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## State Rep John visits Madison Local Schools

Photos and Article  
By Traci Little

State Representative Marilyn John visited the Madison Local School District on Friday, April 29, along with Madison Local School District Superintendent Rob Peterson, Board of Education President Tim Wigton and Board of Education member Mary Kotterman.

Marilyn John and the group visited Madison South at 10:15 am, the middle school at 11 am, and had lunch at the Ramble Inn at the high school at 11:45 am. After lunch, the group toured Madison Comprehensive High School and Madison Adult Career Center.

Representative John accepted the invitation to tour the Madison Local School District to find out all the wonderful things going on. It was also an opportunity to make known the challenges that the school faces and to hear how our local government can help improve these obstacles.

**DURING STATE REPRESENTATIVE MARILYN JOHN'S** visit to Madison Local Schools, she toured Madison Middle School where she and principal Johnathan Muro visited several classes. Among those visited were a Study Skills class (catching up with learning loss) and Medical Detectives, an innovative program where students are currently learning how to develop a comprehensive understanding of computer coding. They also visited Spanish (an introduction to Spanish that stretches and enriches gifted students), sixth grade band (enrichment of the arts) and a Special Education class. *See more photos on Page 5.*

## REACH offers tours during spring open house

Photos and Article  
By Traci Little

The Richland Early American Center for History held its spring open house on May 7 and 8.

The public was invited to tour the 1812 Blockhouse, the 1808 Petersburg Log Cabin and the newest Hawks Nest Forge & Cooperage, all located at South Park, 100 Brinkerhoff Ave., in Mansfield.

Visitors took a step back in time and explored early American cabin life by venturing into the blockhouse where early pioneers gathered for protection.

Passport stamps were available for school children. The 1800s log cabin was moved from Mifflin to the park.

The Blockhouse, originally located in Mansfield's public square, was one of 11 built in the Mansfield area during the War of 1812 as a refuge from Native American attacks, and is the last surviving local structure from that era.

Sunda Peters, a founding member of the REACH historical nonprofit group, has done

a lot of work to keep the Blockhouse preserved. In 2010, the restoration project stalled and it was Sunda who came forward to raise funds and gather volunteers. In 2015 she led the creation of the new non-profit, REACH. Sunda has given countless hours and a labor of love towards all that goes into preserving our areas great history.

Visitors entered to win a beautiful herb garden basket valued at \$65 by entering their name into a drawing for a small donation of \$1 per entry. The basket contained six herb plants, a garden tool kit, garden gloves, glass spray bottle, an herb book, wildflower seed packs, and plaque.

Colonial Days will take place on June 11 at 10 am through June 12 at 4 pm. Come discover what life was like in early America during the 18th and 19th Century from living historical reenactors.

Throughout the day there will be crafts, trades, demonstrations, and activities, including Blacksmithing, Games and Children's Activities, Open Hearth

Cooking Demonstrations, and Civilian and Military Reenact-  
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**AARON REBEL** works in the blacksmith shop during the Richland Early American Center for History spring open house.

*Clear Fork High School Graduation Special Beginning on Page 8*

# Save Money, Make Your Own Paint

By Bob Carter

Back in the Civil War era, log cabins were a sign of being poor or an uncaring home owner.

To keep up with the Jones, some home owners expanded their log cabins and covered the log portion of their homes with wood siding, which left it looking more up to date. Most others built new frame dwellings.

Even then, the new siding needed a coat of paint to prevent weathering. The frugal home owner could purchase expensive store bought paint or could make his own and save a little money.

The following is directions for the do-it-yourself type wishing to make their own paint. It was published in an 1850s Mansfield newspaper:

*"A cheap paint — Before the flies come, it's the time to paint, and we think the farmers will find the following profitable for house and fence paint: Skim milk, 2 quarts; fresh slaked lime, 8 ounces; linseed oil, 6 ounces; white burgundy pitch, 2 ounces; Spanish white 3 pounds. The lime is to be slacked in water, exposed to air, and then mixed in about one fourth of the milk. The oil in which the pitch is dissolved, to be added a little at a time, then the rest of the milk, and afterwards the Spanish white. This is sufficient for twenty seven square yards, two coats.*

*This is for white paint. If desirable, any other color may be produced. Thus, if a cream colored is desired, in place of a part of the Spanish white, use yellow ochre, or if a yellow, use the ochre alone."*

And there you have it. Make your own paint and cut out the middle man. It might look a bit like Laurel and Hardy but think of the sense of adventure by testing your skill and brain power against ones neighbor who just goes and buys everything at a store.

Think of the fun you'll have. You might even save money!

# June 4 set as date for walk

In celebration of the 35th anniversary, Richland Pregnancy Services will host Walk for Life on Saturday, June 4, at Mansfield's historic North Lake Park, and the start of the Richland B & O Bike Trail, at 270 Westbrook Ave., in Mansfield.

The Walk for Life is a family-friendly event that supports Richland Pregnancy Services in offering free pregnancy testing, limited ultrasound, STD testing, abstinence education, parenting classes, mentoring, material support and more.

By registering at [www.friendsofrichlandpregnancy.com/events/walkforlife](http://www.friendsofrichlandpregnancy.com/events/walkforlife), participants will receive access to their very own website that will allow them to raise funds for Richland

Pregnancy Services by asking friends and family to sponsor them as they walk.


Walkers will be eligible to win prizes from local businesses and state-wide attractions and entered into prize drawings the day of the event.

Walkers who register by May 15 and raise funds for RPS will receive a free t-shirt.

The first 200 walkers to register will receive a free goody bag. RPS' goal is to raise \$35,000 for 35 years of serving the community.

Richland Pregnancy Services is a faith based 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

For more information, call 419-522-8863, ext. 203 or email [amy@richlandpregnany.com](mailto:amy@richlandpregnany.com).



## THE ENTERTAINMENT EXAMINER

— By Ian Stumbo —

*Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness* is the latest film in the Marvel film series and it takes a slightly different route combining your run of the mill superhero film with some nice touches of horror and scary moments.

Doctor Strange (Benedict Cumberbatch) meets a young girl named America who is the key to unlocking the multiverse, a world of different universes. There he comes back into contact with the Avenger Scarlett Witch (Elizabeth Olsen) who he must pair up with until things take an unexpected turn.

I apologize for the vague plot, however it is difficult to write a great description without spoiling much of the movie.

Cumberbatch and Olsen are terrific in their roles and there are some thrilling scenes including one with a tentacle creature and the big finale in the snowy mountains. The director of this film is Sam Raimi and his stamp is all over this. He truly makes this movie what it is and elevates the material. His horror credentials come in with direct-

ing *The Evil Dead* film series and he also directed the Tobey Maguire *Spider-Man* trilogy so Raimi definitely knows what he is doing in both genres.

This is a fun movie and the horror elements really work with the spooky imagery and Scarlet Witch's makeup through the third half of this film is awesome. The biggest complaint is the first third of the movie really takes off and things seem to be happening in an order that is too convenient rather than one that make sense. Luckily things start to even out once Strange and America enter the multiverse.



*Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness* is surely not the best film by far in the Marvel series but an enjoyable entry nonetheless. It offers fine work from the actors (including Benedict Wong and Rachel McAdams back in their supporting roles from the original) and terrific direction by Raimi who takes this film in a whole other direction and the movie is all the better for it.



# READERS' FORUM

Ontario Local Schools is extremely grateful for the community's support of its schools. With the passage of the district's 10-year operating levy on yesterday's ballot, we are excited to continue providing a high-quality education to our students.

This renewal comes at zero tax increase to residents and will allow us to maintain day-to-day operations, including staffing, utilities, technology and supplies. We remain committed to being transparent and fiscally responsible with all district funds.


We especially want to thank all of the volunteers who dedicated their time and energy to sharing information about this issue with our community. We can't wait to see what the future holds for Ontario Schools.

Respectfully,  
Lisa Carmichael  
Superintendent, Ontario Local Schools

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# News Briefs

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. is accepting nominations for the Outstanding Senior Citizen and Community Service Awards through May 20.

Award recipients from a nine-county area (one awardee from each county) will be honored by the Area Agency on Aging. Nominees must be at least 60 years of age, a legal resident of Ohio for at least five years, and have made significant contributions to the community. A husband and wife may receive the award jointly when both have been involved in community service.

Community Service Awards are targeted toward an organization, agency, service club, a media outlet or a business that has made an outstanding contribution to the community on behalf of senior citizens. One award will be presented for the nine-county area.

Nomination forms, can be found at [www.aaa5ohio.org/events/awards/](http://www.aaa5ohio.org/events/awards/) or by contacting Susie at 567-247-7105 or [sdanuloff@aaa5ohio.org](mailto:sdanuloff@aaa5ohio.org). Nominations can be mailed, faxed or emailed.

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The Ontario 4th of July Festival will be held Saturday, July 2 (rain date July 3), noon to 11 pm. The festival will be moved to Marshall Park, in the area of the baseball/softball complex.

Those who would like to volunteer for the 4th of July Committee can send an email to [mayor@ontarioohio.org](mailto:mayor@ontarioohio.org)

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Ashland County Cancer Association is accepting donations for its rummage sale now through June 2.

Donations are accepted Monday through Thursday at 1011 E. Main St., Suite A, from 9 am to 4 pm. Call 419-281-1863 to schedule a drop-off time.

Donations should not include torn or stained clothing, broken items, books or magazines or old tvs. The sale will be held at the Ashland Fairgrounds June 9, 2-8 pm; June 10, 8 am to 5 pm; and June 11, 9 am to 3 pm.

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The Richland County Foundation will conduct its annual meeting Wednesday, May 18, at 11:30 am at Kingwood Center Gardens.

During the meeting, chair Jessica Gribben and president Brady Groves will review the foundation's work during 2021.

Board of trustee members Beth DeLaney and Debbi Adams will be recognized and thanked for their years of service and dedication.

The foundation invites anyone in the community who is interested to attend the luncheon.

Online registration is available at [richlandcountyfoundation.org](http://richlandcountyfoundation.org), click the events tab. The cost is \$30 a person. For more information call 419-525-3020.

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Savannah Lions Breakfast will be held Saturdays, May 14, from 6:30-11 am at Savannah Town Hall, 12 S. Main St., Savannah.

The menu includes pancakes, french toast, sausage, sausage gravy and biscuits. Price is by donation. Proceeds go to Savannah Lions Scholarships. Used eye glasses will also be accepted for recycling. Door Prizes will be donated by Miller's Hawkins Market.

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In an effort to promote conservation practices by landowners, Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD) is providing cost-share grants to offset some of the cost of installing a rain garden, purchasing a rain barrel or having soil tested.

These practices help protect the health of soil and water resources and conserve water. The funds supporting this grant program came from generous donations made during the Richland Gives event in November 2021.

The application period is open until June 1. For further details and an application, please visit <https://forms.gle/XBS1LQ3rc9RZ5p1QA>, call 419-747-8685 or email [Contact@RichlandSWCD.net](mailto:Contact@RichlandSWCD.net)

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The Lexington Area Senior Citizens Inc., invites those 55 and older to attend meetings the third Wednesday of every month at Der Dutchman Restaurant.

Lunch begins at 11:30 am, followed by the meeting at 12:30 pm. Cost is \$13 for the meal.

Each month there are speakers and entertainment and members take several trips throughout the year. The meal on May 18 will be chicken. The group will celebrate its 48th anniversary and Dr. Lynda Dunn, pianist, will perform.

Dues are \$5 per year. Guests are welcome to attend.

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The Franklin Township Ice Cream Social will be held on Saturday, June 11, from 4:30-7 pm at the fire station, 505 Boyce Rd., Shelby. Walk-ins welcome. Proceeds go directly to help support the non-profit Franklin Township Firefighters Association.

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Those who need help paying for winter heating bills may be able to get help from Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP).

Benefits are applied to an individual's energy bill after Jan. 1. Applications for the program must be received by May 31. HEAP helps Ohioans at or below 175 percent of the federal poverty guidelines pay their heating bills. Anyone age 18 and older may apply.

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Those 60 and over can get assistance with filling out the application. All heating types are eligible for energy assistance programs. For more information call 419-524-4144 or 800-860-5799.

The Village of Lexington Planning Commission will be meeting the following tentative dates:

Wednesday, May 11, at 7 pm at Village Hall to discuss easement for Paul Getz; Wednesday, May 25, at 6 pm, at Lexington Depot Center for Public Hearing with Englefield Oil; and Wednesday, June 29, at 6 pm at Lexington Depot Center for Second Public Hearing.

These are tentative times and dates. Call Brenda, Clerk of Council, at 419-884-7283 the day of the meeting to confirm it will be held.

A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, May 28 and 29. Acceptable items include steel and aluminum cans, crushed milk jugs, detergent bottles, plastic bottles with number 1 or 2 on the bottom, cardboard, all papers included with the newspaper but no other magazines or paper. Please remove caps from bottles and rinse all containers well.

All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church of Bellville, 25 Church St., Bellville, will welcome Garland Gates on Sunday, May 15. Gates will share the relationship between the UUA and the United Church of Christ. For more information visit [www.allsoulsuohio.org](http://www.allsoulsuohio.org).

A spaghetti dinner fundraiser and dessert auction will be held Friday, May 20, at 6:30 pm at New Beginnings Freewill Baptist Church, 2735 Stiving Rd., Mansfield.

The event will raise money for youth church camp.

Throughout the month of May, parents are welcome to stop by the CACY office to make/take a "Mind Jar." Mindfulness is a powerful tool to reduce stress. Practicing mindfulness can improve relationships and strengthen bonds with children. Teaching children to be mindful can also help them be calmer, happier, and more focused.

The CACY office, 1495 W. Longview Ave., suite 104, Mansfield, will be open 8:30 am to 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. will hold a Senior Spring Extravaganza on Wednesday, May 25 at 10 am at the Richland County Fairgrounds in Mansfield.

This free event, hosted by the Area Agency on Aging, is held in recognition of Older Americans Month and offers guests entertainment, refreshments, resources, information regarding aging issues, and a chance to win door prizes.

The Area Agency on Aging will Rock 'n' Roll into the 1950s with the theme Age My Way! This year will celebrate senior citizens with an on-site classic car show, entertainer Randy Velez singing the oldies but goodies, a free lunch, BINGO, and much more.

Sponsorships, Vendor Booths, and Car Show slots are available but must register. The event will be held in person in two buildings and the parking lot. Masks are not required but are encouraged.

For more information call 567-247-6487.

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

### Clear Fork Alliance Church

1008 State Route 97, Bellville  
419-886-4333 • [www.clearforkalliance.org](http://www.clearforkalliance.org)  
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)  
Minister 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: Check website for schedule

### Ridgeway Church of God

1380 Park Avenue East, Mansfield  
419-589-5385 • [www.ridgewaycog.cggc.org/](http://www.ridgewaycog.cggc.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



### G & M Body & Paint Shop

1689 West Fourth St., Ontario  
419-529-2747

### 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  
Worship: 4 pm Saturday & 11 am Sunday  
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

### Wappner Funeral Home

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## State Representative Marilyn John Visits Madison Local Schools



Photos by Traci Little



## 4-H News Report

On April 24, 2022, the Ganges Happy Hearts 4-H Club held its monthly meeting.

After performing both pledges and roll call, they introduced new members and recognized birthdays. Once the introduction was finished, they went over Salem K's, Haidyn M's, Samantha K's, and Adam K's health and safety talks and demonstrations. They also went over Sawyer E's demonstration.

Next, both the Fairground and Flower committees met for discussion. The club then did the recreation activity which was Freeze Tag. They also had a snack break and dismissed Cloverbuds to their activities. Afterwards, committee members and officers did their respective reports.

Next, the advisor went over unfinished and new business. The club then went over lots of important information regarding upcoming events and dates. This included, project book payment, Bake/Skill-O-Rama forms for fair, project guidelines, large animal tagging, tag backorders, poultry pickup dates, 4-H camp, and Cloverbud camp. Finally, the meeting was adjourned. Amendment to the March report: Health and Safety Officer Alivia F. stepped down and was replaced by Kennedy F.

Sawyer E., News Reporter

### Obituary Listings for Wappner Funeral Directors

- Devin M. Carver, April 23
- Lonnie Will Eatmon Sr., April 24
- Barbara Sue Garrigues, April 24
- Antonio Sorrenti, April 24
- Penny Jean Hignite, April 25
- Mary Clotine Madden, April 25
- Juan Carlos Miranda, April 26
- Johnny Renzell Morgan Sr., April 29
- Betty May Bartlett, April 30
- Mark A. Montgomery, April 30
- Steven Phelps, May 1
- Donald J. Stover, May 2
- Jean Nash, May 3
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# •REACH offers tours

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-ments.

Admission and parking are free to public. A food truck will be on site for the event for visitors.

Richland Early American Center for History (REACH), is a not for profit organization for the preservation, and education of local Richland County and Ohio early history.

In connection with preserving and showcasing the Mansfield Blockhouse from 1812, and in the future, a log house from the same period, REACH seeks to keep these and other parts of our local history from fading into the past. REACH will inform,

educate and present the history and life of early American settlers to Richland County and Ohio to all that are interested. The goals of REACH are to: R- Research, E- Educate, A- Apply, C- Conserve and H- Honor.

REACH also seeks to obtain and build a small settlement village in the same location as part of a center for the preservation of and education in early American life and history.

By hosting events throughout the year and making the buildings open to the general public, they preserve, demonstrate, and showcase what life might have been like during the late 18th and early 19th century in this area.



Photos by Traci Little





## Oak Hill Cottage

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OLIVIA BAYS, 9, AND HARPE SEAL, 12, (left photo) said they enjoyed visiting and learning about history. They love to be out in nature and spot the hawks and owls in the trees. Sunda Peters (right photo) speaks at the REACH spring open house.

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By Kim Sterry

## BLUEBERRY SEMOLINA SOUR CREAM MUFFINS

### Ingredients

- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil (or olive)
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- Juice and zest of 1 lemon
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 cup semolina
- 1 cup all purpose flour
- 1 1/2 tsp. kosher salt
- 3 Tbsp. Powder
- 2 1/2 cups blueberries

### Topping:

- 2/3 cup flour
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 2 Tbsp. cinnamon
- 4 Tbsp. melted butter

### Instructions

Prepare muffin tins with muffin cups or grease well. Combine sugar and oil and blend well, add eggs and continue to blend. Add vanilla, lemon juice and zest and sour cream and mix until smooth and well combined. Add dry ingredients and combine well, gently fold in blueberries. Distribute batter into prepared muffin tins.

Combine all the topping ingredients and sprinkle over the muffins. Bake in a 350 degree oven for 15-20 minutes.

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### By Mátiece Thomas

Summer is just around the corner and it is time to get out our summer clothes and try them on to see what fits.

Let me ask you, who tries to do what it takes to fit in last year's clothes and who just goes out and buys new?

If your summer wardrobe is a little snug and you want to trim down and feel comfortable in it, today's article is for you. I am going to give you five ways to help tone up and lose some body fat.

**Tip 1: NUTRITION** is key to reducing body fat. If you have poor nutrition the next four tips I give you will not matter. Step one, cut the crap! You know what I'm talking about — cookies, ice cream, chips... eat lean and green and get in some yummy berries for your fruit choice. Keep your metabolism revving by having a 100-200 calorie snack every 2-3 hours.

**Tip 2: FASTING CARDIO** — When you wake up, grab some water and do at least 15 minutes of cardio. You can use a machine or go outside for a run. You can also do a 6-10 minute tabata style or HIIT workout just using your body weight. Then get in a good protein source for breakfast and you will be ready for your day.

**Tip 3: STRENGTH TRAINING** — Using weights and building muscle revs your metabolism and burns fat. Plus muscle takes

up less space than fat so your clothes will fit better.

**Tip 4: HYDRATION** — Staying hydrated is so important to flush out toxins and hydrate your muscles and brain. If you are feeling sluggish take in some water instead of caffeine, you need at least 64 ounces a day. It is also important to reduce alcohol and sugary drinks.

**Tip 5: GOOD SUPPLEMENTS** — CLA is an amazing supplement to help change your body composition. I have a collagen based CLA called TRIM (vanilla is my favorite). I take 1 Tbsp. a day and it helps block body fat storage and helps enhance lean muscle growth, a WIN, WIN! Plus the liquid collagen is the best for your joints and skin.

Also, a good probiotic for gut health will help with unwanted bloating for when it's time to put on that swimsuit.

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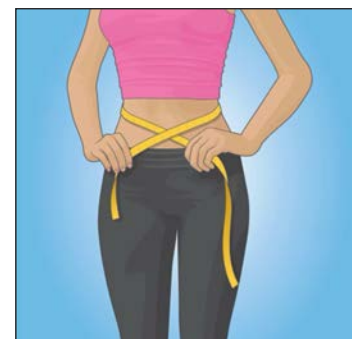


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**Day Trippin' With Damon** — Rocky River Metro Park is a part of Cleveland Metroparks. The winding course of the Rocky River goes from Berea almost to Lake Erie. The river is a top steelhead fishing location, noted as one of the 150 best fishing spots in the country.





# Clear Fork High School Graduates



**Isabelle  
Annis**



**Leah  
Argenio**



**Jonathan  
Aten**



**Victoria  
Aten**



**Taylor  
Atkinson**



**Braden  
Ball**



**David  
Ballinger III**



**Brooke  
Beer**



**Destiny  
Bittering**



**Hannah  
Blakley**



**Andrew  
Blausner**



**Travis  
Bowman**



**Emma  
Boyles**



**Riley  
Brokaw**



**Aaron  
Brown**

# CONGRATULATIONS CLEAR FORK HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2022!

*From the Clear Fork Valley Local Schools  
Board of Education, Administration, Faculty & Staff*





# Clear Fork High School Graduates



**Carissa  
Brown**



**Hanna  
Brown**



**Jessica  
Brown**



**Shianna  
Caldwell**



**Caitlyn  
Carey**



**Jon  
Carman**



**Brayden  
Carroll**



**Madison  
Caudill**



**Maddie  
Clark**



**Zacharias  
Clark**



**Aryanah  
Clum**



**Kaytlin  
Coffman**



**Rebekah  
Conrad**



**Trinity  
Cook**



**Cleo  
Craw**



**Congratulations  
Graduates!**





# Clear Fork High School Graduates



**Dominik  
Crawford**



**Kylie  
Davidson**



**Brianna  
Dement**



**Caleb  
Dettmer**



**Jocelyn  
Dornbirer**



**Caitlyn  
Drockton**



**Kyla  
Feeman**



**Lawrence  
Firmi**



**Sarah  
Fitzsimmons**



**Mylah  
Flynn**



**Abigail  
Fowler**



**Piper  
Frederick**



**Deven  
Freeman**



**Stella  
Fry**



**Max  
George**



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# Clear Fork High School Graduates



**Allie  
Gleason**



**Angel  
Goldsmith**



**Vegas  
Granholm**



**Taylor  
Grossman**



**Mayce  
Hammontree**



**Addeline  
Haring**



**Ellie  
Hauger**



**Jahslyn  
Hicks**



**Gabriella  
Higgins**



**Michayla  
Hoeflich**



**Kaleb  
Hollar**



**Bryson  
Howell**



**Toryn  
Hudson**



**Ethan  
Hunt**



**Kendall  
Huvler**

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## CLEAR FORK HIGH SCHOOL

### CLASS OF 2022!



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# Clear Fork High School Graduates



**Breana Jackson**



**Keeleigh Johnston**



**Noah Jordan**



**Katelyn Kasper**



**Dylan Kern**



**Jayden Lawhun**



**Hannah Lee**



**Amanda Lemaster**



**Jared Mack**



**Wyatt McConkie**



**Braylon McCoy**



**Zoe McCue**



**Chase McCune**



**Zoey McGinty**



**Jackson McLaughlin**



# Clear Fork High School Graduates



**Carter Meeker**



**Sabrina Meisse**



**Emmalee Mellick**



**Grace Mellott**



**Carson Miller**



**Isabellah Molina**



**Caiden Moody**



**Evan Moody**



**Jeffrey Moody**



**Kailyn Moody**



**MaGuire Mowry**



**Logan Myerholtz**



**Christian Normant**



**Jacob-Kekoa Omayas**



**Ayden Oswald**



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Oswalt**



**Madelynn  
Palmer**



**Ryan  
Peterson**



**Wyatt  
Pittenger**



**Avery  
Pleshka**



**Alexander  
Pore**



**Ian  
Price**



**Joseph  
Pritchard**



**Hannah  
Pryor**



**Darren  
Raike**



**Austin  
Randolph**



**Luke  
Raudebaugh**



**Melinda  
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**Allison Ross**



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**Alexis Salkovick**



**Jadin Sansom**



**Jared Scott**



**Domonique Shand**



**Baylee Shoemaker**



**Zane Shultz**



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**Alyssa Swank**



**Tatum Swihart**



**Jackson Tedrow**



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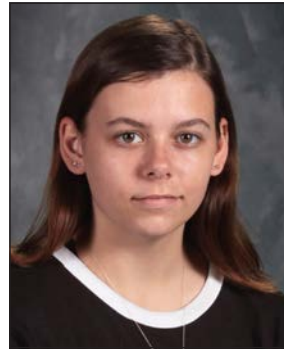
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Therrien



Caden  
Thompson



Sydney  
Thorne



Courtney  
Valerio



Andon  
Wade



Aaron  
Weekley



Logan  
Welch



Joshua  
Welch Browning



Kevin  
Wellington



Jada  
Wenger



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**CLEAR FORK CLASS OF 2022**

*On Behalf of The Bellville Ohio Lions and Leo's Club*

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# Clear Fork High School Graduates



**Kaden  
Wilson**



**Kaleb  
Wilson**



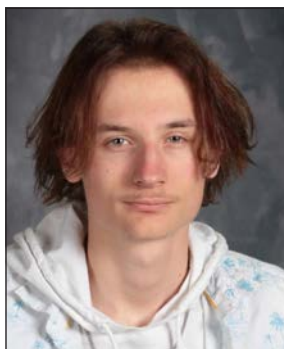
**Carter  
Windsor**



**Sarah  
Wiseman**



**Grace  
Wolfgang**



**Reece  
Wood**



**Bonnie  
Worby**

## Thirty-one Clear Fork seniors will receive scholarships from foundation

Thirty-one Clear Fork High School seniors will be awarded \$25,000 in scholarship monies by the Clear Fork Valley Foundation.

A banquet for the recipients will be held at Der Dutchman on Monday, May 16 at 6 pm. Students will not know which scholarship or the amount that they are being awarded until that night.

Receiving scholarships are Braden Ball, Brooke Beer, Destiny Bittinger, Hannah Blakley, Riley Brokaw, Madison Caudill, Maddie Clark, Caleb Dettmer, Adeline Haring, Ellie Hauger, Michayla Hoeflich, Kaleb Hollar, Luke Jeffrey Labaki, Zoe McCue, Emmalee Mellick, Grace Mellott, Caiden Moody, Evan Moody, Jeffrey Moody, Alexander Pore, Hannah Pryor, Ashtynn Roberts, Allison Ross, Alexis Salkovick, Jacob Ross Shoemaker, Zane Shultz, Ethan Staley, Claire Stewart, Alyssa Swank, Sydney Thorne and Grace Wolfgang.

Clear Fork Valley Foundation allows for businesses and residents to create their own Acorn Fund. Acorn Funds allow donors to build charitable endowments the same way individuals build retirement plans – through regular contributions over time.

An Acorn Fund can be established for a scholarship with an initial gift of \$5,000. Donors can name their own fund for an individual or family.

The funds will be invested in the market and donors have the option of giving tax-deductible contributions of any amount at any time. Once a fund has reached \$20,000 (through donations, not market growth), it becomes an established endowment scholarship fund at the Clear Fork Valley Foundation (CFVF). The fund will be able to make scholarships based on CFVF's distribution procedures. Donors can also choose to award scholarships each year before the endowment is established by donating money to the income (pass-through) portion of the fund.

Donors have the option of playing an active role in the giving of the scholarship or entrusting those decisions to the foundation's scholarship committee and board of trustees.

For information visit [www.cfvf.org](http://www.cfvf.org) or email [info@cfvf.org](mailto:info@cfvf.org)

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# Clear Fork High School Graduates

## Knox County Career Center Clear Fork Senior Athletes



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## Ontario High School Academic Banquet

The Academic Boosters Club sponsored the Ontario High School Academic Banquet on April 28 for students who have maintained a 3.67 GPA throughout the year.



## Lexington offering building tours

Lexington Local Schools would like to invite the community on a tour of the current middle school and high school buildings one last time. Both buildings will be holding tours May 24, 25, 27 and 31 from 9 am to noon and 5-8 pm.

The community is welcome to tour the halls of both buildings during those times. Demolition of the current buildings will begin this June.



Photo by Mark Shutt

## Kingwood hosting 12th Annual 5K

The annual Kingwood 5K Run and Walk will be held on Saturday, June 11 with the race start at 9 am. The chip-timed 5K is held on the second Saturday in June, a long-standing tradition. The Kingwood 5K is a favorite community event that provides vital support for the garden estate.

Registration is \$25 and can be completed at [ohioraceday.com](http://ohioraceday.com) or by mail to Doug Heestand, 431 Edgewood Rd., Mansfield OH 44907. Questions may be sent to [heest97@hotmail.com](mailto:heest97@hotmail.com). To be guaranteed an official race shirt, registration is due by May 31. Walk-up registration on race day is \$30.

Winners will be announced during an awards ceremony immediately following the race. Awards presented include overall female, overall male, and for age groups ranging from nine years and under, to 70 years and older. Race participants receive free admission to the gardens for the day.

The Garden Gateway visitor center opens at 7:45 am for check in. The race begins on Linden Road and follows sections of the B & O Bike Trail and Kingwood's beautiful grounds. The Kingwood 5K is presented by OhioHealth and is also supported by Ohio Race Day and the Mansfield Area YMCA Running Club.

## Cheyenne Hunt named to ODU list

Cheyenne Hunt of Mansfield (Madison area) has graduated from Ohio Dominican University with a Master of Arts in English. Hunt is among 189 students who earned their degree following ODU's spring 2022 semester.

Send Your 2022

College Graduate Photo and Information  
to [news@tribune-courier.com](mailto:news@tribune-courier.com)

# Day of Prayer events span over Ashland, Richland Counties

Photos and Article By Traci Little

For the first time ever, the Ashland Community Prayer Breakfast was sold out.

Guests enjoyed a yummy hot breakfast at Ashland University and heard from keynote speaker, Alan Robertson of *Duck Dynasty*. Tables were decked out in duck decor and many wore their favorite camouflage attire.

City of Ashland Mayor Matt Miller and Commissioner Jim Justice gave the Proclamations, followed by special music from Steventhen Holland. Alan Robertson gave a heartfelt and humorous message to the crowd encouraging them to make prayer a focal point of everything we do.

He encouraged everyone that it is possible to mix faith and business together. Long before *Duck Dynasty* was on the air for the public to see, there were many years of humble obedience in private.

Together, the group took time to pray for military and veterans, national leaders, state elected officials, community social service support agencies and business leaders, law enforcement and members of the fire department, elected officials and employees of Ashland County, educators and pastors and christian ministry leaders.

A special prayer was given for personal spiritual renewal and protection in the country. Guests were encouraged to write down any prayer requests and note if they accepted Christ as their personal Savior for the first time that day. There were about 55 table sponsors represented in the room.

In Richland County, a crowd gathered at First English Lutheran Church in Mansfield to celebrate the National Day of Prayer. The program was put on by the Richland Prayer Network.

Scott Berry opened the program on the organ, followed by a beautiful praise trio (Jimmy Cantwell, Julianna Akuchie and Ashley Howell) that led the group in worship.

The program was moderated by Scott Saunders of RISE FM who kept the day meaningful while respecting everyone's time commitments.

Keynote speaker, Pastor Aaron Rose of Fusion Church of the Madison area, gave a powerful and motivating message. The message personally left me in awe of my Savior, and ready to serve Him with passion and intensity.

Pastor Aaron Rose took time to honor Rev. El Akuchie for years and years of service in the ministry. He spoke of Akuchie's legacy of heartfelt prayers that have paved the way for preacher's like himself to minister to others. "He's raised up sons and daughters in the faith and this is the highest calling," Aaron said. As the mantle passes through multiple generations, I pray that you would continue to cover this county with this ministry that you've provided.

A few highlights from Pastor Rose's message included "What's impossible with man is possible with God," "We need to turn to God in prayer! It starts with prayer, and it's the most we can do!" and "There's still hope as long as the King is on the throne."

The group prayed over some of our local elected public officials and law enforcement. They also prayed for personal repentance, educational institutions, the medical field, national leaders and the judiciary, churches, and the media and arts. Rev. El Akuchie closed the program with a benediction and the praise team sang the group out.



Pastor Travis McKenzie of Compassion Church in Ashland with local police



Rev. El Akuchie



Ashley Howell and Jimmy Cantwell



Pastor Terry Garrett of Fusion Church in Lexington



Alan Robertson of Duck Dynasty



Civil War Show • Richland County Fairgrounds • Photos by Jeff Hoffer



**Mansfield Forensic Science Laboratory to receive state grant**

State Representative Marilyn John (R-Richland County) announced that more state-funding is coming to Richland County through the new Ohio Crime Lab Efficiency Program.

The purpose of the program, spearheaded by Governor DeWine, is to eliminate evidence-processing backlogs and increase the speed at which criminal evidence is analyzed in crime laboratories across the state.

"It has always remained a top legislative priority of mine to continue funding our first responders and the state funding provided by the Ohio Crime Lab Efficiency Program will further ensure that crime stays out of our communities," said John.

The Mansfield Division of Police Forensic Science Laboratory will receive \$250,000 as a part of the grant program. This funding will address current and anticipated backlogs of digital and drug evidence with new digital evidence processing software and controlled substance instrumentation.

This funding was made possible of the American Rescue Plan and will go a long way to curb violent crime in our communities throughout the state.

**ONTARIO RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

By Heather Hendrix

A new lifeguarding class will be held May 26–31, at Ontario High School. Cost is \$150. This is open to all students in the area who are 15 years old. Register online at <https://ontarioohio.org/recreation-department/>

The City of Ontario will bring back the Miss Ontario Pageant in 2022. The theme this year is "Empowering Young Women." The title sponsor for this event is Spherion, a female owned business.

The Miss Ontario Pageant will be held on Saturday, June 25. Any female currently in eighth to eleventh grade as of the 2021–'22 school year that is an Ontario student or lives in the Ontario School District is eligible to apply. The top three contestants will win scholarship awards. Contestants will be judged on talent, interviews and evening gown. The City of Ontario is looking for community minded, outgoing individuals to represent the city at local events.

The pageant will be run by the City of Ontario Recreation Director, former Miss Ontarios and community members. Applications are limited and the deadline to apply is May 13.

To apply visit <https://ontarioohio.org/recreation-department/>  
For information email [recreationdept@ontarioohio.org](mailto:recreationdept@ontarioohio.org) or call 419-529-2588 ext. 3202.



**THE COUNTRY CHAMPIONS 4-H CLUB** weeded, planted and mulched the flower beds at the Richland Rural Life Center as part of the Beautification Project. Club members also cared for the flower beds at Clay Memorial Church as part of the project. Pictured are (left side) Maggie Lantz, Amanda Lantz, Audrey Wolford, Mandee Lantz, Addison Amert and Olivia Keith and (right side) Cody Wolford, Brayden Amert, Owen Keith, Michaela Lantz, Felicia Amert and Christy Keith.

## May recognized as National Foster Care Month

**Submitted by Brigitte Coles  
Community Engagement  
Specialist**

May is National Foster Care Month and Richland County Children Services (RCCS) believes that every child deserves a loving home.

There are over 407,000 children and youth in foster care across the country, and 34 percent were placed with relatives or kin.

Kinship care, in its various

forms, is important in meeting the needs of children involved in the child welfare system.

This year, National Foster Care Month focuses on how relative and kin connections keep families strong. When children cannot remain safely with their parents, we should prioritize placements with kin. Kinship care helps to maintain family connections and cultural traditions that can minimize the trauma of family separation.

Take time this month to raise awareness on how prioritizing kinship care, identifying connections rather than just placement options, and maintaining community ties makes a difference in the lives of children and youth and can shift the foster care system to one that truly supports families.

Whether it's promoting a collaborative relationship between birth parents and foster caregivers or providing parents with the

right combination of supportive services to enable reunification, keeping families together is the primary goal in a successful child welfare system.

The goal of Richland County Children Services (RCCS) is always reunification. RCCS has on average 140 children in custody. Families are needed for all age children, but especially for older youth.

Foster care involves the temporary care of children ages newborn to age 18, all races, sibling groups, various religions, and children with special needs.

RCCS encourages all individuals to invest in the lives of children and to provide them with unconditional love, support, guidance, and every available resource to ensure their health and well-being.

RCCS believes every child needs a permanent home. Many of our foster parents adopt the children who are placed with them. Others help children prepare for placement with an adoptive family or relative.

We need more heroes to help make a difference in a child's life! We need foster parents for sibling groups, teenagers and African - American foster care families. If you are interested in becoming a foster parent, contact Richland County Children Services 419-774-4100 or visit [richlandcountychildrenservices.org](http://richlandcountychildrenservices.org).



**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY STUDENTS** in grades 9-12 were recognized for achieving a 3.67 GPA this school year for Ontario High School. Tiffany Toombs was selected by National Honor Society students as Staff Member of the Year. She gave a short speech, with examples on how to always be searching out new learning opportunities. Among those recognized were McKenna Gorbett, Jansen Hildreth, Ellie Maurer, Priya Das, Shelby Zimmerman, Jaslyn Ly and Haley Carpenter. Scholarship criteria included GPA, ACT score, high school activities and community service. Businesses assisting the Ontario Academic Boosters during this school year were Directions Credit Union, First Federal Bank of Ohio, Gates State Farm Insurance, Kleshinski, Morrison and Morris, LLP, Kroger, McDonalds, Mechanics Bank, Ontario Federation of Teachers and Paul's Drive In.

# Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System earns compliance

Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD) hosted a reception at Hawkins Corner in Ontario Wednesday, May 4, to celebrate the good news of earning compliance from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) for the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) program in the areas Richland SWCD administers. Richland SWCD administers the MS4 program on behalf of the Richland County Commissioners, and for the four MS4 townships of Madison, Mifflin, Springfield and Washington.

The MS4 program is a mandated yet unfunded program the OEPA requires to be implemented in Richland County's four urban areas. These urban areas are determined by the Census Bureau and defined by the U.S. EPA of having a population of 10,000 or more and a density of 1,000 within a square mile. This program involves six minimum control measures that have many different requirements, are complex, and detailed. The measures are Public Education and Outreach on Storm Water Impacts; Public Involvement/Participation; Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination; Construction Site Storm Water Runoff Control; Post-Construction Storm Water Management in New Development and Redevelopment; and Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations.

In 2018, the OEPA issued a notice of violation to Richland County for noncompliance in the MS4 program. Recent communication from OEPA confirmed the program is back in compliance.

Richland SWCD Director Erica Thomas stated, "To stay in compliance with these requirements is truly a team effort. If not for the partnerships formed with private and public entities, the support of the Richland County Commissioners and the MS4 townships, staff assistance, and help from interns and volunteers, we would not be standing here today."

Certificates noting this accomplishment and support of individuals, partners and elected officials were shared.

For more information on the MS4 program visit <https://richland-swcd.net/services/npdes>, call 419-747-8077 or email MS4Tech@richlandswcd.net



Photo By Brandon Chambers

# LASC plans day trips

The Lexington Area Senior Citizens will host a one-day bus tour for all seniors 55+ in Richland and surrounding counties on Wednesday, June 22, to the Golden Lamb Historic Hotel Restaurant Museum in Lebanon, OH.

The hotel was built in 1803 and has hosted 12 U.S. Presidents over the years. Visitors will listen to their historian and tour the hotel and its museum room, explore unique downtown shops and enjoy their Harriet Beecher Stowe Lunch of chicken or turkey along with Sister Lizie's Shaker sugar pie with caramel sauce. A stop at the Harmon Museum will explore Lebanon.

Check-in is 7:45 am in Ontario and 8:15 am in Bellville. Return time is approximately 6 pm in Ontario. Cost is \$85, due by May 18. Price includes bus, driver tip, lunch and gratuity, tour fees, water and snacks on bus.

The group will visit Nautica Queen and West Side Market on Wednesday, July 27. Experience Cleveland with extraordinary views of the bridges and coastline of Lake Erie and the Cuyahoga River. See Cedar Point from the water side.

All cruises include an unlimited buffet meal (with three entrees), coffee, tea/iced tea (pop and alcohol beverages at own expense) and musical entertainment.

On the cruise ship (two-hour ride) there are 13 steps up or down to the restrooms.

A visit will also be made to West Side Market in Ohio City. Those attending can bring a cooler/ice pack if planning to purchase perishable items from West Side Market. There will be room to store it under the bus.

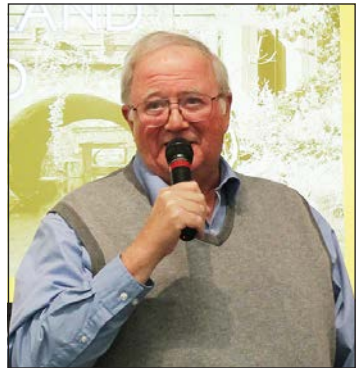
Check-in is 8:45 am at Ontario with a 5:30 pm return time. Cost is \$70 (\$30 deposit by May 18 and \$40 balance by June 15).

The price includes bus, driver tip, lunch, gratuity, water and snacks on bus.

Bus pick up is at The Area Agency on Aging Hawkins Corner, 2131 Park Ave West, Ontario.

Make checks payable to LASC. Note on check the date for the trip and names of participants. In-person payments can be made at the third Wednesday luncheon at Der Dutchman. Send mail payments to Helena Bunker, 443 S. Horning Rd., Mansfield OH 44903. Call 419-683-2409 or visit [lexasc.org](http://lexasc.org) for more information.

Information will be forthcoming for trips Aug. 23 to Warren, OH to the Packard Car Museum and Ernie Hall Aviation, \$75; and Sept. 15 to the Strongsville Rat Pack Concert and Lunch Show, \$91.



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# Garage sale fundraiser planned

A garage sale and fundraiser for autism awareness will be held Saturday, June 4, at the United Steelworkers Union Hall, 374 W. Longview Ave., Mansfield, from 9 am to 4 pm.

Donations will be accepted through May 28. Clothes and stuffed animals will not be accepted. Call Debbie at 419-565-5581.



## Four KCCC students earn Building Trades Elite Status

The Knox County Career Center Building Trades program recognized four 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 Dylan Kern, Jacob Stichert, Weston Ross, and Bradin Palm (not pictured) earned "BT Elite" status last week and received their hoodies and interview shirts. 18 students from the Building Trades program have now earned "BT Elite" status since its inception.

"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": 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.

## Clear Fork welcomes input, changes meeting dates

The Clear Fork Valley Local Schools Board of Education receives federal funding through the Special Education — IDEA (Part B) grant to assist with education of handicapped children, ages three through 21.

Community members who would like to have input into the planning of the use of the federal IDEA funds are welcome to provide comment during the public participation section of the Regular Board Meeting to be held on Thursday, June 9, at 6:30 pm in the Butler Elementary Cafeteria, 125 College St., Butler.

Contact Bradd Stevens prior to 3 pm on June 8, 2022 if unable to attend in person, but would like comments included.

The Clear Fork Valley Local Schools Board of Education has changed the date of the regularly scheduled May Board meeting that originally was to be held on Thursday, May 19, at 6:30 pm to now be held on Thursday, May 12, at 6:30 pm in the Bellville Elementary Cafeteria, 195 School St., Bellville. The date has been changed due to a conflict with senior awards night.

The Clear Fork Valley Local Schools Board of Education has also changed the date of the regularly scheduled June Board meeting that originally was to be held on Thursday, June 16, at 6:30 pm to now be held on Thursday, June 9, at 6:30 pm in the Butler Elementary Cafeteria.



**THE ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY CLASS** at Ontario High School had a guest speaker on Friday. Kirstan Franklin is an Ontario Alumnus and recent graduate of Ashland University. She spoke on her major and passion in the toxicology field. She shared her education experiences and gave suggestions to help future graduates.

## News Briefs in Education

University of Mount Union students were acknowledged at the institution's Senior Recognition and Honors Convocation.

Brittany McCauley, of Ontario was awarded All-Ohio Athletic Conference Outstanding Academic Status at the 2022 Mount Union Honors Convocation. McCauley is on the women's cross country team. These student-athletes are recognized as achieving varsity status and holding at least a 3.5 cumulative grade point average during the current academic year.

Each year, the convocation honors students who have excelled academically, displayed excellent leadership skills and shown dedication to the university and community through outstanding community service initiatives. The university is located in Alliance, Ohio.

★ Capital University honored nearly 70 students for excellence in academic achievement, service, and leadership at the annual Honors Convocation celebration this April.

Heba Fathala, of Ontario, received the Faculty Leadership Award for Outstanding Senior Students recognizing leadership and academic achievement and the Sociology and Criminology Department Distinguished Senior Student Award.

Each year, nominations for the awards are submitted by faculty, staff, administrators and students. Winners are selected by committees based on a nominee's level of achievement in a specific area, and the criteria set forth by the donor who established the award.



# Academy recital is Saturday

Richland Academy of the Arts will host its 2022 Mini Dance Recital, "Everybody Dance Now," on Saturday, May 14, at 6 pm at Mansfield Senior High.

Students featured in this recital are the academy's youngest dancers in Creative Movement, Fundamentals, and Combo classes with special Senior 60+ STRUT guest performers.

The dances featured in this recital were choreographed by Sarah Horrigan-Ramos and Erin Wolford. Flowers will be on sale for the dancers in the show. Masks are not required.

Tickets to the show are on sale now for \$15 adult, \$10 student, senior or veteran. All seating is general admission.

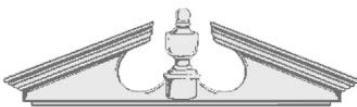
To purchase tickets or for more information visit the website at [www.richlandacademy.com](http://www.richlandacademy.com) or call 419-522-8224.

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



STUDENTS IN Tonya Winningham's second grade class at Ontario Stingel Elementary made their moms a coupon book (with things like breakfast in bed, clean my room, take the trash out) and decorated cupcakes to take home to their moms for Mother's Day.

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**PAULETTE HUBER'S** literature class at Ontario recently made kites as a project. The class studied the skill of accurately following written directions. They learned how to make and fly kites. The students followed specific directions to construct a kite, then took their kites outside for test flights. They learned some unexpected lessons in the process, such as how to problem solve during construction.

## Olympics return to Madison Schools

The torch has been lit again for the Madison Olympics.

Third and fourth graders from Mifflin, South, Eastview, and the fifth graders will compete in the Olympics at the high school football field on May 12, at 6 pm.

Each building will be sending representatives for each event.

The events will be the 50 yard dash, 100 meter sprint, 400 meter, 4x100 relay, standing long jump, and 4K medicine ball throw.

There will also be activities for those not participating.

Students will be learning about the events in their physical education classes and be practicing.

Once students have learned and had the opportunity to practice, there will be tryouts for each event. The top five girls and top five boys for each event will be competing May 12.

Admission into the Olympics will be any amount of money donation.

## Chordsmen to give concert

The Fun Center Chordsmen will present the annual spring concert at The Mansfield Playhouse, 95 E. Third St., Mansfield, on Saturday, May 14, at 3 pm.

The event will feature The chordsmen and quartets. Trevor Garrabrant will direct.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for students, K-5.

Tickets will be available the day of the show at the box office or online at [www.tix.com/ticket-sales/Playhouse/3818](http://www.tix.com/ticket-sales/Playhouse/3818)

## Hospice of NCO receives grant for therapy bears

The board of directors at The Energy Cooperative's Operation Round Up Foundation, Newark, has approved a grant in the amount of \$2,250 to fund the purchase of the Therapy Bears for Hospice of North Central Ohio's 2022 Camp Hope children's bereavement camp.

The camp is scheduled for June 17, 18, 24 and 25 at Pleasant Hill Outdoor Camp in Perysville.

The camp was created by HNC-O in 1996 to provide a place for grieving children who have lost a loved one through death with a safe environment to heal and tell their story.

Becky Pfister, HNC-O Lead Social Worker/MSW stated, "Each year at Camp Hope we offer a variety of activities, crafts and small group time for the campers to share their own story, learn coping skills and create memories. This year, through this grant, we will be able to provide each camper with a spe-

cial stuffed animal, which they will stuff, and into which they can place notes or other small tokens of remembrance of their loved one.

Chair Beth Barker, of The Energy Cooperative's Operation Round Up Foundation added, "The Energy Cooperative has had the fortune of witnessing gallant efforts in various ways throughout many of the communities we serve, including Hospice of North Central.

In June, Operation Round Up is honored to partner with Camp Hope Children's Bereavement Camp. Concern for Community is a cooperative Principle we don't take lightly, and Camp Hope is yet one more incredible way they're exhibiting this compassion

Ralph Tomassi, HNC-O Chief Development Officer stated, "The Energy Cooperative's Operation Round Up Foundation continues to make a positive impact on the quality of life in their ser-

vice areas.

The Energy Cooperative's Operation Round Up Foundation was established by its Board of Directors in 2005.

The program "rounds up" members bills to the nearest dollar and then disseminate to local charities in the cooperative's service areas.



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**ONTARIO MIDDLE SCHOOL** celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week. Staff members were treated to a breakfast sponsored by Principal Keith Strickler and the PBIS Team (left photos). They were also gifted with some very generous gifts — valued at over \$1,300! Local businesses and community members that helped show their appreciation for Ontario Middle School staff during Teacher Appreciation Week were Beyond Esthetics, Ontario Methodist Church, Sutton Bank of Ontario, Shaun Potter (Norwex), CruClinic, Buckeye Express Car Wash, The Moritz Family, The Cove Coffee Shop, Crossroad Candles and Roosters. (Photo above) OMS leadership council showed their appreciation with a snack cart. Members of leadership council traveled around the school Wednesday and Thursday delivering goodies.



**Entrants invited to join Ontario parade**

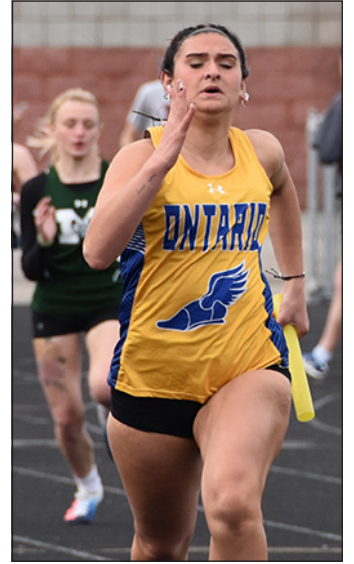
The Ontario 4th of July Committee is looking for entrants for the parade, which will be held on Saturday, July 2, at 3:30 pm.

The committee will need to know the amount and type of vehicles that will be used during the parade.

Those wanting to be in the parade can send an email to Ontario-4thparade@gmail.com.

# Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

## Ontario High School Track and Field at Marion Harding • April 29



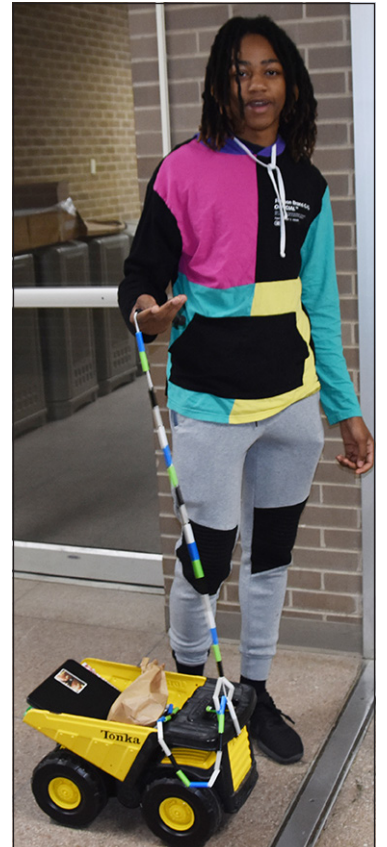


**SECOND GRADE STUDENTS** at Stingel Elementary performed the musical **BUGZ** on May 5 for their families and friends in the auditorium of Ontario High School. Mr. Schwall directed the musical and the second grade teachers helped make it all possible.



**PIONEER PRESCHOOL** students learned about plants and seeds and many science concepts in the Pioneer Horticulture lab. The preschool partnered with the Pioneer Horticulture Instructor Sandra Grau and her students to host a Planting and Gardening event for families. During the event, students learned about the importance of water, sun and soil while learning about plants.

# Ontario High School Spirit Days: Everything But A Backpack



Lexington Eastern Elementary Art-Tastic Night • Tuesday, May 3

