% during the day, and then it runs off batteries at night.

Unlike Zambian public schools where one teacher can teach a class of 100 plus students, Lifesong schools maintain a student-to-teacher ratio of 30:1 and structures classes similar to North America.

Children in Zambia are happy with the little things in life. Our kids here in America would benefit from meeting and learning from the kids over there. There is a lot less of an entitlement attitude. The children are truly thankful and appreciative of attending the Harmony School. They are happy, despite the little they have.

Some of the highlights of the trip were going on a safari. Joann states, that visiting a zoo in America cannot even compare to what we were able to see in Africa.

The Gottschling family hopes to go back one day. How can you help? Perhaps you might consider helping the kids at Lifesong, or even taking a trip yourself. The biggest need they have is to sponsor a child. It costs \$40 per month.

Children's profiles can be viewed at [www.lifesongcanada.org](http://www.lifesongcanada.org).



**PAUL GETZ AND MARTY GOTTSCHLING** rough wiring for a new school building.



## Beyond Measure Market hosts Christmas open house

Photos and Article By Traci Little

Beyond Measure Market is a 6,000 square foot Amish style bulk food and deli store that opened in 2018.

The market hosted its annual Taste of Christmas Open House Dec. 11. Customers experienced the true meaning of Christmas and were able to enjoy lots of seasonal samples. Homemade specialty items are what customers look forward to each year. The first 200 customers received a complementary ornament.

Exclusive in-store sales on melting and block chocolates were available. People ordered their Christmas hams, homemade gift baskets and trays as well as homemade holiday pies! Giveaway drawings happened for a chance to win one of three assorted gift boxes of scented candles by Swan Creek Candle Co.

What a great way to experience the Christmas spirit at this year's "A Taste of Christmas" open house! Visit them at 569 U.S. 250, Greenwich, OH.

You can find them online at [www.beyonmeasuremarket.com](http://www.beyonmeasuremarket.com).

Watch this adorable video here: <https://youtu.be/UzwV-F2kmNc>. The neat thing that you may not know is Beyond Measure Market is a non-profit store with a cause! Their proceeds go to help a ministry called MAP- Ministry To Amish People. It is dedicated to sharing information about ministries, services, testimonies, and opportunities to Amish and non-Amish (English) communities alike.

The founders, Joe and Esther, were born and raised in an Old Order Amish sect in Ashland, Ohio. At the age of 17, they were both baptized as members in the Amish Church. Not long after their eighteenth birthdays, a former Amish man shared the gospel with them. Joe and Esther realized they were sinners in need of a Savior! They accepted Jesus as their personal Savior. After nine months of marriage, Joe and Esther had to make a hard decision and leave the Amish way of life, their family, and friends forever in order to live openly for Christ.

In 1999, the Lord called Joe and Esther Keim to reach out to the Amish and former Amish, both locally in Ashland County as well as communities across the country. They created this ministry to help

former Amish adults get their birth records, social security numbers and driver's licenses. They also provide GED classes, mentoring and discipleship sessions, and counseling. The goal is to meet physical, emotional and spiritual needs of those who come for help.

Beyond Measure was built after a bold step of faith! With the goal of serving the community as well as aiding single, Amish women who are leaving their culture and need help getting established in the English society. Single adult women are staying at New Beginnings Homestead, and a MAP apartment building located behind Beyond Measure Market. They train at the store, learn the retail business, make an income, and help pay for their own living expenses.

When you shop at Beyond Measure, you are helping a much greater cause! What can you find at the Market? They carry a full line of deli meats and cheeses, bulk foods, ice cream cones, subs and sandwiches, salads, fresh produce, freezer items and gifts!

They look forward to serving the community and growing as the Lord leads in the years to come! They have a threefold purpose:

1. Evangelize and Disciple Amish and Former Amish people done through personal witness, home bible studies, prayer meetings, clubs, and more!

2. Assist older teenagers and young adults who have already left the Amish culture by providing basic life skills such as communicating with English as a second language, driving lessons, learning cultural norms and expectations, applying for social security cards, completing employment applications, GED testing, prepping for job interviews, finding a residence, and opening a bank account.

3. Expanding MAP all over North America is the third goal! They do this by sharing at local churches. The goal of MAP is to pass the burden onto others, so that they, too, can help reach Amish people throughout the US and Canada. Read more about their ministry here: <https://www.mapministry.org/housing>.

Beyond Measure is hiring! Find out more at <https://www.beyonmeasuremarket.com/careers/>.



## Area Agency on Aging announces new 2022 corporate board members

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. announced the appointment of three new members, Robert Gagnon, Margie Tasseff and Leanne Smith, to its Board of Trustees and will serve as the Wyandot County representative, At-Large representative, and Seneca County representative, respectively.

Gagnon is the senior vice president of merchandising at Lands' End. He has an extensive background in business strategy, development, training, and team building. A graduate from Otterbein College, he has a B.A. in Business, B.A. in Fashion, and four minors. He is passionate about helping his community and volunteers with Hannah's House of Upper Sandusky and Angeline Industries.

Tasseff is the market president for iHeart Media. She brings several years of experience in sales, brand management, media products, and leadership. Ms. Tasseff currently sits on the Board of the Little Buckeye Children's Museum in Mansfield. In the past, she was part of the Mansfield

Rising as an Advisory Committee member. A strong advocate for older Ohioans, she is looking forward to serving on the Area Agency on Aging Corporate Board.

Smith is the director of residential services and public relations for St. Francis Senior Ministries in Tiffin. She brings a background of public relations, marketing, project management, and customer service to the Board. She currently sits on the "Your Legacy Federal Credit Union" board, is involved in the Leading Age Public Relations Committee, and was appointed to the Alzheimer's and Related Dementias Task Force for the State of Ohio.

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc., located at Hawkins Corner in Ontario, serves the North Central Ohio area including Ashland, Crawford, Huron, Knox, Marion, Morrow, Richland, Seneca and Wyandot Counties, providing assistance to aging individuals and disabled individuals. Contact the Area Agency on Aging at 419-524-4144 or 800-560-5799. Find us on Facebook.



**MISS INGLE'S CLASS** at Ontario spread some Christmas cheer during their center time. Preschoolers worked on their motor skills by decorating trees and wrapping presents. They practiced their letter and number recognition by playing Feed the Elf.

## Assistance available for energy bills

The Ohio Department of Development and Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. reminds Ohioans that assistance is available to help with home energy bills.

The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) helps Ohioans at or below 175 percent of the federal poverty guidelines pay their heating bills.

Applied directly to the customer's utility or bulk fuel bill, the benefit can help manage heating costs. Ohioans can visit [www.energyhelp.ohio.gov](http://www.energyhelp.ohio.gov) to apply online, download a copy of the application or find contact information for a local Energy Assistance Provider (EAP).

When applying, individuals need to have copies of most recent utility bills, A list of all household members (including birth dates and Social Security numbers), proof of income for the past 30 days for all household members (12 months for certain income types), proof of U.S. citizenship or legal residency for all household members and proof of disability (if applicable).

HEAP benefits are applied to an individual's energy bill after Jan. 1. Applications for the HEAP program must be received by May 31, 2022.

For more information contact the Area Agency on Aging office at 419-524-4144 or 1-800-860-5799.



**JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT** — Students in Mrs. Winningham's second grade class at Ontario have completed the Junior Achievement program. Christine Gfrer from Warren Rupp volunteered her time to teach five lessons about our community. Students learned about jobs in communities.

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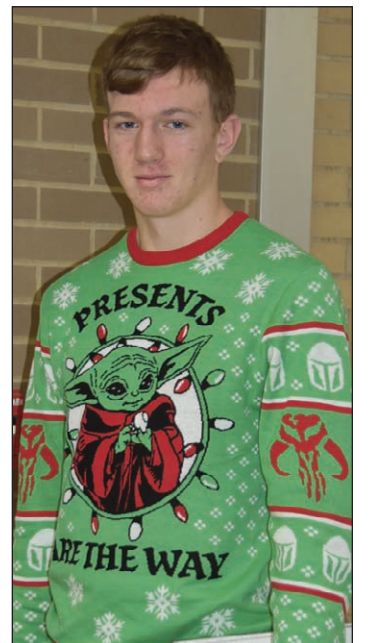
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# Ontario High School Christmas Sweater Day



## Students can apply for DAR scholarships

Various local, state and national scholarships are available through the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). Each has separate requirements.

The Jared Mansfield Chapter local scholarship is open to all students, both genders, who will be attending or is currently enrolled at OSU-Mansfield, NCSC or the Dwight Schar College of Nursing, Mansfield and pursuing any field of study. High school graduating seniors can also apply. The completed application must be postmarked by April 15.

The Ohio Society Daughters of the American Revolution awards the "Wings of Eagles" scholarship to graduating high school seniors, including those completing a certified home school program, in the amount of \$1,000 each. Awards are based on academic excellence and financial need. All applicants must be citizens of the

United States and legal residents of the state of Ohio and must attend an accredited college or university in the United States.

Visit OSDAR at [ohiodar.org](http://ohiodar.org) to obtain a scholarship application. All applicants must be sponsored by the local DAR chapter and applications must be submitted to the local chapter by Jan. 31.

The National Daughters of the American Revolution, NSDAR, also offers scholarships in many different majors. This year all students will submit applications using an online process. The online portal can be found on the DAR scholarship page <http://dar.academicworks.com>

Emailed or mailed applications will no longer be accepted. The deadline for these is Jan. 31.

Call scholarship chair Margie Warner at 419-512-3363 for more information on any of these scholarships.



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## Frankly Speaking

Dec. 25, '70

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### Christmas 1970

Christmas is: A time for sharing and surprises, a time for magic and merriment, and a time to say, "Glad greetings, one and all."

Christmas is: The season of song and celebration, the season of little children and love and laughter, and the season of worship and rejoicing.

Christmas is: For fellowship and feasting, for family and friends, for home and happiness. But Christmas, too, is for remembering the stranger within the gates, for cheering the lonely, comforting the sorrowful, befriending the needy.

Christmas is: For everyone — for those of Christian faith who celebrate the Day as a holy time of highest importance, and for those of other faiths, who love and observe the Yuletide as a holiday dedicated to good will and good cheer.

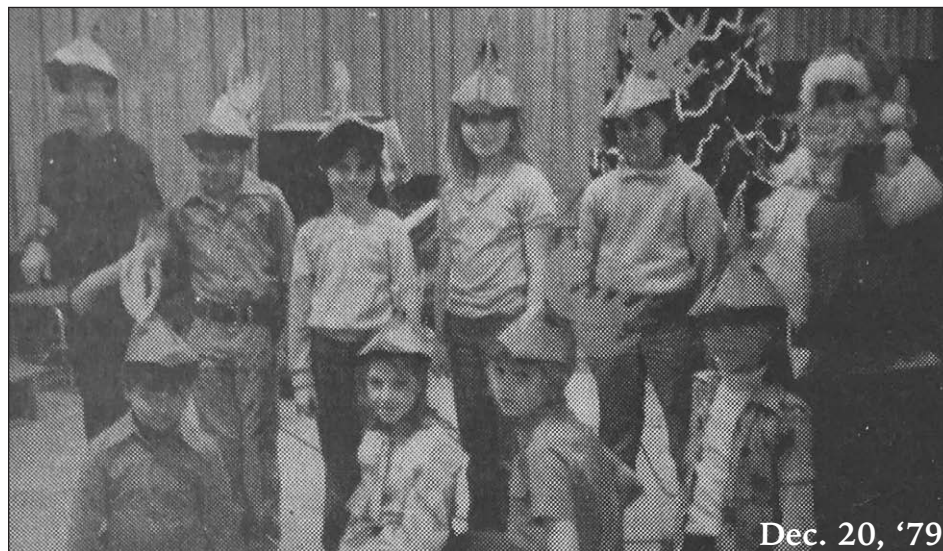
Best of all, Christmas is: Here! Throughout this community, plans and

preparations reach their peak. Every joyous surprise is at the point of revelation. The tree lights go on, the carols ring out, the gaily-wrapped gifts are delivered.

With gleeful smiles, the children welcome Santa's bounty, while the grown-ups greet one another, and talk and laugh and even shed a happy tear or two, rejoicing in the deep and tender meaning of the Christmas spirit.

If there was a bit of hustle — and even some hassle — about the getting-ready process, all is now forgotten in the glow and glory of Christmas. The quickened pace of modern living seems to make it almost impossible to prepare for the holiday without setting, at times, a somewhat hectic pace.

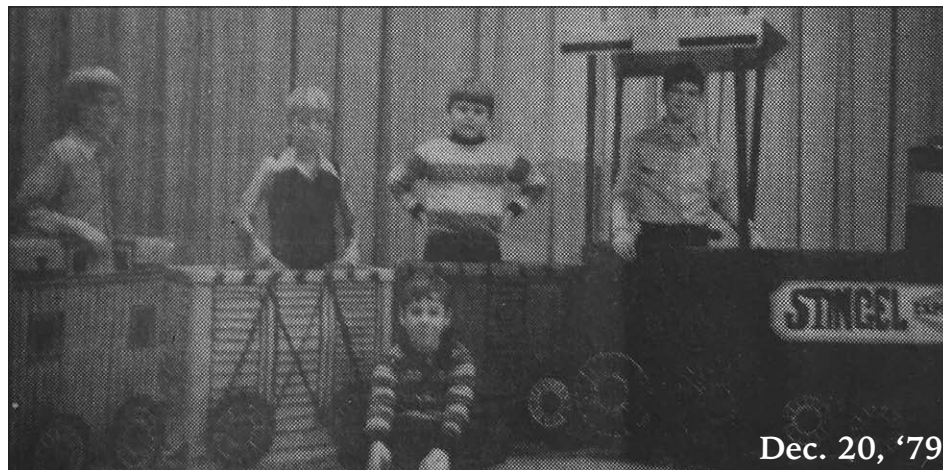
Be that as it may, the glad, true spirit of the season inspires this Christmas planning, and Christmas realities, in all their wonder and warmth, more than make up for the pre-holiday hurry and scurry.



Dec. 20, '79

Photo by Helen C. Graham

WHAT WOULD CHRISTMAS BE without Santa Claus and his reindeer? This famous group of world travelers appeared at the Christmas program last Wednesday, staged at the senior high school auditorium by second and fourth graders at Stingel Elementary School. Reindeer are (front) Aaron Brown, Dawn Gerber, Raelene Mayer and Cindy Haring; (back) Vince Duckworth, Billy Chambers, Regina Littleton, Staci Newport, Jenny Bemiller and Dean Hartzler as Santa Claus.



Dec. 20, '79

Photo by Helen C. Graham

EVERYBODY'S FAVORITE GIFT for Christmas is a toy train and the Christmas program presented last week by Stingel Elementary second and fourth graders included a very special train that even Santa Claus would have been proud to give to anybody. Passengers on this one-of-a-kind train were Pat Gerish, engineer; Eric Eichelberger, Scott Fulmer and Steve Beck. Brent Taylor, seated, must have missed the train!



Dec. 23, '83

Marc Stumbo

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL first graders are telling "Jolly Old St. Nicholas" what they want for Christmas in song. This is one of the many traditional songs featured in St. Mary's School's annual program given Tuesday evening, Dec. 20, at 7:30 pm. The program this year was titled "Christmas at Home." Pictured are (front row) Donovan Kline, Stephanie Sasarak, Timothy Wichouski and Jennifer McDonald; (second row) Lynn Hubert, Joyel Francis, Christine Pifer, Andrew Bashaw and David Howe; (third row) Jarrod Ison, Brian Thomas, Shannon Siringier, Elizabeth Dempsey, Casie O'Brien and Michael Bosley; (fourth row) Robert Allen, Daniel Maurer, Myron Webb, Falinda Farris and Dino Angelas.



Dec. 23, '76

AMONG THE FIFTH GRADERS at Bedford Elementary who expressed their Christmas wishes for their teacher, Miss Judith Feick, were (front) Pam Orosan, Chris Webber and Tim Woodcock; (back) Steve German and Missy Craft. All of the poems were adorned with paper faces of Santa Claus and many of them were posted on the walls, bulletin boards and doors so they could be shared with others.

Photo by Helen C. Graham



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## INDEPENDENT LIVING

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## ITEM WANTED

Looking to purchase a gold Madison High School Class of 1953 men's ring. Call 419-756-2726.

## OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE

1,000 sq. ft. office space located in the front portion of 347 Allen Dr., Ontario. Rental will have own private restroom, front and side entrance. Room is a large open area. \$1410/mo and includes utilities except phone/internet. Email [tribune@tribune-courier.com](mailto:tribune@tribune-courier.com)

## 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  
(T-C 12-16, 23, 30 '21) 45L

## 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 13th, 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](http://www.homelandsecurity.ohio.gov/dma.asp).

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

Jeffrey P. Wilson  
Service-Safety Director  
City of Ontario, Ohio  
(T-C 12-16, 23, 30 '21) 122L

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**ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL** culinary students played a cooking version of scrabble. They had to use their knowledge from content learned from the semester. Playing a game together are Anden Price and Brooke Holmer.

## Making holiday travels safe and enjoyable

Many families are planning holiday travel this year, and trips can be stressful for the more than six million Americans currently living with Alzheimer's and their caregivers.

While the symptoms of this progressive brain disease may make travel more difficult, it does not mean families can't travel with a loved one with dementia and participate in holiday festivities. The Alzheimer's Association offers tips to help ensure a safe and smooth trip when traveling with a person living with dementia.

"Whether taking a short trip to see friends and family or traveling a far distance for the holidays, it's important to consider the challenges and benefits of travel for a person with dementia," said Julia Pechlivanos, Executive Director of the Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter. "In the early stages of dementia, a person may still enjoy traveling. As the disease progresses, travel may become too overwhelming. It's important to take that into consideration when making plans."

Families and caregivers should also think about the needs, abilities, safety and preferences of the person with dementia. The following things should be considered:

- Go with the option that provides the most comfort and the least anxiety.

- Stick with the familiar and travel to known destinations that involve as few changes in daily routine as possible.

- Visit places that were familiar before the onset of dementia.

- Keep in mind that there may come a time when traveling is too disorienting or stressful for the person with dementia.

The association offers these travel tips:

- Changes in the environment can trigger wandering. Even for a person in the early stages, new environments may be more difficult to navigate. When possible, avoid places that are highly congested, which can trigger disorientation and confusion. Provide supervision at all times; do not leave a person with dementia alone.

- Have a bag of essentials with you at all times that includes medications, your travel itinerary, a comfortable change of clothes, water, snacks and activities.

- Pack necessary medications, up-to-date medical information, a list of emergency contacts and photocopies of important legal documents.

The Alzheimer's Association Helpline is available 24/7 at 800-272-3900.

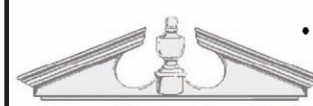
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